

KILLIECRANKIE FINCASTLE & TUMMEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF KFTCC MEETING MONDAY, 19 JANUARY 2026 AT 7PM KILLIECRANKIE VILLAGE HALL

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PRESENT: Loretta McLaughlan (LM), Sandra Parkins (SP), Colin Stanfield (CS)
Councillor John Duff (Cllr JD) and 4 Members of the Public (MOP)

APOLOGIES: Jennifer Macintyre (JM), Ronald Campbell (RC) belated apologies.
Provost Xander McDade messaged that he would arrive late.

LM welcomed all attendees.

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APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (17 NOVEMBER 2025):

Proposed by SP and seconded by CS.

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UPDATE ON SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE

LM reported that in view of the ongoing problems with visitors coming here with a poor understanding of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, the CC is starting a campaign to educate the public about their rights and responsibilities. At the same time, the CC will continue to liaise with all members of the Visitor Management Group and NatureScot in the hope that all agencies will fulfil their obligations to make the Code work properly.

We are liaising with Loch of Clunie Preservation Group who are plagued with similar problems and we have started a dialogue with Loch Rannoch Conservation Association.

We have a draft poster for the CC website and our Facebook page. From the poster, readers will be able to download our brief Guide to the Code and a Monitoring

Form. Any member of the public can complete the form when they wish to report an issue to NatureScot.

Both these documents are in draft form at the moment. We will share with all members of the Visitor Management group for their comments before posting on our website or on social media. The version that we eventually adopt will be created professionally so that the Monitoring Form is in a format that can be downloaded, written on and submitted to NatureScot easily.

The CC wants to have this all prepared before next season starts i.e. Easter holidays. In the meantime, to illustrate the kind of problems that we have, CS outlined a couple of incidents that had occurred recently beside Loch Tummel.

CS described an account from a Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) employee who encountered two visitors in a large vehicle and trailer parked on the Foss Road. The men had a chainsaw and intended cutting wood for their camp. When the ranger pointed out that the felling of trees was illegal, the men responded that trees 'belong to everyone'. The other incident involved an encampment of a Yurt surrounded by several large tents which had arrived on site with two minibuses.

As the current approach is to try and inform and educate visitors, the FLS ranger left the men with the chainsaw, not wishing any further confrontation. Indeed, all bodies adopt this approach. Hence there are no repercussions for flagrant breaches of the law.

Nevertheless, the Visitor Management Group, comprising representatives from the local community, PKC rangers, Scottish Fire and Rescue and FLS, is a very useful forum and all are sympathetic to the problems involved.

LV wondered if the approach was too accommodating. Given the provision of car parking spaces and toilets, it now appears that the Foss Road is an 'official' camping area. Would it not be better to take all these provisions away?

CS pointed out that the situation before these measures were taken was even worse as the resulting free-for-all led to terrible traffic congestion as well as litter and problems with waste. He did not believe that a return to the wild west conditions of the past was an option and he knew that this was also the view of JM. His view was that the situation needed better and perhaps more forthright management. However, this would not happen unless the police were to take a more proactive role.

Cllr JD pointed out that this was unlikely to happen unless the politicians in Holyrood were to back a change of tack – something they have not shown much willingness to do so far.

Indeed, the problem has been made worse in Highland Perthshire because the National Parks have adopted tighter policies on fires and camping, thus encouraging those not wanting to go to designated campsites to go elsewhere. Cllr JD said that it would be difficult and time-consuming for PKC to introduce a byelaw to deal with the situation.

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PLANNING

LM reported that all applications and decisions are up to date on the CC website. <https://www.killiecrankievillagehall.co.uk/community-council/planning.php> The latest were listed in the Agenda.

The Schiehallion House application for a Change of Use gave the CC some insight into the Planning process. Our objection and deputation at the committee meeting are on the website. The Change of Use was approved and we accept the decision.

The process showed the complexity and what we consider confusion about which department takes responsibility for decisions and when. Different regulations are covered by different departments. The CC is considering writing a note for the website to help all community members understand the sequence in which information should be disclosed, particularly in relation to hot tubs for both domestic and commercial use.

