Kippen Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held in Kippen Reading Rooms
on Wednesday 11th September 2024

Present: Barbara Ross (chair), Robert Clubb (Treasurer), Christine Stewart (Secretary), Scott Crawford (vice chair), Ann Milligan, Margaret Beaton

In Attendance: Councillor Gerry McGarvey

Apologies: Derek Shanks

Residents: 7 members of the public

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and gave the apologies

2. **Adoption of Minutes from the Last Meeting**

The unconfirmed minutes of the OGM held on 12th June 2024 were approved having been proposed by Ann Milligan and seconded by Scott Crawford.

3. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

3.1 Bridge Repairs
Paths for All funding might be available to us. There is also funding that the Woodland group applied for that we might be able to tap into. Gartmore CC have a paths group that might be able to advise. Barbara Ross to send email to councillor Mc Garvey asking for help to identify funding, explaining the situation, including the issue of the 0.1 mile that we fell short for funding.

Barbara Ross to also check whether the funding bodies used by the Woodland Trust could be a source of funding for the bridge repairs.

Val Brand has offered to check with Buchlyvie CC to see how they got funding for steps.

30th Sep application form for the Kippen Trust Fund can be match funding in kind ie. Community hours spent working in the area. Barbara Ross to get at least one quote for the repairs to be able to complete the application check with the woodland group.

3.2 Pavements, Roads and Parking
Scott Crawford to forward emails onto the councillor regarding the state of the road. A separate email to be sent regarding the boat and trailer on Castlehill Loan as to whether it is a permanent feature and any safety issues. Pavement outside Skinner Butcher shop in disrepair. CC believes that this is owned by Skinners but are to send details to the councillor as well.

Parking opposite the school is still a problem. Scott Crawford to raise this plus the children cycling dangerously at the Oakwood T Junction with the community police officer and councillor McGarvey. Also, to engage with the school directly to provide the school with the fact that the CC has raised this with the police and the councillor.

Christine Stewart to investigate getting a "Beware children playing in the street" sign for Oakwood junction.

Note: There have been traffic wardens booking cars in the village.

3.3 Glass recycling area.
Still no clarity on ownership of this, Councillor was to raise a ticket for but as we have had no response Barbara Ross is to send an email to councillor McGarvey.

3.4 Libraries
We have been asked to complete a questionnaire regrading library usage. This is to be put on the Kippen Facebook pages to encourage community to contribute. The CC should also put in a form. Christine to do this.

3.5 Woodland group
Barbara Ross has confirmed the ongoing maintenance arrangement. Also checked insurance via Stephen Bly. There has been a suggestion that the CC sign over their part of the woodlands to the Mitchel group. Ann Milligan is going to get more information to help us make the decision.

4. Treasurers Report

Payments made for ICO and the Defibrillator cabinet.

5. Councillors Report

In the July general election, the then Stirling Council Leader, Chris Kane was elected as an MP. Margaret Brisley will become the new Stirling Council leader with Gerry McGarvey appointed as Depute.

6. Matters for Discussion

6.1 Police Report (see appendix 1)

Fraud
Christine Stewart is to disseminate the fraud incident on Facebook to raise awareness.

6.2 Correspondence

6.2.1 **Cardross Bridge** – closed for 6 months but the road signs are not up to date. Councillor McGarvey was at a recent meeting and has been assured that it should not take longer than this.

6.2.2. **Buses** – tweaks to the timetable at the end of October. McGills is to be audited with a report at the end of December. Waiting for the council regarding the budget cuts and the impact on the bus service.

6.3 Planning Applications/decisions/appeals

Nothing of concern

6.6 Defibrillator – Robert Clubb

Electrician to come and fit it on the 20th Sep.

6.7 Local Place Plans

Started looking at the questionnaire. Robert Clubb to contact Thornhill to see what they did regarding the process.

7. Round Table discussion

- Rope Swing – CC was to investigate with Stirling council ownership of the land. Stirling council has already been contacted and the swing is to be removed.
- Tree Removed in Oakwood – Rural Housing owns the land and the tree was removed as it was dangerous. Margaret Beaton to confirm this when she attends the Rural Housing AGM.
- Abandoned Cars at the Cross – These are on private land but Scott Crawford to raise the issue with the community police officer
- Sign A811 – the blue sign on the A811 still shows petrol available in the village. Scott Crawford to add this to the email regarding roads
- Bus Shelter – the bus shelter is needing cleaned. New plan for cleaning bus shelters is to be issued this month Christine Stewart to report where the Kippen shelter appears.
- Balfron High School – consultation has begun regarding a change to the school day for the 25/26 session onwards
- Wee Vine – article was not included in the latest version so will be carried forward to the next.

Next meeting 09.10.24

Appendix 1 – Police Report

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report

POLICE SCOTLAND

Community Council:	Forth and Endrick, Kippen Community Council
Reporting Period:	August 2024 – Compiled by PC Matt McCammon
Ward Plan Priorities	

Fraud

A fraud has been recorded after a resident received a phone call from someone purporting to be from their bank, Unfortunately, the victim gave out their security details which resulted in the suspect making four transactions on her account. The total value was a four-figure sum of money. Enquiries are ongoing.

Road safety

Report received of dangerous driver, the driver has been observed to overtake vehicles at speed, entering the opposing carriageway into oncoming traffic which has resulted in other road users having to take evasive action. Driver has since been traced and a report has been submitted to the PF.

Another report was received of dangerous driving on the A811, the driver has been swerving into oncoming traffic, narrowly missing vehicle. Enquiries are still ongoing to trace the driver.

A report of a fail to stop was received after a vehicle was parked in the woodhouse car park, the vehicle had damage to the rear wheel arch. Enquiries were carried out however unfortunately, the driver remains untraced.

Police came across a one vehicle road accident. No occupants were with the vehicle on their arrival. An extensive area search was carried out which resulted in the driver being traced. The driver has now been reported to the PF for several road traffic offences.

Antisocial behaviour

A report of threatening and abusive behaviour was received from a local resident. They were within their garden when the suspect has shouted and issued threats towards them. Enquiries are still ongoing.

Incidents of Note

Please keep in mind that there have been a number of attempted house breakings in other villages and remember to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity.