

KILLIECRANKIE FINCASTLE & TUMMEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF KFT CC MEETING
MONDAY, 18 MAY 2026 AT 7PM
KYNACHAN HALL, TUMMEL BRIDGE

1.

PRESENT: Loretta McLaughlan (LM), Jennifer Macintyre (JM), Colin Stanfield (CS), Ronald Campbell (RC), Provost Xander McDade (XM) and 8 Member of the Public (MOP).

APOLOGIES: Sandra Parkins; Cllr John Duff who was attending Rannoch CC. James Black sent apologies that no one from the Fire Service was able to attend.

LM welcomed all attendees.

2.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (16 MARCH 2026)

Proposed by JM and seconded by RC.

3.

UPDATE ON SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE (SOAC)

LM first reported on

- Budget for Visitor Management Group
- NatureScot update
- CC liaising with neighbouring/associated groups

The VMG budget has increased to £200,000, following an additional £150,000 allocation from the Finance & Resources Committee (in addition to the original £50,000). The CC has thanked PKC for reviewing the budget.

The budget will provide:

- 8 Portaloo units across key locations (4 at Loch Rannoch; 2 at Loch Tummel; 2 at Loch Clunie.)

- Staffing (3 Casual Visitor Rangers are currently in post; recruitment is underway for 4 Supply Visitor Rangers, based at Pullar House, Perth)
- Infrastructure (additional signage has been ordered via Tayside Contracts, covering: No fires or BBQs; No overnight parking; No parking too close to residential properties)
- Joint Patrols (Joint patrol activity has been undertaken with Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) with information also shared with Police Scotland.) The VMG is keen to expand joint patrols and would welcome further collaboration with:
 - Loch Rannoch Conservation Association(LRCA)
 - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)
 - Police Scotland

To report an incident, please follow these directions:

1. *Criminal offences:*

- *Police Scotland via 101 (non-emergency) or 999 (emergency); or online reporting form*

2. *Outdoor access/environmental issues:*

- *NatureScot reporting tools or our own KFT CC reporting form*
<https://www.killiecrankievillagehall.co.uk/community-council/soac.php>

3. *Anti-social behaviour, parking enforcement or wild camping concerns:*

- *Email: VisitorManagementGroup@pkc.gov.uk*

We have received a **Nature Scot update** about what they doing to educate the public about the SOAC. From what we see, their approach is piecemeal and spending paltry. We do not think that they acknowledge the problem and their lack of action suggests to us that we need to continue to try to get a review of the SOAC and get a byelaw.

We continue **to liaise with other groups and associations** about the SOAC. All members of the VMG know about our monitoring form. We also sent it to: Keep Scotland Beautiful, APRS (Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland), Rannoch CC, Blair Atholl & Struan CC, John Muir Trust, Loch Rannoch Conservation Association, Loch Tummel Riparian Proprietors' Association (LTRPA), campsites, National Trust for Scotland and the Police. We have met our 2 neighbouring CCs and will meet LTRPA. Everyone recognises the problem.

The difficulty continues to be one of enforcement. The Police welcomed our [mini guide and monitoring form] initiative but say that the interpretation of the SOAC has made it problematic to apply existing criminal legislation that pre-dates the Land Reforms (Scotland) Act 2003. Their approach will remain to Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce, if necessary. They are aware of efforts to obtain byelaws similar to that of Loch Lomond National Park and the desire for changes to the SOAC. If such changes come into effect, they will reassess their approach.

JM agreed, stating that Nature Scot is not interested in enforcing the Code and would only support a policy of 'educating the public'. Therefore, it is not surprising that the Police do not want to get involved. CS also felt Nature Scot's position at a recent meeting he attended was very defensive and dismissive of residents' concerns.

JM said that she would ask at the next VMG what new signage was being proposed as there was already a lot of signs on the Foss Road. More signs could be counterproductive as well as unsightly. Moreover, some signage has been damaged over the winter so will need to be repaired before additional signage erected.

