KIPPEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
YOUR LOCAL VOICE

MINUTES

Date: 12th November 2025
Time: 19.30 hrs
Location: Reading Rooms, Kippen

(1) Members present: Barbara Ross (Chair), Scott Crawford (Vice Chair), Christine Stewart (Secretary), Jackie Graham, Neil Beaton
Jenny Campbell (Minute taker)
Jeremy Gaywood (on behalf of Risk and Resilience Plan), Mike Buckley (Chair Gargunnock Community Council) and 3 members of the community
Apologies: Pippa MacLean, Ann Milligan, Robert Clubb, Paul Hanke (Councillor)

(2) Minutes of the last meeting; were accepted as accurate; approved by C.Stewart, seconded by S.Crawford

(3) Matters arising from the last meeting:

- Residents requesting tests for their water as consumption is not good with a growing concern regarding unacceptable quality and supply of water.

(4) Matters for discussion:

(a) *Risk and Resilience* *(Copies of the previous 2017 plan were in circulation)*

The Risk and Resilience (*R&R*) group for the village have not previously discussed in depth with Kippen Community Council their actions and in currently undertaking a renewal of their plan, wish to correspond more.

The recent COVID-19 lockdown resulted in the R&R committee tasked with delivering Christmas Lunches to homes with a team of 53 helpers also delivering leaflets regarding food boxes. Residents of the village were sensitive about receiving such packages, so it was done discreetly.

The Risk & Resilience team was then faced with a Missing Person case and were deployed to search, whilst also taking instruction from Scotland's helicopter search operations. The missing resident who suffered from dementia was found alive and afterwards, the R&R committee explored with Police Scotland their action plans specifically regarding helicopter operations, for information that may aid actions during any future similar cases.

Jeremy wrote an essay regarding the political state at the time including topics; missiles sinking ships in the Falklands, Russia's war with Ukraine and Crimera - highlighting that if Putin were to strike the UK, it would be imminent before the EU got any stronger. National security is important and as a village, civilians should be prepared and consider actions for protection should there be any attacks, including actions such as making air raid shelters. Faslane, if attacked, could produce fallout that would impact on the health of residents and the R&R committee are in discussions to prepare a leaflet for residents. It was suggested by a member to view online; 'Household Emergency Preparedness Checklist' & 'Household Radiation Preparation Checklist', & 'Emergency Grab Bag' if you were to evacuate, also a list of things to consider if you're to lockdown at home. (*Staffordshire's example online*).

ACTION - C.Stewart; *R&R Committee to be asked for a final draft of their report, possibly or discussion on 10th December at the next KCC meeting.* ***ACTION - R.Clubb;*** *to be asked to act as a liaison.*

Recommendation to R&R Committee; A member mentioned that 'What Three Words' app should be worked into the R&R's plan as younger generation understand that as a means of grid/geographical location.

Recommendation to R&R Committee & Local Action Plan; A study will be undertaken in the future to analyse how residents of Kippen heat their homes and for insight into possibility of orchards and/or allotments, for the village, to allow residents to learn how to grow their own crops.

(b) *Police Report* ***See Appendix 1***

A member raised that Stirling Council recently laid a tracking system line for 12 hours outside of the Primary School to assess the volume of traffic passing (*to aid a decision on a formal level crossing).*

An email was recently received by KCC regarding a 'Neighbourhood Alert' sign up system – where residents could sign up to gain a direct email from Police Scotland if anything happens within the local surrounding area.

