Kippen Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held in Kippen Reading Rooms on Wednesday 12th February 2025

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

Apologies:

No councillor present

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 11th December 2024 were approved having been proposed by Robert Clubb and seconded by Ann Milligan

3. **Matters Arising from previous meetings**

11/09/24.3.1 Bridge Repairs – The Green

- Still waiting for repair. Funding for this has come from council funding. Matter to be raised with Stirling Council as this is a health and safety issue (BR).

11/09/24.3.2 Pavement, Roads and Parking

- CS has emailed CC portal re the Beware of children sign and is still awaiting a response
- SC has emailed CC portal re the Boat and trailer. Someone has had a look, but it does not contravene any regulations. The KCC had been informed that the owner is looking for a long-term place for it. Police officer is going to have a look into the legality of it. Further to the police officer visit the council has been informed that this is not illegal. Therefore, there is nothing further to be done.

11/09/24.3.3 Glass Recycling

- Decision needed on next steps (BR)

11/12/24 Parking

- Investigate the usefulness of a cardboard cut-out at the school (SC)

4. **Matters for Discussion**

a. *Police Report*
   - See appendix 1

b. *Correspondence*
   - *Nothing of note.*

c. *Planning/Applications/Decisions/Appeals*
   - It was noted that the planning request for turning the Skinners old shop into a holiday let has been withdrawn.

d. *Treasurers Report*
   - Latest expenditure is £148.00 (£48 for website and £100 for Reading room hire)
   - Current balance £2,280.35

e. *Councillors Report*
   - No councillor present. To chase to find out when one will be able to attend (BR).

f. *Local Place Plan*
   - Webinar sessions are taking place every Wednesday for the next 6 weeks. Recordings are to be made available (RC).
   - Current Stirling Council deadline is 1/10/25.

g. *Community Action Plan*
   - Draft questionnaire has been circulated to the CC for review. All members to review and comment
   - Link with the Support of Climate Change Mitigation.

h. *Community Council Elections*
   - Jackie Graham's application has been accepted and was present at this meeting. Vote was taken to co-opt Jackie on to the committee and was agreed.
   - Application has also been received from Neil Beaton. This is to be countersigned and handed in to Stirling Council (CS).
   - A check is to be made of the email to see if any other applications have been received (CS).

i. *Wildflowers on the Village Green*
   - Next report will be in the spring

j. *Southwest Climate Action Group*
   - Tie in with the Kippen sustainability group in regard to this (BR).

k. *Roads and Land*
   - AM has contacted the factors for Scott Brae regarding the repair of the sign. Awaiting a response.

l. Buses (raised by member of the public Val Brand with a representative of McGills buses present)
   - Overcrowding – Gargunnock pupils using the service bus to get to and from Balfron causing overcrowding. This is further impacted by an increased number of students using the bus to go to Stirling.
   - School Buses – Recently the school buses have been unreliable causing students to use alternative buses resulting in overcrowding. This is felt to be unsafe. Concern about the reliability and standard of the school buses needs to be raised.

- This has been raised at the Gargunnock CC and will be raised at the Buchlyvie CC. It was agreed that a joint letter was to be written to McGills, Stirling Council (including the national entitlement office and how this has been handled) and the Scottish Government.(BR/CS/VB)

m. A811
   - Due to 3 accidents occurring in December a question is to be raised with the councillor around the plans for making the A811 safer (AM).

5. Round Table Discussion

1. *Storm*
   - Some areas of the village suffered a longer power outrage. The support for this was not suitable for a rural area.
2. *Committee Members*
   - Derek Shanks indicated his intention to step down as a community council member in April.
3. *Meeting Agendas*
   - Need to ensure that all agendas are put up on the KCC Facebook, KCC website and 2 village Facebook pages (CS/RC)
4. *Windfarm*
   - Confirmed that no further funding, in this round, would be sought for the development of the Village Green
   - Suggestion raised to place a remembrance bench at the duck pond in memory of Margaret Beaton. This was agreed as a good idea and that further discussion needed to take place. (RC)
   - KCC to apply for funding for the flower boxes.(CS)
   - A small pot of money may be available for the KCC. A project team is to be set up to agree what is needed and to complete an application. Two suggested areas are self-watering mechanisms and notice boards (both improvements to existing wone at the bottle bank and a new one near the bus stop). (BR)
5. *Burnside Bridge*
   - This was significant damaged by a fallen tree. Whilst work has been carried out and planning permission has been put in for a warning sign and handrails (to be confirmed) clarification is needed from the councillor on when full repairs will be made (AM).
6. *Transport for Scotland*
   - A session was held in the Albert Halls in Stirling to discuss the proposal for the reduction of the national speed limit from 60 mph to 50mph and increasing tonnage allowance. Information of this is to be shared on the village Facebook pages (SC).

6. Date of next Meeting

12th March 2025 at 19:30 in The Reading Rooms

KIPPEN Anti-Social Behaviour

A report was received from a resident of a male acting in an abusive manner. The male was traced, arrested and interviewed under caution. He was subsequently released without charge.

Incidents of note

- A report was received of a male chapping doors selling household products in the area. Police attended, carried out a search of the area however were unable trace the male. There were similar reports from surrounding villages and of note a male was traced, arrested and charged in the Doune area for failing to hold a suitable licence for doorstep sales.

Please remain vigilant and if unsure report any suspicious activity.

- A report was received following a Facebook account being hacked. The reporter was not extorted of any money / no threats were made and the reporter reported the incident to both Facebook and Police for awareness.

Please remain vigilant and ensure your usernames / passwords are kept safe.