An MOP pointed out that it was well known that there is an inverse correlation between the number of roadside instructions given and the willingness of the public to read or adhere to them.

JM also pointed out that she is waiting for Frank Campbell (VMG organiser) to tell her how much Type 2 aggregate is needed to create hardstandings for parking along Foss Road. A MOP said if Shierglas donate the material, he will organise its transport. The CC is very appreciative of the offer.

JM pointed out that while all these measures and the increased funding is welcome, it would be preferable to get a long-term strategy in place so we were not faced with this annual funding battle. Perhaps this would only be achieved by a new byelaw.

The desirability of a long-term strategy was supported by everyone.

JM pointed out, as an example, that while provision of porta-loos was welcome – they are unsightly and require regular maintenance. She suggests that they be replaced with compostable toilets which would blend into the environment better. She will therefore start enquiries about land availability. The relevant landowners along the Foss Road are FLS and Charles Butter. An MOP pointed out that the area is constrained by the fact that SEPA would not allow compostable toilets within 15 meters of a designated waterway. CC is in favour of compostable toilets and would be prepared to seek funding if suitable land were made available.

JM to discuss these topics at next VMG meeting.

- LM reported on speedboats on Loch Tummel (and L Rannoch), saying that the CC has spoken to Loch Rannoch Conservation Association and met members of the new Rannoch CC. We will be meeting the Loch Tummel Riparian Proprietors' Association shortly and hope that after that we can propose a coordinated approach for the control of speedboats. It has been suggested to us that this could be included in a future byelaw.

A MOP questioned how a byelaw would be enforced. He thought it would be impossible to police. Moreover, XM said that the preparation for a byelaw could take at least 4 years. That was the case in Cairngorms National Park. Moreover, separate legislation would be required to allow Visitor Rangers to enforce the rules. CNPA's fire byelaw tackles a simpler issue than that of roadside camping and anti-social behaviour. There is also the question of political appetite for such a move. There was a discussion about the need to find a long-term, cost-effective solution and the fact that just because something is difficult should not stop it being attempted. It was decided to ask Nature Scot, the new Minister in charge of Rural Affairs, Police and associated groups who are affected by anti-social behaviour to attend a summit. The aim would be to achieve a review the SOAC as it is clear that the public is not aware that roadside camping is not allowed under the (Land Reform (Scotland)) Act.

The CC to investigate a possible summit.

CS pointed out that as far as the Loch usage is concerned, all parties appear to be in agreement that they wish to maintain the status quo. This is threatened by two groups: visitors launching boats from unauthorised locations and the recent increase in jetties along Loch Tummel giving rise to fears that new property owners are not aware of the current conventions. It is difficult to stop the former although LM stated that SSE has indicated a willingness to erect boulders in locations owned by them. However, this amounts to a very small portion of the lochside and in any case an MOP pointed out that this has been done on Loch Morlich and is quite unsightly. As regards the latter it is hoped that the upcoming meeting with the Loch Tummel Riparian Proprietors' Association will reinforce the need to adhere to the current rules.

- LM reported that from 1 April to 30 September each year, fires and barbecues are banned in the National Park under the Cairngorms National Park Fire Management Byelaw (2025). Breaking the byelaw could result in a fine of up to £500. See: <https://cairngorms.co.uk/our-work/wildfire-management>

4.

PLANNING

All planning news is on the website.

- 26/00529/LBC and 26/00530/FLL Erection of garage at Druimuan House, Killiecrankie
- 26/00501/FLM SSEN proposal for underground cable works between Kinardochoy and Errochty substations
The CC has asked SSEN for more information about the project but has got few details except that SSEN expects work to take place in Q1 2027.

LM to invite SSEN to the September meeting in Kynachan Hall to give more information.

- 26/00326/FLL Reinstatement of jetty and associated works at Loch Tummel House, Strathtummel
- 25/01851/42L S42 application to vary condition 2 of permission 18/00344/FLL at Shierglas Quarry
- 25/01850 and 25/01852/FLL extension to quarry at Shierglas and formation of access to Shierglas Quarry

5.

