

# Minutes of Meeting of Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

7:30pm, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Cleish Village Hall

## Present:

- Fran Principe-Gillespie
- Fred Whalley
- Sean Gordon
- Margaret Traylor
- Cllr Willie Robertson
- Cllr Richard Watters

## Apologies:

- Charles McLaren
- Cllr Dave Cuthbert
- PC Ben Samson

## Previous CC Meeting

### Matters Arising

- **Maryburgh: Fly-tipping on Maryburgh Road** – Community Council to advise on locations for warning signage.
- **Keltybridge: Condition of Pavements & Parking on Pavements** – Cllr Robertson has requested a site meeting with the PKC Roads department regarding repairs to the existing pavements which have been damaged and sunk due to vehicles parking on the pavements in Keltybridge.
- **Cleish Primary School**: Cllr Cuthbert spoke to PKC Planning and was advised that the Education Department did not require planning permission for the new signage despite the school being a listed building in a conservation area. Councillors will write to PKC Planning to request a sign which is more in keeping with a listed building in a conservation area.

### Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

## Crime Prevention & Police Report

- 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – **Theft by housebreaking** (Lochran Farm) – Subject to Live investigation
- 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – **Drink driving and possession of offensive weapon** (Fruix Road) – 1 Person reported to Procurator Fiscal

## Traffic

Community officers are aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Cleish and Blairadam. These have all been added to the speeding matrix and they will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area during our patrols.

Traffic units have been carrying out speed checks in the area and have issued several tickets since the last meeting, most notably during speed checks on the M90.

In the last month local officers from Kinross have been carrying out speed checks in Milnathort, Crook of Devon and Gairneybridge.

## Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)

Vehicle Activated Signage has now been installed in Cleish and Gairneybridge.

## Broadband Update

The latest report for Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) “ready for service” shows that 71% of properties in Cleish and Blairadam area have fibre broadband available. This compares with 50.4% for the whole of Scotland and 14.53% for the Perth and Kinross Council area as a whole.

### Blairadam Area

Blairadam has now received the final quote from Openreach to enable the final 13 properties in the area, so this should be moving forwards in the coming months.

Properties in Blairforge are also now being connected to Fibre Broadband.

### Cleish Area

Boreland and Carsegour are now live. The current data shows gaps in coverage for properties further out, but it is not clear if this is just a problem with the data.

## Kinross-shire Committee

This will be added as a standing agenda item for the Community Council as it has proved to be a useful forum in helping understand how the council services operate.

A specific session has been requested to help understand how the Planning Department integrates views from the community through activities such as the Big Conversation / Local Area Plans, and what triggers enforcement actions.

The Kinross-shire Committee will be organising a more open meeting to discuss these topics – details to follow.

## Drainage

### Cleish

No updates

### Keltybridge

Still a problem with a blocked drain in Keltybridge which is flooding the roads. This has been reported to PKC twice already and has been added to the cleaning schedule, but no progress has been made.

Scottish Water investigated this drain in September, but no further action has been taken. Additionally, there is a smell of sewage from this drain. The Community Council will again raise this problem via the PKC Portal.

Additionally, there is a blocked drain at the lower end of the main road through Keltybridge which has been causing rainwater to run into the property at the side of the road. This problem will also be reported on the PKC Portal.

## Financial Update

- £290.30 – Total Expenditure for Year to Date.
- £409.62 – Current Balance

## Planning

### Applications Pending

- **23/00112/FLL - Erection of a dwellinghouse and formation of vehicle access**
  - Land 140 Metres North East Of Hardiston Farm Cleish Kinross Cleish
- **22/02113/IPL - Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle)**
  - Land 30 Metres North East Of Craigbank House Cleish
- **23/00934/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, alterations to driveway, formation of parking area and landscaping, installation of oil tank and associated works**
  - Darnley Cottage Blairadam Kelty KY4 0HU

### Applications Approved

- **23/00493/FLL - Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works**
  - Land 100 Metres North West Of Craigton House Cleish Kinross KY13 0LQ
- **23/01024/FLL - Erection of porch and formation of raised terrace**
  - Carsegour Farm Cottage Kinross KY13 0LG
- **23/01281/FLL - Erection of a garage**
  - East Locharn House Blairadam Kelty KY4 0HU

### Applications Refused

- **23/00532/FLL - Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works**
  - Land North Of 31 Main Street Keltybridge

## Village Updates

### Blairforge

- Enforcement is now complete on one area, but there are more enforcements still outstanding which have not been progressed.
- Concerns were raised by local residents about the complete disregard for planning regulations and the lack of enforcement of any violations by PKC Planning.
- More land engineering being carried out without planning permission with multiple truckloads of material being brought into the site.
- Concerns were raised by residents of Blairforge about the lack enforcement for multiple planning violations, SEPA infringements and the continued dumping of materials on the site.
- Cllr Watters has asked for an update in relation to enforcement on this site.

### Blairadam

- Renewal of the water supply to the Tabernacle Hall has now been complete and tested by PKC Private Water team.
- Village noticeboard is in need of refurbishment.

### Cleish

- A number of cast iron access covers have been stolen on the hill road, leaving dangerously deep holes exposed in the verge.
  - Cllr Freshwater to report this.
- The cutting of verges around junctions have not been carried out around Cleish.
  - Recommended reporting these via the PKC portal where there is a road safety risk.

## Any Other Business

- CC to investigate involvement with the windfarm action group which is being coordinated by the Milnathort CC.

## Next CC Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next Community Council Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December, at 7:30pm in Cleish Village Hall.