LM to liaise with Cllr JD for assistance from relevant departments at PKC.

An MOP pointed out that during the planning meeting one of the councillors on the committee had indicated that because the application was not in a Control Area that the council's hands were effectively tied. It was difficult to understand what difference a Control Area would make. One of the confusing aspects of this case is that Schiehallion House applied for Change of Use after being granted a Short Term Let licence when it would seem that this was not strictly necessary.

LM also pointed out that Community Councils are at a disadvantage because they are not informed of applications for Short Term Let licences but are for Change of Use planning applications.

LM asked Cllr JD to find out if the CC could or should be notified of STL applications.

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USE OF SPEEDBOATS ON LOCH TUMMEL

The CC is working on this and will meet with Loch Rannoch Conservation Association to see if we can coordinate.

CS to arrange meeting.

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ROADS

Foss Road – CS updated the meeting on conditions on the Foss Road and thanked Cllr JD for his input with the roads department as some of the worst areas had been treated. However, during the cold snap sections of the road were clearly quite dangerous because of ice. Cllr JD explained that the priority list for gritting involved a classification into major roads 1A and 1B, then more minor roads 2 and finally 3 for those least used. Often in very bad weather or during holidays it would take a while to get to the category 2 and 3 roads. On the whole, the feeling was that the department had been responsive to the concerns of the community and that the community was grateful for this response, albeit with a recognition that more work will need to be done to ensure that the road remains useable.

Garry Bridge - LM read an update from the engineer at PKC. He wrote: "The purpose of the traffic management is to allow inspection and testing on Garry Bridge. The details are currently being finalised, and I've requested further information from the consultant. However, here's what we currently expect:

- **"Traffic Management:** For most of the testing and investigation work, the bridge will remain open to vehicles and pedestrians, with a single-lane closure controlled by traffic signals. This may cause minor delays of around 5 minutes.
- **"Full Road Closure:** A complete closure (if required) will only be necessary during parapet lateral testing. This should last no longer than a couple of hours and we hope to carry this out at night or very early in the morning to minimise disruption. We're also exploring options to pause the test if there's a large build-up of vehicles, or to allow buses and emergency vehicles through.
- **"Bus Service:** We understand how important the bus service is for those who use it. We'll work closely with the operator to minimize any impact and will share confirmed arrangements as soon as possible.

“Please note that the full road closure has been booked for longer than required to allow flexibility for any last-minute changes or adverse weather. I’ll provide an update as soon as the details are finalised or if any changes are required.”

A MOP noted that the sign on the road suggested that work would start on 2 February while the original notice stated 4 February.

LM to check dates.

BT pole works on B846 near Coshievile on 10 March: This is not our CC area but may affect Tummel residents. Work will be done between 0930 and 1530 to avoid peak times. Access for emergency services will be maintained at all times and local access will be permitted when safe to do so by the operatives on site.

A9 speed limit There is a 40mph speed limit in place on the Tay Crossing to Ballinluig section. It may reduce to 30mph at night for site clearance works. Further traffic management changes can be expected in February and March such as narrowed lanes and restriction on right-turns. A temporary roundabout is to be installed near the Tay Crossing. There will be speed restriction continuously until the end of 2028.

