**MILNATHORT AND ORWELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Draft minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 via Zoom**

**In attendance:-** Malcolm Thomson (chairman); Neill Bingham, Allan Macrae, Phil Britton (treasurer); Kevin Heneghan (associate member); Bobby Brian, Liz Rougvie (minute secretary), PKCllr Willie Robertson and two members of the public. Apologies were received from Andrea Ward, Freda Books and PKCllr Callum Purves.

**Police matters:-** Neill Bingham reported on the following:

* Naloxone: All police officers now carry Naloxone overdose spray as part of their kit, following a successful pilot scheme carried out last year. So far, the emergency treatment - which counters the effects of opioid overdose - has been used on 62 occasions.
* Sheep worrying: Dog owners are reminded to keep their pets fully under control during the lambing season. Owners face prosecution if their dogs worry or chase sheep, and the dog could be destroyed.

**Minutes of previous meeting:-** The minutes of the February meeting were proposed by Allan Macrae and seconded by Neill Bingham.

**Matters arising:-** Kevin Heneghan advised that the gingko biloba tree that had been gifted to a resident of Church Street was to be planted on Milnathort Golf Course and the CC would provide a plaque.

**Correspondence:-**

* PKC is currently carrying out a public consultation as to the most suitable locations for free period products. The consultation closes on March 25. Noted.
* In response to a query made by the CC on behalf of a resident, PKC confirmed that Ba’Hill was not a suitable location for a recycling bin for foil containers. It was not economically viable to site such facilities anywhere other than recycling centres. Noted.
* PKC has announced new funding to help with repairs to communal buildings through its Missing Shares Service. An application pack is available by emailing MissingShares@pkc.gov.uk Noted.
* There are still vacancies for enumerators to help deliver the 2022 Census. Visit www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk for more information. Noted.
* A consultation has been launched on a proposed bill by Murdo Fraser MSP to tackle the scourge of fly-tipping. The consultation closes on May 23 and further information can be found at parliament.scot. Noted.

**Core Paths Group:-** Kevin Heneghan reported on the following:

* There had been an excellent turnout of volunteers for two recent projects to fill in the depressions on the path alongside the golf course. More than two tonnes of material was required, and a similar amount will be needed for the stretch beyond the bridge.
* Funding may be available from Greenspace to improve the woodland and field edge path north east of Kinross Community Woodland that is currently extremely muddy. Alistair McLeod of Greenspace is to help the group with its application.
* The group had conducted research into the type of benches that would be most suitable for the village and had concluded that recycled plastic uprights and wooden seats were the most cost-effective and practical option. Kevin will explore sponsorship opportunities.

**Planning matters:-**

Applications decided -

* 21/02145/FLL: Formation of footpath (in part retrospect) on land 180 metres north east of Hattonburn Farm. Approved. Noted.
* 21/02241/FLL: Alterations and extension to form ancillary accommodation at The Barns, Dalqueich. Approved. Noted.
* 21/02223/FLL: Erection of a house and garage on land 80 metres south west of Athronhall Farm. Approved. Noted.
* 22/00041/FLL: Erection of a house on land 25 metres north of 94 South Street. Refused. Noted.

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee:-**

During a discussion about ways of marking the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, the following ideas were put forward:

* A gathering in Donaldson Park to which villagers could bring their own gazebos. No alcohol would be permitted.
* Providing Milnathort Primary schoolchildren with mementos of the occasion. PKCllr Robertson will find out what funding is available.
* A beacon that would be sited permanently at an appropriate location in the village. Neill Bingham will take this forward.
* Upgrading a core path to a high standard and naming it ‘The Platinum Jubilee Walk’. PKCllr Robertson said that TRACKS could offer help and advice if necessary. Schoolchildren could be asked to plant trees as part of the UK-wide Queen’s Green Canopy initiative. Kevin Heneghan will provide suggestions for suitable routes.

**Councillors’ Reports:-**

PKCllr Robertson advised that he had met with representatives from SEPA, Scottish Water, PKC’s planning department and Nature.Scot regarding the amount of phosphorus in Loch Leven. It had been a positive meeting and the agencies had agreed to look at ways in which the levels could be reduced.

**AOCB:-**

* New pavement: Malcolm Thomson expressed his appreciation to PKC for installing a new pavement on Stirling Road at its junction with Church Street.
* Social media: Bobby Brian, a P5 pupil at Kinross High School, is to set up Instagram and Twitter accounts on behalf of the CC in order to extend its reach to younger members of the community.
* Unsafe parking: Bobby Brian raised the issue of congestion near Heaven Scent in South Street, caused by cars parking at the bus stop. This causes problems for passengers, particularly those with disabilities. It was noted that there is a parking restriction at that location and that causing an obstruction is an offence. Similar concerns were expressed about cars parking on the zig-zag lines next to the Zebra crossing in South Street, which can affect motorists’ visibility. There has been an increased presence of traffic wardens in the village and this was to be welcomed, as were the changes to the Highway Code, which give pedestrians priority at all times.

**Date of next meeting:-** The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell Community Council will be held on April 14, 2022, at 7.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall. Following discussion, it was agreed that before the meeting a ‘dummy run’ would be carried out to see whether it was possible for participants to also join via Zoom.