

KILLIECRANKIE FINCASTLE & TUMMEL

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF KFTCC MEETING MONDAY, 21 JULY 2025 AT 7PM KILLIECRANKIE VILLAGE HALL

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PRESENT: Jennifer MacIntyre (JM), Sandra Parkins (SP) Colin Stanfield (CS), Richard Moore (RM) Ronald Campbell (RC), Councillor John Duff (CllrJD) and 9 Members of the Public (MOP).

APOLOGIES: Loretta McLaughlan (LM) and Anthony Cuthbert (AC)

JM welcomed attendees.

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APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (19 MAY 2025): the Minutes were taken as read. Approval was proposed by SP and seconded by CS.

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REVIEW OF SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE

At the last meeting, the CC agreed to contact our MSP to ask for a review of the 2003 access legislation. Since then we have studied the Land Reform (2003) Act which established current access rights and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code which sets out guidance in relation to those rights.

We concluded that it would be pointless to seek a review of the Act which – as far as it relates to our community – is clear. In contrast, the Code is confused and confusing. We have, therefore, applied to Nature Scot (formerly Scottish Natural Heritage) to review their guidance on roadside/car camping, the issue which causes most problems around Loch Tummel.

We have also requested the Greenspace department at PKC to review its byelaws and ways to enforce what we hope will be clearer guidance.

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PLANNING

- Andrew Barbour gave an address about the long term forestry plan 2025 – 2044 for Bonskeid (see <https://www.killiecrankievillagehall.co.uk/community-council/planning.php>)

Andrew offered to arrange a guided walk in the autumn for members of the community to see how Bonskeid woodland is managed. He will coordinate with the National Trust for Scotland and liaise with LM.

A MOP asked about ash die-back. Andrew said that the ash is mainly a roadside tree and that the ash in the area has made a considerable recovery.

JM thanked Andrew for coming along as a guest speaker.

- Plans for a new jetty at Schiehallion House, Strathtummel (25/00890/FLL)

It was mentioned that there had been a number of objections to this and the closing date for objections was 21 July 2025.

- All planning is up to date on our website. Highland Fling's plans for a new Adventure Hub at Killiecrankie have been approved.

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LITTER

LM has updated the Useful Links page (<https://www.killiecrankievillagehall.co.uk/community-council/links.php>) with a report from Keep Scotland Beautiful about A9 roadside litter. They focused on a location around Broxden junction on the outskirts of Perth and in Killiecrankie to have both urban and rural perspectives. First, they did a litter audit in both places. Then they had a campaign to raise awareness of the problem and conducted another audit to judge the impact. Broxden improved after the campaign. Killiecrankie North got a lot worse! Read all about it on our website.

Our next Litter Pick will be held at Tummel Bridge on Sunday, 5 October 2025. Meet at Kynachan Hall at 1.30pm. We are fortunate that the Visitor Management Team does such a good job, clearing up litter throughout the summer. We invite all members of the community to come along – even non-pickers. Everyone is welcome in the hall to encourage those who are clearing up.

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DEFIBRILLATOR SIGN

JM thanked the Blair Atholl Resilience Group for the new sign outside Killiecrankie Hall indicating where to find the defibrillator. It was felt that such a sign was required at Tummel. JM/LM to investigate.

The CC tries to offer regular defibrillator training. We are considering having trainers come again to Kynachan Hall during the litter pick but would like to gauge how much interest there is.

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A9 UPDATE

Transport Scotland's own briefing is now on our website (<https://www.killiecrankievillagehall.co.uk/community-council/links.php>) and the graphic table for the timetable and cost is attached at the end of these Minutes.

At a recent briefing, LM learned:

- The Design & Build contracts are being advanced; Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd is to be awarded a £152.7m construction contract for the Tay Crossing to Ballinluig section.
- The sections with MIM contracts await more information.
- Details of the financial structure and cost of MIMs should be available towards the end of the year.
- The higher cost of the MIM contracts has not yet been factored into the total cost of the project.
- To deliver the entire project by 2035, multiple sections will need to be built simultaneously. It could mean up to 52 miles being under traffic management at the same time. That has implications for driver frustration and impact on businesses in Highland Perthshire.
- If anyone has questions for Transport Scotland, send them to info@kftcommunitycouncil.co.uk to be asked at our next briefing with Transport Scotland.

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VISITOR LEVY

PKC's consultation on a possible Visitor Levy closes on 30 September 2025. (<https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/communities/perth-and-kinross-visitor-levy/>) Such a levy could have profound repercussions for Highland Perthshire where tourism is an important economic driver. PKC has yet to decide:

- if they will have a visitor levy;
- the possible percentage charge of a levy;
- how to spend any monies raised;
- if such a levy would be collected throughout the county or only in certain areas.

No studies on the impact of the levy on visitor numbers to this area have yet been done. VAT would be applied to the levy. For some businesses, this may push them above the VAT threshold.

JM urged those present to complete the consultation form and/or attend a drop-in session. There will be one at the Birks Cinema, Aberfeldy from 4pm to 7pm on 20 August 2025.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

SP reported that following payments for the hall rental, web services and bank charges, there is a balance of £146.55. This is to last until September when PKC will top up our account to £1,000.

The search for a free bank account has drawn a blank. Only charities can operate a bank account without paying bank charges.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Anniversary of Battle of Killiecrankie BBQ at Killiecrankie at 6.30pm on Saturday, 26 July 2025 (*poster attached*)
- Tummel Week at Tummel Sailing Club 28 July 2025 to 01 August 2025
- Quiz Night, Kynachan Hall, 7pm on Friday, 29 August 2025 (*poster attached*)
- Annual Litter Pick at Tummel Bridge, meet at Kynachan Hall Sunday, 5 October 2025 at 1.30pm

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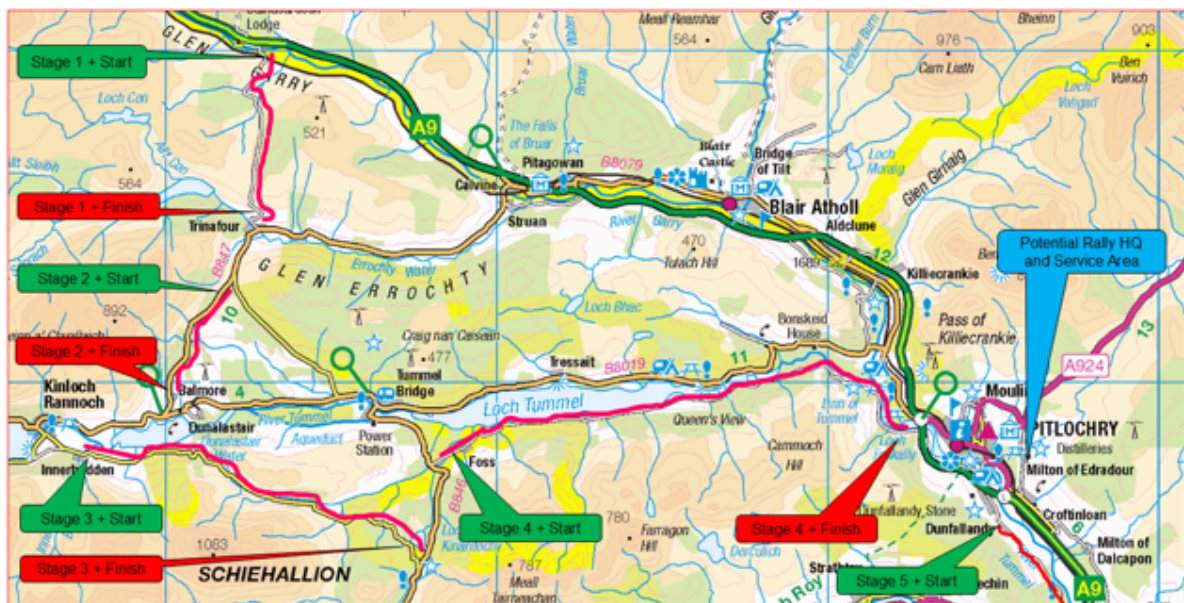
AOCB

(i)

Neil Campbell of the Saltire Rally Club and Cameron MacLean of the Mull Car Club presented a case for a closed road car rally in North Perthshire for Saturday, 13 March 2027. This is in the early stages of planning and the initial aim is to gauge CC reaction and response. The two speakers made the following points :

- i) Such an event could bring almost £500,000 to the area in what is otherwise a quiet time for tourists.
- ii) There would be a 'good cause' donation from the organisers. Local groups are selected for this and as a condition of entering the competition, competitors must make a donation to at least one of the named groups.
- iii) It would be a timed rally, strictly supervised.
- iv) More than 600 people would require to be fed, watered and accommodated for a minimum of two nights.
- v) The route (see below) is not heavily populated.
- vi) The area most affecting our CC area runs along the Foss Road.
- vii) If successful, the rally could become an annual event.

Route proposed :



Points Arising :

CS raised the matter of the state of the Foss Road surface. Such an event would 'hammer the road further' possibly for a distance of about 12 miles. The presenters answered that their organisations pay the council for using the road. JM suggested a pre-condition to improve the road surface. She pointed out that this might be an opportunity to resurface parts of the road – obviously any damaged ones - after the rally had taken place.

RC asked about provision for spectators and safety issues. The presenters started that, if the event goes ahead, there will be a police presence. There is no viable place

for spectators on the Foss Road. The road will be closed to other traffic and spectators will not be allowed to walk along the road itself. There will be seven safety cars doing continual patrolling. Paramedics and ambulance crews will be placed at key points. Alternative routes for other motorists would be planned.

The presenters have agreed to attend the next CC meeting at Kynachan Hall to address residents.

(ii)

SP brought attention to the deteriorating state of a gabion basket on the B8079 within the Pass of Killiecrankie.

Cllr JD visited the site and reported it on 21 July 2025 (FS Case 733186392)

(iii)

SP also reported a collapsed drain outside Braes Cottage, Killiecrankie on the B8079. Currently two cones are in place marking the site but no repairs have been done.