A9 dualling news

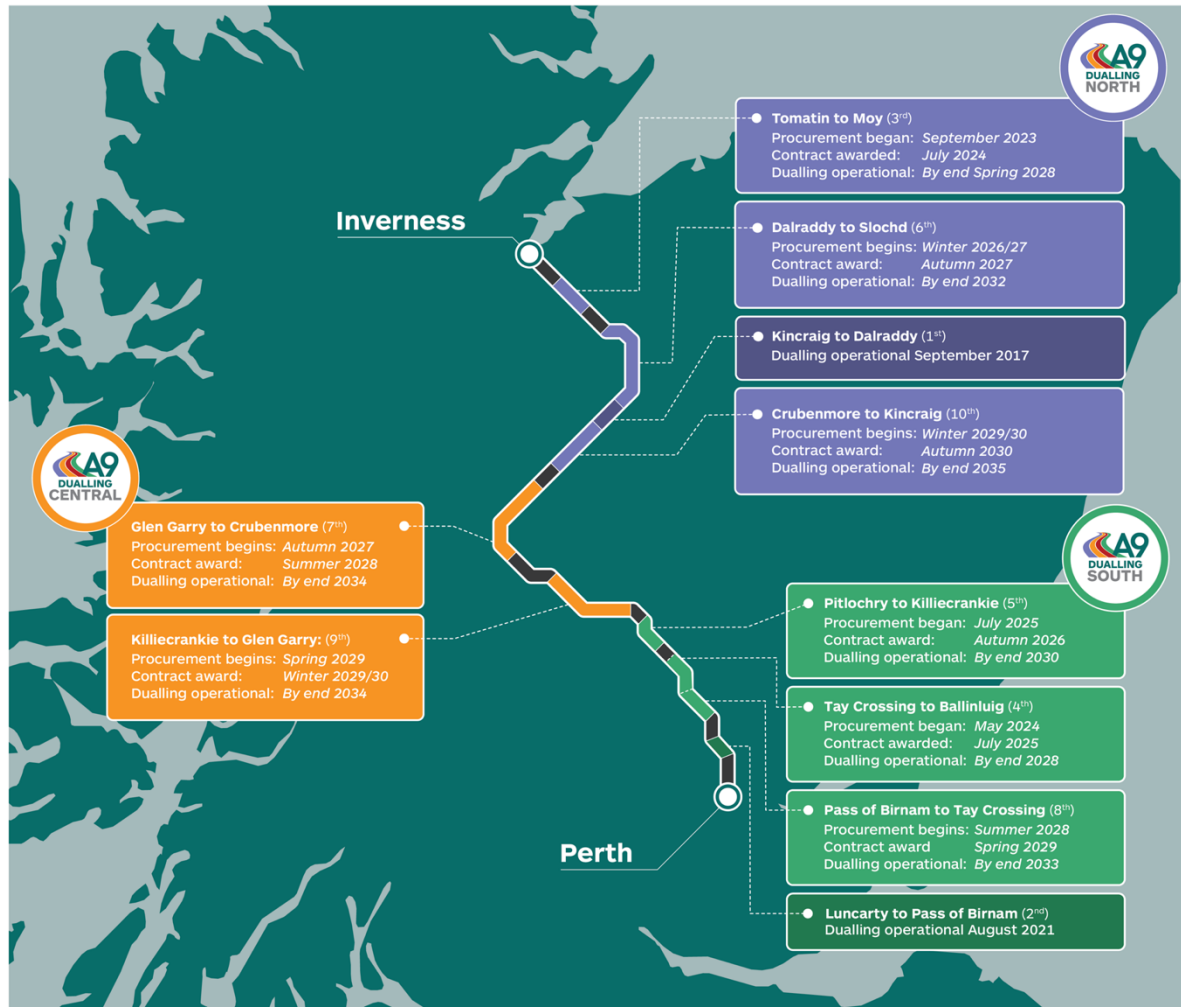
On Wednesday, 14 January 2026, Transport Scotland released a new delivery plan for the dualling of the A9. The updated cost is estimated at £3.97 billion (at April 2025 prices compared with £3.7bn at 2023 prices).

Last year, Transport Scotland (TS) was talking about constructing the Killiecrankie to Glen Garry section using a Mutual Investment Model (MIM) contract. TS has now abandoned the idea because MIMs would be even more expensive than they had thought. Now every section will be constructed with a conventional Design & Build contract.

There is a new timetable. Killiecrankie to Glen Garry is to be operational by end-2034, a year earlier than previously estimated. The Dunkeld section is to be finished by end-2033. That is the only section that has yet to complete statutory processes.

The rolling programme of construction will mean continuous traffic management with speed restrictions operating in multiple sections at the same time. The new timetable will necessitate continuous speed restrictions between Killiecrankie and Perth from now until 2034.

CS mentioned that that slow traffic on the A9 would have an impact on tourism, something which LM said was discussed at the Public Local Inquiry (PLI) in January 2020.



Number in brackets after project names refers to the position in order of contracts procured and constructed.