(c) *Correspondence*

- Steven Bly requesting dates of meetings and AGM.
- Transport Scotland evaluation of Free Bus Passes for older and disabled people; survey closes on 23rd November. ***ACTION*** **- C.Stewart;** *Link on Facebook.* The Survey of under 22's Bus Passes has already been out in circulation; they are obviously looking at different aspects of the travel.
- New powers for Community Councils (Michael Gallagher's petition). ***ACTION*** **– C.Stewart;** *to join their Facebook Group.*
- *DRT meeting, 14th October.* ***ACTION*** **-J.Graham;** *to continue corresponding***.**
- Remembrance Wreath delivered to the shop (*two this year and possibly only one normally)*
- National recruitment drive for Fostering. A recruitment drop-in session being held 19th Nov. ***ACTION*** **- C.Stewart;** *Post and link on Facebook.*
- Investment into neighbourhood deep cleans; J.Graham reported to the KCC that there is not much that Stirling Council can do to help as they already have their programme of work allocated, unfortunately nothing can be done prior to January.
- Travel questionnaire results.
- Balfron Household Waste Recycling Centre Project – want to be fully committed to ensuring that the redevelopment of the centre reflects the needs of local residents. Drop-in session, McLintock Hall *(Balfron*) on 13th Nov at 6pm *(further drop in nights to be held).*
- Winterlight Festival
- Stirling District Citizens Advice Bureau AGM; Wednesday 26th 2.30pm (Lesser Albert Hall). **ACTION – N.Beaton;** *to rsvp in the hope to attend.* **ACTION – C.Stewart;** *to forward email to Neil.*
- Opportunity to get free trees; (*Woodland Trust*). Christine contacted SEPA about location of planting however at the previous meeting, not many people wanted KCC to pursue it. **ACTION - C.Stewart;** *A further conversation with Woodland Trust.*
- Community Council updates
- Woodland Group's AGM is on 1st December, 8pm Inn at Kippen.

(d) *Planning applications/decisions* *No substantial updates since the last meeting.*

(e) *Treasurer's Report;* *C.Stewart produced on behalf of R.Clubb.* ***See Appendix 2***

- Jenny got paid.
- Total current balance; £1,836.93

(f) *Councillor Report* *No councilor in attendance.*

(g) *Local Place Plan:*

- M.Buckley (Chairman of Gargunnock CC) has not made their copy of their LPP visible as they've not gained confirmation of it being validated. Kippen's however is online.
- It is Important for the village to highlight land usage issues, views and ideas however Stirling Council will only take into account things relating to land usage. Public transport, for example, will not be covered by Stirling Council. Any item within the Community Action Plan, can be pulled into the LLP, Dog Fouling, for example.
- C.Stewart raised that KCC will run a session for any representatives of village groups (*of any kind) to attend* and discuss how to work better together to help ensure all necessary actions are being covered within the village and surrounding areas. For groups to collaboratively allocate the correct group to take actions forward.
  A get-together meeting of the various groups streamlining everyone's similarities in needs within the one discussion. For example – for the Football club to educate other groups about their plans for a carpark installation.
  Scott C raised that with larger scaled plans, it's important to be aware of how a knock-on effect could disrupt current venues and establishments.
  ACTION - C.Stewart; *to book The Reading Rooms for an early 2026 date and promote on Facebook. Also to speak to the School's PTA rep/chair to help promote meeting.*
  Robert to be asked to take forward developing Kippen's Community Action Plan
  ACTION – KCC to request from Stirling Council a guidance of steps going forward to help gain funding for a potential Community Buy-Out (of village tearoom).
  ACTION – KCC to discuss with Gargunnock's Shop Committee for future guidance and advice.

  Recommendation by member – to open the area in future as more than a café; tool library, repair hub, etc. A.Currie mentioned Fintry Sports Centre's size, catering, and facilities as an example. Another member highlighting the need for somewhere that can host; table tennis, a community kitchen, archery, disabled riding/carriage driving centre. *Suggestion made of buying Duncan MacKinnon garage off him.*
  S.Donald made the KCC aware that Francis Carlaw who is also on the Flower Show Committee is a powerhouse with fundraising after the recent efforts for the hall refurbishments.

(h) *Community Action Plan*

- Local Waste Services; Bottle Bin.
- Travel demand survey, Steven Bly. He didn't recognize the survey.
- Claylands Road (*and un-named road near Claylands Farm*).
  ACTION – N.Beaton; *to chase up a final confirmation from Stirling Council.*

(i) *Buses* *No report/update*

(j) *Memorial bench*

Willie Mills has highlighted that the Windfarm Group are going to take care of the actions regarding this, moving forward.

(k) *Litter pickers*

Clean Streets at Stirling. **ACTION – C.Stewart;** *to get in touch with the organisation about gaining free of charge equipment. A dozen at least to be bought if not gifted.*

(l) *Any other competent business*

- South West Stirling Climate Action Network have strong views on sustainability.
- Scotts Brae 'Panorama'. **ACTION – R.Clubb**; *to investigate the written ledger further for information.* – Kippen Heritage have three copies of the paper equivalent of the panorama view.
- B.Ross congratulated and thank Christine for the brilliant job arranging the Drop-In Session for the Local Place Plan that held various conversations across the evening with residents.
- The Risk & Resilience Committee's flyer – a draft copy to be requested as it needs to be worded more carefully and gently (*regarding households' provisions and preparations for security)*
- S.Donald raised Safety barriers down the brae road towards Kippen Station roundabout. **ACTION – S.Crawford;** *to take the action forward to Steven Bly for further safety barriers on the edge of the brae.*
- **ACTION – C.Stewart;** *to facilitate Scott, Neil, Jackie, Pippa so that they can gain access to KCC's email inbox.*
- Scott C thanked Derek and the cubs for their successful fireworks display.
  A.Currie raised her issue of welfare of local animals during the display and requested for future years if the Fireworks used could be silent fireworks as the echo is loud around the trees and surrounding area.
  ACTION - C.Stewart; *to speak with the Cubs (Derek).* A compromise with perhaps more silent fireworks within the display although they are more expensive.
- S.Crawford highlighted parents are to be divided from the children during drop-off at the school *(Adults are to remain across the road opposite the school)*.
- N. Beaton addressed the insecurity of the residents who live out beyond Burnside whilst walking home after dark from public bus commute. An LED torch headband or solar powered light could be a solution for the short term.**ACTION – C.Stewart;** *a temporary solution to be purchased or suggested to the individual.*
- Progress on the masonry at the graveyard; however, Stirling Council are still due to stabilize the 12 stones that are unstable. Heritage Group's Irene Chapman has a copy of the layer plan i.e. the identity of each grave, even those unmarked. The group are seeking volunteers to help with the clearing up operation.
  The archive is upstairs in the Reading Room; cataloguing the archive is the first large undertaking of the Heritage group and then more information will follow thereafter online on the website. Digitalising the graveyard archive and other archives is a massive job.
- Mick Buckley attended the meeting from Gargunnock Community Council highlighting that they lost their Community Shop and residents felt the need to buy the property. Community Benefit Society allowed them to go hunting for money and the committee gained external help for their Community Buy-Out. Firstly, he advised there needs to be someone in particular to drive it. They took on a tenant – who pays a monthly rent. Mike would suggest meeting with Gargunnock to discuss further if it's considered for Rhubarb Lime.

(5) Date of the next meeting; *(10th December 2025 in The Reading Rooms)*

APPENDIX 1 – Police Report (November)

Police Service of Scotland
Forth and Endrick, Community Council Police Report
(KIPPEN)

Police were called to attend an accident on the A811 near to Kippen when the driver of a large box van had crashed into a tree. Thankfully, the driver of the van was uninjured, however, the van was sitting half on the live 60 mph lane which presented a hazard to other road users. The vehicle was safely moved with no other issues occurring.

Police received reports after a large tree fell and brought down an electricity pole on the B8034. Contact was made with the Forestry Commission and efforts were made to remove the tree and the pole from the road.

Reports have been received in regard to motorists failing to adhere to the 20mph speed restriction within the village. We will continue to monitor and liaise Stirling Council in regard to this matter.