HACKLE RALLY

The CC had been informed that the date for the event has been changed from Saturday, 13 March 2027 to Sunday, 14 March 2027. However, a MOP who is an organiser for the rally said that it may not need to be changed. The community members present had no preference.

The organisers will be making an application to PKC for permission on 12 September 2026 and the CC has been asked to respond to their consultation before 1 September. The relevant document was distributed with the Agenda. CS has collected initial feedback which the organiser who was present addressed.

These were as follows:

- Concerns regarding damage to the road, not only from high-speed rally vehicles but from the increased use of the road that the event will generate, prior to, during and after the event. The Foss Road is already in a very poor state.

Response: the road will be surveyed before and after by PKC. If it has to be repaired, before or after, it will be. It was stated that as a result of this having been done elsewhere, the road finished in better condition than before such an event took place.

- A request for details of the proposed locations of rendezvous points for officials, contestants, medical facilities and spectators. One resident has noted that there is some inconsistency regarding the likely periods when the road will be closed to residents.

Response: A detailed map of all the points of contact will be made available before the event. The road will be closed all day but residents can gain access to and from their properties as long as this is done by request to the organisers. They should be accommodated within the limits posed by the safe operation of the rally and there should not be too much delay involved as the rally has strict timings of when the cars will be on the road and when they are not.

- Concerns regarding conflicts with animals, loose sheep, deer etc.

Response: they will speak to farmers in advance; there will be a vet on call; there will be an 'event shepherd'.

- Concern regarding damage to verges, walls, fences gates and other infrastructure.

Response: there will be insurance up to £10m provided through Motorsport UK.

- Concern relating to the raised profile, due to the event, of the Foss road as a road for 'fast' driving.

Response: Rally drivers are not 'reckless' drivers. The organisers have a 'zero tolerance' approach to any misdemeanours and drivers will be penalised if there are any instances of unacceptable or illegal driving. Inspectors are on site to police this.

- General disquiet that the Foss Road could be deemed suitable for such an event, with all the disruption that it generates to residents, visitors and to wildlife and the overall 'tranquil' feel of the Tummel Valley.

Response: this is one event that will last 2 hours on one day of the year. The organisers believe that the economic benefits to the local area far outweigh these concerns. The organisers are considering making donations to local causes. These could be determined by local bodies such as the area CCs if that was of interest.

JM noted that the CC is grateful for the way the organisers have shared details of the planning well in advance and the ongoing dialogue that has ensued. The CC is supportive of events such as this when consultation is so thorough.

All feedback from residents will be forwarded to the organisers before 1 September deadline.

6.

ROADS

- **B8019 beside Allean Forest 1 September until 9 October 2026**

The proposed daytime closure times are:

- Monday to Friday: 09:30 – 14:30

The local Number 82 bus service will be permitted through the closure at the following times:

- 10:30
- 13:10

There is no traffic management proposed at the weekends.

Works will also take place during the night-time period. While the road will remain open overnight, drivers may experience delays at these times.

- **B846 south of Loch Tummel Hotel 26 October until 7 December 2026**

Road closure will be timed from 08.30 until 16.00 each day, allowing free movement for the community and public/school transport, scheduled for 08.00 and 16.20 daily. It is understood that the contractor will be working 7 days a week.

Overnight there will be traffic lights in place to protect the excavations. Further communications will be sent out ahead of the works. Signage is planned.

A MOP said it would be difficult for community members to access Kynachan Hall during this period. On a Tuesday, for instance, there are 6 different classes held throughout the day.

LM to check on contractors' working schedule, request map of exact location of closure and enquire how residents can access Kynachan Hall throughout the closure.

Post meeting: map of closure is attached to the end of these Minutes.

- A9 maintenance River Garry to Shierglas. Starts 7pm on Tuesday, 26 May and completed by 6am on Monday, 8 June 2026. Subject to weather.