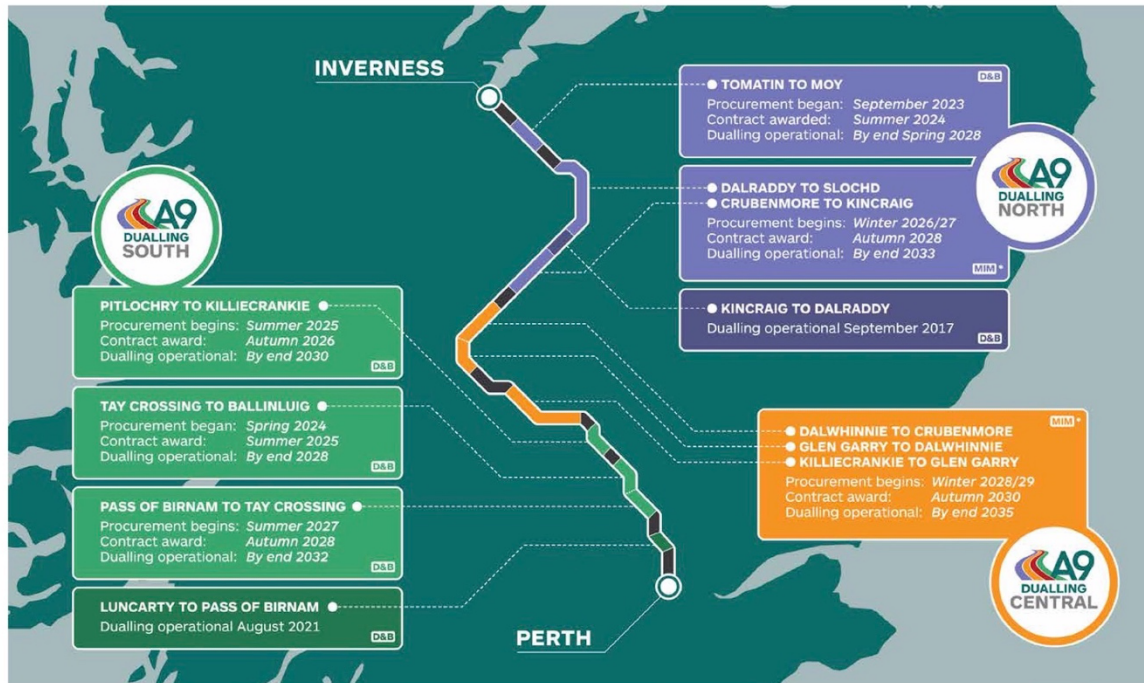
Cllr JD visited the site and reported it on 21 July 2025 (FS Case 733192466)

PKC reported on 25 July 2025 that the fault has been repaired.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm

The next CC meeting is to be held at 7pm on Monday, 15 September 2025 in Kynachan Hall, Tummel Bridge.
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Overview

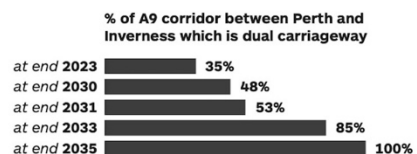


Sections	Projects	Procurement Begins (Contract Notice Issued)	Contract Award	Dualling Operational
A9 DUALLING NORTH	Tomatin to Moy	Delivered	Delivered	By end Spring 2028
	Dalraddy to Slochd	Winter 2026/27	Autumn 2028	By end 2033
	Crubenmore to Kincaig			
	Kincaig to Dalraddy	Dualling operational September 2017		
A9 DUALLING CENTRAL	Dalwhinnie to Crubenmore	Winter 2028/29	Autumn 2030	By end 2035
	Glen Garry to Dalwhinnie			
	Killiecrankie to Glen Garry			
A9 DUALLING SOUTH	Pitlochry to Killiecrankie	Summer 2025	Autumn 2026	By end 2030
	Tay Crossing to Ballinluig	Delivered	Summer 2025	By end 2028
	Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing	Summer 2027	Autumn 2028	By end 2032
	Luncarty to Pass of Birnam	Dualling operational August 2021		

■ ■ ■ Sections to be dualled ■ ■ ■ Existing dualled
MIM Mutual Investment Model Contract **D&B** Design & Build Contract

Dates are subject to completion of remaining statutory process, and impacts on construction from events such as adverse weather.

*Use of MIM contracts is subject to further decision making in late 2025, based on an updated assessment of expected market conditions.



Battle of Killiecrankie Anniversary BBQ

Killiecrankie Village Hall

6.30pm on Saturday, 26 July 2025

£5 per person (cash or card) pay at door

to help plan catering
RSVP info@killiecrankievillagehall.co.uk

(BYOB)

Quiz Night

Come along to our fundraising event at

**Kynachan Hall,
Tummel Bridge**

Friday, 29th August 2025 at 7pm

**Entry £5 per person
(payment by card only please)**

**Entry includes tea,
coffee & biscuits**

**Maximum of 4 people per team
(no need to come as a team, these
can be created on the night)**

Prize for the winning team!

Raffle

**BYO
alcohol**

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