KIPPEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th of June 2021 7.30pm
Via Zoom

Apologies: Derek Shanks

Present: Kevin Carty, Scott Crawford, Walter Macdiarmid, Fiona Clark, Robert Clubb, Margaret Beaton, Sarah Hill.

Attending: Councillor Jane Hutchison, Six Members of Public

Minutes of the last meeting were approved (proposer Margaret Beaton; seconder Kevin Carty).

Police Report: **1.)** There was a report of a person within the site where the new houses are being built in the early hours of the morning. There was no trace on Police attendance. **2.)** A fall out between friends resulted in one assaulting the other. No injury sustained however enquiries continue to trace the assailant. **3.)** A 4 vehicle RTC occurred on the A811 near Kippen Roundabout. No injuries were sustained and one driver was issued a Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty for careless driving. **4.)** A male was reported to the PF after being caught drink driving in Main St, Kippen. **5.)** There were no reported thefts in the Kippen area since the last meeting.

Planning: New applications **1.)** Broich, Arngomery Biomass Boiler in the Garage. **2.)** External wall system The Toll house, Kippen. **3.)** Alterations to fit dormer roof windows and other alterations to Shirgarton Farm.

4.) Biomass site is at pre application stage at the Dairy at Boquhan. Member of Public mentioned that they are concerned about the proposal of an application of a Biomass Site at Graham's Dairy (GD) Boquhan. GD already have an application in Fife for a similar site to which 300 objections have been received including from SEPA. As a result, GD seem to be moving the issue to Kippen as the site is slightly further away from the village than the site in Fife. There will potentially be a lot of traffic on the A811. There will be flaring of excess gas causing noise and light pollution. GD say there will be minimal disruption to locals and there will be smells. There are low risks of explosions if handled correctly. If the site doesn't run correctly to clean the smell can be horrendous. The Woodhouse Restaurant may be affected badly. Not very environmentally friendly as the fuel will then be transported with risks involved to road users. Until the application has been submitted, we won't be able to object. Although we can't lodge any objection in terms of planning, if SEPA have advised in Fife that a report requires to be done, why don't SEPA in Stirling require one for our area? Meeting of Stirling Council on 2nd of June concludes that no environmental assessment is necessary. GD are also looking to double the size of the current Dairy production. What happens if there is an accident? Would be extremely explosive. It is any area of outstanding beauty. JH will look into the matter and find the best course of action. There is one at Balfron and the locals are seriously impacted by this. The one in Balfron appears to be on a smaller scale.

Burngreen Houses: We put in an objection to the realignment of the road access to the new Housing Development. There is still no mention of Traffic Management Access. WM is going to go back to address the fact that the issues we raised still have not been resolved. Traffic is still coming up Castlehill Loan and Oakwood and there seems to be no recourse to this. The signage has been moved to change the access away from Kippen Primary and Oakwood, however, vehicles are still using both Oakwood and Castlehill Loan. WSC has been in contact with Carole Logan from Kippen Primary School and we have concerns for the safety of the children and vehicles are on this road at school times. The application was passed on the condition of there must be a Traffic Management Plan in place – there still isn't one and yet lorries, vans, etc. each and every day. Local residents have had to move their vehicles to let lorries past. One of the lorries started sounding his horn outside a resident's home to get them to move their car. Suggestion from member of the public that we park vehicles in their way. Jane Hutchison has asked the speed camera unit to come to Kippen. A neighbour has a scratch on her car not sure if it's from the traffic coming to and from. A majority of the KCC would like a letter to be sent to SC to say that until a Traffic Management Plan needs to be in place and until then all work needs to cease. Two members of KCC in opposition to doing that. The council need to listen to KCC. KC asking if the matter can be taken further with the Police.

WM contacted the planning department and response was that we didn't object to the planning and would cost £10's of thousands to chase. There are question marks over the way that this has been handled by SC. If we don't broach the subject then they may sneak the application for GD through.

Treasurer's Report: No change for last time – just some costs for the website.

Councillor's Report – Councillor Jane Hutchison:. Bridge from Fintry to Balfron is down and will need structural repairs. Meeting next week with views to building a cycle track to Stirling. Looking to have some money allocated to help finance. Sign on Fore road says 30mph not 20mph – this is to be looked at. Strathendrick Home in Balfron looking to be closed down. Council are looking at 4 options re road safety where Gargunnock Station Road meets the A811.

Any Other Competent Business: Recycling pavilion – RC contacted SC as the pavilion was damaged and broken glass. SC told RC that this has nothing to do with them and passed it back to KCC. Provided by and financed by Alloa Community Enterprise who no longer exist. SC did take over the running of it. It's been suggested that the current pavilion should be removed and replaced with something more modern. RC will chase.

Speeding on the brae – should there be a 40mph limit from the roundabout up to the village. A lot of vehicles coming off the roundabout at speed. School Children have to cross the road for the school bus. Perhaps a 40mph limit down Fore Road also? WM will look into it.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th of September at 7.30pm Via Zoom Video Call.

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