Minutes Kippen Community Council Meeting 09/04/25

Present: B Ross (Chair), C Stewart (Secretary), S Crawford (Vice Chair), D Shanks, A Milligan,

P McLean (Co-opted member), N Beaton(Co-opted member

Apologies: R Clubb (Treasurer), J Graham

Councillor: Councillor Rosemary Fraser

Members of the Public: 3 plus Frank Deas from "On the Verge"

1. Co-option of new members to KCC

Pippa McLean and Neil Beaton are being co-opted onto the community council

2. Minutes of last meetings

Minutes for 12/03/25 proposed by B Ross, seconded by A Milligan

3. Southwest Stirling Climate Action Group

Joining this group would give us the ability to work together and learn from each other. Plus, there is the benefit of working in a larger group. They are linking in with schools and working with the wider community. Since they are registered as a community organisation, they can link in with the local community place plan and can pull all the sustainability issues together.

They are trying to create awareness and provide information on what options there are. They are looking to connect the various groups together. By being a part of this is would mean that if something comes up or a concern is raised then we will have a group to turn to.

It was agreed that this would be a good group for us to connect with. It was also noted that if we have significant areas then we may want to take account of this in the local place plan.

BR to provide a link to a local fauna expert.

At the next meeting we need to provide the main name of the link person.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

4.a Bridge repair

Bridge repair has been completed.

4.c Parking at the school

Councillor McGarvey stated he was looking at sourcing a number of "Cardboard Cops" as it has been raised at a number of Community Councils.

Councillor McGarvey has asked to be emailed re this (AM). Still awaiting a response.

4.e Buses

- Striling council has confirmed that they have investigated the issue of overloading buses and the number in Feb was in capacity of the bus.
- Reliability on school buses was raised and maintenance has been done.
- 47 Gargunnock pupils are going to Balfron High on the x10 service using U22 passes. As this is a significant number contact to be made with the other councils to keep chasing the issue.
- Raise the issue of standing on a rural service.
- Climate and Nature Emergency Plan has been published by Striling Council stating that central Stirling buses to be electrified by September.

4.f A811 concerns

No Kippen sign coming into the village from Fintry raise an enquiry SC

5. ***Matters Arising***

A. Police Report

A pilot is running of a new format that links all the local council areas together. It is felt that the fact we are seeing everyone else's report is positive, but it is arriving too late for our meetings.

Check what other councils are doing in regarding to attaching to minutes (just their bit or the whole thing). (BR)

B. Correspondence

Nothing to report

C. Planning

Nothing to report

D. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report not available

E. Councillors Report

- Confirm council's stands with Ukraine motion was passed.
- Motion that Libraries, music tuition and nursery hours to not be on the table for the next 2 years and was passed.

F. Local Place Plans

- RC to continue to share the Webinars as they become available
- Deadline October – Barbara, Robert, Christine to get together for gathering feedback from the community separate meeting to be setup. (CS)
- Alan Beaton and Robert Clubb still to meet re local place plan.

G. Windfarm Funding Application – Memorial Bench

Deadline for wind farm monies application is 31/5

- Application has been put in for new planters and plants that are around the memorial awaiting decision
- Application to be put in for a memorial bench for Margaret Beaton (CS)

H. Round table discussion

1) **Lettering redone/painted on the War Memorial** - Community Pride Fund to be applied to maximum funding is £800. Alastair Stewart
2) **Defibrillator** - a community session be organised for members of the village to receive training on defibrillator use (RC)
3) **Dog Fouling** - Janet Miller has had success in Gartmore and is to be contacted to find out what her approach was (AM). Item to be added to the KCC Wee Vine article (BR)
4) **Litter Pickers** - Stirling council will help support community litter picks including supplying the litter pickers and picking up the litter after. Need to find somewhere to store them, possible shed at the football pitch which might give us an opportunity to get the cubs to litter pick. – project plan to be developed (AM)
5) **Visitor levy survey** - Link to be put onto the Kippen Facebook (CS).
6) **Phone Safety** - Scott receiving a call claiming to be a police officer. SC to post on Facebook the following advice: - get the name and badge number and any crime reference number. Then to check with 101 if it is legitimate. SC to contact community policeman to let them know this has occurred.

7) **Changing Places** - Funding available for accessible toilets. Requires 4x4m space and are specifically for particular users. Do not think anywhere in the village is big enough.
8) **SEPA** - New flood maps have been issued. Consultation hub on Environmental Performance Assessment for businesses BR to check if this can be put up on Facebook.
9) **AGM** – Gerry McGarvey to come to the next meeting on the 14/5. Agenda needs be out more than 10 days before. Draft minutes from previous meeting and agenda needs to go to Stephen Bly (CS)
10) **Graveyard** – Kippen Heritage to be contacted re getting the stones made upright (PM)
11) **Inner Forth Futures** – Opportunity to grow skills to help local heritage sites with climate change has been identified. Link to be posted on Facebook sites (NB)

*I. **Close of meeting***

Declaration that this was the final meeting for Derek Shanks as a member of the Kippen Community Council. He was thanked for his time supporting both the council and the wider community.

Next meeting Wednesday 14th May 2025.