

DRAFT MINUTES of the KINCRAIG & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th February 2026

Chair: Vacant , **Vice Chair:** John Forbes-Leith,

Treasurer: Susan Libeks, **Secretary:** David Kinnear

Councillors: Johnny Freshwater, Alan Cairns, Jordan McNeilage

Present: John Forbes-Leith (JF-L), Susan Libeks (SL), David Kinnear (DK), Johnny Freshwater (JF), Alan Cairns (AC), Jordan McNeilage (JM), John Christie (JC), Kenny Deans (KD), Ian Ash (IA), Hilary Brown (HB), Kate Rennie (KR), Geordie Weymss (GW), David Luke (DL), Dewi Owens (DO)

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING at 7.00pm

1. Election of New Chair: John Forbes- Leith agreed to stand. Nominated by Susan Libeks and Seconded by Alan Cairns
 2. Election of Office Bearers: Vice Chair: Jordan McNeilage agreed to stand. Nominated by Susan Libeks and Seconded by Alan Cairns
 3. Co-opted Member: John Christie agreed to stand. Nominated by David Kinnear and Seconded by Alan Cairns
- Only names officially received for this meeting could be considered.

MONTHLY MEETING 10th February 2026

1. Welcome, Apologies, and Declarations of Interest:

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Apologies received from Russell Jones.

No Declarations of Interest received

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2026 were approved. Proposed by Susan Libeks and Seconded by Jordan McNeilage

3. Matters Arising: DK confirmed thank you letters had been sent to Alvie Primary School and Loch Insh Watersports acknowledging their contribution in making the Senior's Christmas Lunch such a successful occasion.

4. Introducing Fiona Quirie, Community Development Officer for VABS. Unfortunately Fiona was unable to attend and sent her apologies.

5. Planning and Roads

5.1 New Applications:

25/04755/FUL Erection of ski Store building at Lagganlia. Supported by Community Council

26/00117/FUL Alterations and Extension, The Beach House Kincaig. Neutral Stance by Community Council

5.2 Short Term Let Applications: None Received.

6. Reports

6.1 Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported £6.44 gained in Interest with £4.75 paid in Bank Fees. A difference in total from last month of £1.69. No other changes.

6.2 Repairs Update:

a) Ian Ash reported that the new footbridge between MacBain Road and Macrae Crescent and the bridge adjacent to the main road have both had nonslip safety strips applied to them. IA further reported that some potholes on The Brae have been filled in. IA observed that the repair of potholes on Macrae Crescent and Suie Crescent had not been done to a satisfactory standard and did not have sealant around them.

Action: IA to mention this to Russell Jones

b) The outer fence adjacent to B9152 within the MacBean Residents Association area was partially removed last year; the remainder is to be removed at the request of MRA. Action: John Forbes-Leith to discuss this with Nicol Sinclair who removed the first section

c) IA proposed that there should be another Dog Bin located at the bottom of Macrae Crescent.

Action: IA to contact Russell Jones

7. Projects and Events

7.1 Bus Stop Update. The matter has been deferred till the next meeting in RJ's absence.

7.2 MacBean Road adoption Update. Hilary Brown reported that an email had been received by Russell Jones from Shona Anne Pottinger at Highland Council, stating the paperwork had been prepared and was due to be submitted to the HC authorities for them to formally complete the adoption of the road. Shona Anne Pottinger will confirm with RJ as soon as the adoption has been completed. On behalf of the MacBean Residents Association, HB thanked the Community Council and in particular Russell Jones for his hard work in getting this matter resolved.

7.3 Public Parking in the village – KVCC to facilitate a meeting. A meeting has been proposed in April 2026, a date will be confirmed shortly. Jamie Williamson of Alvie Estate to be invited. Campervans have been a problem at the Alvie Car Park opposite Insh Church. JF has offered facilities to campervans at Loch Insh Watersports. It was pointed out that there are also facilities at Dalraddy Holiday Park. The proposed meeting will also address the Community Hall parking overspill as raised by Mark Lynch at the January meeting.

This meeting will encourage all various organisations and associations within the community to attend.

7.4 Windfarm – stays on agenda. It was agreed to take this item off the agenda until there was something of significance to report.

7.5 Welcome Signage. Susan Libeks confirmed she had seen the finished signs and was pleased with them. She is waiting till RJ returns from holiday, who will meet with the HC Roads Department to agree the exact location of each sign. It is hoped HC will pay for the installation of the signs

7.6 Fundraising Night, 7th March 2026 – Updates. Susan Libeks confirmed that all arrangements were in place. So far there are 11 Auction Lots. Tickets are selling slowly but hopefully this will pick up nearer to the event.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Abandoned vehicle Alvie Church Car Park. This has now been removed

8.2 Trees For Life, Proposed release of Lynx – no response to KVCC email request for dates of meetings in this area. Disappointed that no correspondence or acknowledgement had been received. John Christie confirmed he had attended one of the meetings and felt it was not very engaging and lacked substance and meaningfulness in their argument to release lynx.

Action: JC to monitor the situation

8.3 Local Governance Meeting 25th February. For CC Interest

8.4 Community Councils Briefing. For CC Interest

8.5 BASAP Meeting 10th February 2026. For CC Interest.

BEAR Scotland News. For CC Interest

8.7 Flood Risk Survey. CC agreed it was more pertinent for businesses to respond directly. This should include Alvie Estate and Loch Insh Watersports.

8.8 Community Partnership. The introduction of the Cairngorm 2030 Community Fund, whereby there will be funds available to invest in communities within the CNPA. Kenny Deans explained the principle behind it and suggested that certain projects within the Kincaig Community Action Plan (CAP) might qualify for funding once the partnership is set up.

8.9 Electric Vehicle Chargers Installations. For CC Interest

9. Any Other Business

9.1 KD referred to the Government Local Place Plan as part of the Government National Framework programme, commenting there was no LPP submitted within the CNPA despite it being open to communities, likely due to the confusion centred around this plan. CC agreed with KD's comments.

9.2 JF-L raised concerns about the amount of litter on the side of the A9 and other areas, and felt there was an opportunity to clear some of it up before the grass gets too long. Agreed to arrange another Community Clear Up in response to JF-L's request on 22nd March 2026 at 1.00pm at Village Hall. JF kindly offered tea, coffee and cakes afterwards at Loch Insh Watersports.

Action: DK to take photos of the rubbish at layby 117

9.3 JM confirmed the Drumguish Defibrillator was now installed and operational. DL thanked the CC for their efforts in helping secure this defibrillator.

9.4 SL to put the Kincaig Community Action Plan on next month's agenda at the request of IA. SL to send the CAP to Councillors prior to the next meeting.

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting will be 10th March 2026.

That being all the matters discussed, the Chair thanked everyone before closing the meeting.