Please see below programme for clarity:

Works	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time	Traffic Management
A9 River Garry To Shierglas	Tuesday 26 th May 2026	19:00	Monday 8 th June 2026	06:00	2 Way Traffic Lights with Convoy + Day Time Manned TTL's

A reduced speed limit along with temporary traffic lights will be setup on the approach to the site and traffic will be guided through the works, at 10mph, by the convoy vehicle. During non-working hours, the temporary traffic management measures will remain in place, these lights will be manned during the none working period to ensure limited build-up of traffic in the area, with speed restrictions being left in place during the day due to no road markings and traffic being required to run on a temporary surface. Access through the works site for emergency services will be maintained at all times.

7.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

LM and RC have spoken to Blair Atholl & Struan CC about public transport, local bus links to Pitlochry and Ember’s long distance service. We also had a constructive discussion with Margaret Roy, Public Transport Project Lead and Team Leader, Public Transport Unit at PKC.

8.

CONSULTATION

Cairngorms National Park Authority has launched a call for sites and ideas as part of preparations for the next Local Development Plan, inviting communities, individuals, organisations and landowners to help shape how the National Park develops in the years ahead. The consultation will run for 12 weeks from 19 March to 12 June 2026 and is open to anyone with an interest in the future of the National Park.

<https://cairngorms.co.uk/news/park-authority-invites-ideas-to-help-shape-next-local-development-plan>

9.

TREASURER’S REPORT

SP sent the following information to the meeting:

Balance at the time of last meeting on 16 March 2026 was £699.11

After March and April bank charges, web services, secretarial expenses and Killiecrankie hall hire, the balance on 18 May 2026 is £468.61.

10.

LITTER

- Litter pick

LM thanked the army of volunteers who helped on the Killiecrankie Litter Pick. Residents and personnel from NTS, Highland Fling, Killiecrankie House and Soldiers of Killiecrankie collected 24 bags on the day and it would have been more were it not for the frequent litter-picking that residents do throughout the year. Louise and Heather from NTS filled 2 bags of rubbish on the slope just south of the Visitor Centre a couple of days before our clean-up. Thanks too to everyone who manned the hall during the event and took care to provide non-stop tea and coffee.

Larger items such as sandbags, abandoned road signs and parts of vehicles had to be left in situ because they were too heavy to lift. PKC has collected some of these and the CC is arranging for the remainder to be picked up soon.

XM will liaise with the Waste Services Team if there is a further delay.

Post meeting: all rubbish has been collected

- Communal bin area opposite Piper Croft, Killiecrankie

The bin store saga opposite Piper Croft, beside the side gate to Urrard (at Aldclune) has been partially resolved. Piper Croft has been provided with its own bins and the owner need not feel responsible for the communal bin enclosure.

However, the communal bin area still has a broken door. On 30 April the Community Waste Adviser wrote, "There is no budget for ongoing repairs to such structures and so I intend to put up signage on the fencing to advise users that they can either make the repairs themselves or alternatively we (PKC) can remove the structure and just leave the slabbed area."

LM to check if this notice has been fixed to the fencing. XM will then discuss with the relevant department.

11.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BBQ** on 18 July 2026 at 6pm at Killiecrankie Village Hall to commemorate the Battle of Killiecrankie (27 July 1689)
- **Soldiers of Killiecrankie/NTS event** 25 and 26 July 2026 at NTS Visitor Centre, Killiecrankie to commemorate the Battle of Killiecrankie
- **Quiz Night**, Kynachan Hall, Friday, 14 August 2026
- **Quiz Night**, Kynachan Hall, Friday, 11 September 2026
- **Tummel Litter Pick**, Sunday, 27 September 2026 meet at Kynachan Hall at 1.30pm
- **Quiz Night**, Kynachan Hall, Friday, 9 October 2026
- **Quiz Night**, Kynachan Hall, Friday, 13 November 2026

12.

AOCB

None

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

The next CC meeting is to be held on Monday, 20 July 2026 at 7pm at Killiecrankie Village Hall

Proposed closure of B846 from 26 October until 7 December 2026

Red line denotes closed road