Sections to be dualled

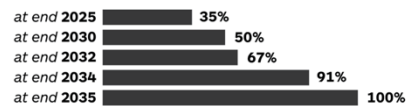
 Existing dualling

Procurement of a Framework agreement for future A9 Dualling contracts will begin in Spring 2026 and Framework participants are expected to be appointed in Winter 26/27. Market consultation for the Framework agreement will take place in early 2026.

The Glen Garry to Dalwhinnie and Dalwhinnie to Crubenmore projects will be combined for procurement and construction as a single contract. Glen Garry to Crubenmore.

Dates are subject to completion of remaining statutory processes, and any impacts on construction from events such as adverse weather. Procurement and contract award dates are subject to market consultation in early 2026.

% of A9 corridor between Perth and Inverness which is dual carriageway



2026 Delivery Plan

7 CONSULTATION

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) had considered making a new Timber Turning Point at Allean which we noted at our CC meeting in September 2025. We asked if they would consider blocking off access when not in use to make sure that it didn't

attract rogue parking or wild campers. FLS has reviewed the access requirements and may now have identified an alternative option which would not need said Timber Turning Point. They are assessing the feasibility of this to meet all operational requirements. If this alternative access option meets all their requirements, they will go ahead. There would be no need for a new turning point.

However, if they were to proceed with the Timber Turning Point proposal, they think they could control use of the space by installing heras fencing and a locked gate. They will update us when they have decided which plan to follow.

LM noted another consultation (closes 30 January 2026) on a **Transport Noise Action Plan 2024 -28** which was not included in the Agenda.

LM to see if this could relate to impact on the local Killiecrankie community in relation to A9

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SHIERGLAS QUARRY EXTENSION

The application which was discussed at our CC meeting in September 2025 was to be submitted at end-December. It is likely to be registered this month. Once it is, the CC can discuss it in detail with Kris Bremner of Breedon Group. There may be interest in the proposed landscaping plan as the 'bowl' of the quarry will look larger when viewed from the North.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

SP reported a balance of £757.45 after expenditure of £35.00 for the hire of the Killiecrankie Hall for the last meeting, £12.75 bank charges and £65.00 for a subscription to mapping software.

The CC has received a surprise donation from the **Atholl Welfare Fund** of £4,895.20.

It was decided to invite Christine Cheape, who was instrumental in making the donation, to come along to a future meeting to talk about the history of the Atholl Welfare Fund which pre-dates the establishment of the NHS. It had been used to pay for medical and welfare care of residents of Blair Atholl and Killiecrankie. The fund had been wound up and a decision was taken to divide the remaining funds equally between Blair Atholl and Killiecrankie so the money can be used for a project or projects to benefit the local communities. An MOP asked if this needed to be medical related but SP replied that as long as it was of community benefit anything could be considered.

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LITTER

Roadside litter on the B8079 (Killiecrankie to Pitlochry) has worsened in recent months. The CC would like to thank Emma and Mark West who valiantly collected 2 bags of rubbish that must have been thrown out of cars on to the verge in the Pass towards the Garry Bridge on 19 December. Foss Road too has attracted more litter. The CC also wishes to thank CS who collected a number of bags on a solo bicycling litter pick.

MOPs reported problems with litter/rubbish beside the side entrance to Urrard House, at the Garry Bridge car park and at the bottom of Shiel Brae road.

Cllr JD will investigate.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Burns Supper, Saturday, 24 January 2026 Killiecrankie Hall 7pm for 7.30pm
- Quiz Night at Kynachan Hall, Friday, 30 January 2026 at 7pm
- Killiecrankie litter pick, Sunday, 22 March 2026. Meet at Killiecrankie Hall at 1.30pm
- Tummel litter pick, Sunday, 27 September 2026. Meet at Kynachan Hall at 1.30pm

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AOCB

LM mentioned that Mark West is getting equipment which could be used for film nights in Killiecrankie Hall. The Hall Committee is investigating but there may be problems with copyright of films to be shown in a public space.

A MOP suggested trying to get help from Regional Screen Scotland for copyright queries.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

<p>The next CC meeting is to be held on Monday, 16 March 2026 at Killiecrankie Hall at 7pm.</p>
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