Kippen Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting held in Kippen Reading Rooms
on Wednesday 12th June 2024

Present: Barbara Ross (chair), Robert Clubb (Treasurer), Christine Stewart (Secretary), Scott Crawford (vice chair), Derek Shanks, Ann Milligan.

In Attendance: Councillor Rosemary Fraser (online)

Apologies: Margaret Beaton

Residents: 4 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 10th April 2024 were approved having being proposed by Scott Crawford (SC) and seconded by Christine Stewart (CS).

3. **Matters Arising from the Last Meeting**

5.6 Bridge Repairs
RC confirmed that access funding from the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Environmental Trust was unsuccessful due to the distance Kippen is from the Landfill site.
An application to the WindFarm was to be considered, Margaret Beaton was to action so current position is not known.

5.11 Pavements, Roads and Parking
Scott Crawford to follow up

4. **Treasurers Report**

Only outstanding payments are for the minute taker

5. **Councillors Report**

Due to the General Election and a by Election in August the Council is now in recess. Full council meetings along with Environments and Net Zero meetings are all on hold.

General Election
Councillor Fraser explained that all in person voters will require photo ID to be allowed to vote. This is a Westminster requirement. Forms of ID that are acceptable include Driving Licence, Passport (even if out of date so long a photo is obviously the bearer) and bus passes.
Postal voters need to send their requests in by 25.6.24.

- CC to place voter information onto the CC website

20mph
The 20mph speed limit is to be rolled out across all village areas.

Councillor Fraser has been involved in the preparation of a report for the removal of single use plastics in school and the return of real plates and cutlery.

Councillor Fraser agreed to raise a ticket regarding the recycling Area at Castlehill Loan.

6. Matters for Discussion

6.1 Police Report

Fraud
A fraud has been recorded after a resident received a phone call from someone purporting to be form her bank. Unfortunately, the victim allowed the caller to gain access to their computer and bank account. The suspect was thereafter able to withdraw a sum of money. Enquiries are ongoing.

Another fraud is being investigated whereby, a person know to the victim has access the victim's mobile phone and also their online banking app and was able to transfer money to themselves. Enquiries ongoing.

Road safety
Report received of dangerous driving on the A811 at its junction with the B8037, Kippen. Unfortunately, there was no trace of the driver or sufficient description to progress enquiries.

Report received of livestock encroaching on the roadway. Fortunately, no road accidents occurred as a result. Please continue to take care when driving on the roads.

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

A general discussion took place regarding the recent notifications regarding "sextortion" incidents and awareness raising.

6.2 Correspondence

- Kilmadock CC have suggested that the western villages operate as a group in a similar way over the council cuts.
    - BR to reply yes to joint working
- Member of the public have contacted the CC via email expressing safety concerns crossing at the school due to parked cars. One car in question is a blue badge holder.
    - CS to contact Rosemary Fraser (councillor) to raise concerns
    - CS to reply to writer
- Community Council health check, teams meeting 10/6, no-one able to attend.
- Thornhill Futures have sent a copy of their Community Action Plan

- Email received from Steven Bly (Stirling Council) to both Kippen and Gartmore CC regarding the "local fairs" and access.
  - Member of the public explained that this is due to concerns raised by the bus company regarding access as a result of very inconsiderate parking in Gartmore and the bus could not access the village.
- Discussion regarding various emails that require information to be shared on the website
- WindFarm have emailed to make contact with the CC.

Dates to note:
LDP3 consultation 7/6/24 (closed)
Planning appeals training 12.6.24
National planning framework and review 8.7.24

6.3 Planning Applications/decisions/appeals

Nothing of concern

6.4 Bridge repair

Quote of £1600.

Project is stationary due to lack of funding.

RC has investigated various funding channels and at present this has been unsuccessful.

- Derek Shanks agreed to contact Councillor Fraser

6.5 Local Place Plan and Community Action Plan

- Agreed a sub group should be formed including additional members of the local community

6.6 Defibrillator – Robert Clubb (RC)

The replacement defibrillator cabinet is in the region of £600. The remaining funds will be help for replacement of batteries/pads.
A local Killearn company is happy to fit the new defibrillator cabinet free of charge

- RC to co-ordinate electrician and access to the reading rooms once the cabinet arrives.

6.7 Woodland Group – Paula Watson

The land around Kippen Pond and Burnside Woods are owned jointly by the Community (CC) and the Mitchell Trust. The woodland group manage the land in behalf of the owners.

Pond
Kippen pond is a man-made curling pond, as a result is does not have significant water flow through to keep it clear of vegetation. The water level in the pond is controlled by a sluice gate and this allows reduction in water level to remove excess vegetation. This sluice gate is is need of replacement.

Quotes have been received for the replacement of the sluice gate repair, including removal of board walk and replacing with large bore metal piping and aggregate, the banks repaired and while the water level is low vegetation removal and tree felling for access.

The woodland group have applied to Clacks Community Trust and have secured 50% funding.

The woodland group cannot get insurance as they are not the Landowner.

Barbara Ross (BR) has a letter from the Council re employer liability insurance for the CC. Robert Clubb gave background information on what May or may not be covered and each time an activity is put forward the council will check with insurers to see if the activity is covered.

- BR to check agreement to confirm KCC are happy for the ongoing maintenance agreement with the Woodland Group
- BR to action letter confirming KCC are happy with the planned Works
- ??. to contact contact S Bly to seek clarification re the insurance concerns

7. Round Table discussion

- Several members of the community have raised concerns regarding the parking of a trailer and boat on Castlehill Loan, especially opposite the doctors parking.
  - SC to contact council

- Bus
  Mudslide, concerns raised that as a result of the mudslide some of the X10 buses did not access the village, rather depositing passengers at initially Arngomery (1 mile from the Cross bus stop) and subsequently at Kippen Roundabout (2 miles uphill through the mudslide) or the A811/B8037 junction (3 miles). Concerns that the school bus dropped pupils at the A811/B8037 and children were then expected to walk up the only open and bus road into the village.
  There has been a number of incidents of antisocial behaviour on the X10 buses.

Next meeting 11.09.24