KILLIECRANKIE FINCASTLE & TUMMEL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF KFT CC MEETING**
**MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7PM**
**KYNACHAN HALL, TUMMEL BRIDGE**

**1**
**PRESENT:** Colin Stanfield (CS), Ronald Campbell (RC), Sandra Parkins (SP). Members of the Visitor Management Group: James Black, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS), Jeannie Grant, Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) plus 5 members of the public (MOP)

**APOLOGIES**: Loretta McLaughlan (LM), Jennifer Macintyre (JM), Councillor John Duff (CllrJD) and Councillor Xander McDade (CllrXM) – late arrival due to conflicting meeting in Perth. RC conveyed apologies from the Dunns who were unable to make this meeting.

CS took the Chair in the absence of LM and welcomed all attendees.

**2**
**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (20 JULY 2026)**

RC noted that the reference to Communal Bins at Item 7a of the Minutes should have referred to The Garry Bridge Car Park. Approval of the corrected minutes was then proposed by RC and seconded by SP.

3
**SSEN TRANSMISSION**
**Presentation from SSEN Transmission about Kinardochy and Errochty underground cable planning application**.

CS informed the meeting that the scheduled presentation from SSEN at the meeting was cancelled because the person who was to present was unwell. However, the company provided the following emailed update on the plans:

- The planning application submitted to Perth and Kinross Council for the access track, construction compounds and junction improvements required to support the Kinardochy to Errochty Underground Cable (UGC) project was submitted in **April 2026.**
- Perth and Kinross Council has postponed the hearing of the application from 9 September 2026 to **14 October 2026.** The application remains available to view on the Council's planning portal under reference **26/00501/FLM.**
- Subject to the necessary consents being secured, construction activities, including the establishment of the northern and southern compounds, are currently anticipated to commence in January 2027. There are planned bellmouth works on the B846, upgrade to an existing access and the creation of a new bellmouth across the road from Errochty Switching Station. Cable works, in later years, will be completed under SSEN's Permitted Development rights.
- The Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), which will set out anticipated traffic movements and vehicle numbers during construction, is still being developed. Once finalised, the CTMP will require approval from Perth and Kinross Council, and we will share further details with the Community Council.
- There are two other projects in the area:
    - **Errochty Grid Supply Point (**https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/errochty**)**
        - Errochty GSP is a new grid supply point adjacent to the existing Errochty substation that will increase transformer capacity, enabling a higher capacity connection for Tummel Power Station while accommodating all existing generation and demand currently served by Tummel Bridge GSP.
        - Works started in November 2023 and are due to be completed in Q1 2027.
        - As part of the planned works to install kerbs between the entrance and main road, there is due to be temporary traffic management outside Errochty substation from **26 October – 6 November 2026.**
    - **Kinardochy Substation Extension (**https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/kinardochy**)**
        - With the successful energisation of Kinardochy substation at 275kV in 2024 we are now preparing to upgrade the substation to 400kV. As part of these works, two supergrid transformers (SGTs) are to be installed in the existing substation site.
- As the Underground Cable project and the Kinardochy Substation Extension project move into the construction phase, we intend to establish a Community Liaison Group (CLG) to provide regular project updates and create an ongoing forum for engagement with local stakeholders. Meetings would likely be held in person every two months. **At this stage, we would welcome feedback on whether there is interest from the Community Council and wider community in participating.** Works are due to start in **Q1 2027.**

The Community Council invites residents who are interested in joining the Community Liaison Group to put themselves forward. Email info@kftcommunitycouncil.co.uk.

(b)
In other SSE-related news, we have replies from Liam O'Keefe of Scottish Forestry about felling at Kinardochy Substation. Our questions in red.

1. "The consultation ends on 18 August but felling could start on 15 August. Is that correct?

   These dates are not correct. On the application form we [*Scottish Forestry*] ask the applicant to include a desired start and finish date for the felling they wish to carry out and this is what is published on the consultation page. We generally give a two-year window to fell the trees followed by a two-year window to restock the trees meaning we expect restocking to be completed four years after issuing of the felling permission. Felling can only legally start upon the issuance of the felling permission. It has now been given.

2. Presumably the area that is to be felled is along the operational corridor. Will any of the felled section be visible from the road?

   The felling is adjacent to the operational corridor but is needed for management purposes. The whole area will be restocked. The area to be felled is not visible from the B846 but there is a minor view from the Braes of Foss road (see attached screenshot with outline).



3. As a result of the felling, will there be increased logging traffic along the B846 or C450?

   There will be approximately 10 wagons of timber that would need to travel 1.8km east along the C450 before joining the B846 agreed timber transport route.

It is worth noting that any minor landscape change in relation to your second question will be temporary in nature and will be replaced by a native woodland. In relation to your third question, PKC's road engineer is being consulted during the consultation period and we would expect any restrictions (on loads, weight, timings etc), if suggested, to be adhered to by the applicant."

**4**
**SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE**

The CC wrote to PKC regarding a Briefing Note dated 4 June 2026 on 'Community support and Enforcement Team and Visitor Management – our offer to communities'. The Note is now on our Links page on our website
https://www.killiecrankievillagehall.co.uk/community-council/links.php

PKC answered as follows:

"PKC is, indeed, actively considering lobbying for new legislation having requested and received information from officers on what this might entail. The creation of Bye Laws is also under active consideration with advice having been sought from officers on what this might entail. The research [which] officers have undertaken point to a national approach likely being more effective given the complicated process involved, the cost, the need for enforcement and the scope for public confusion where different Councils have different Bye Laws.

It is the Council's intention to invest in re deployable CCTV to assist with monitoring short term hot spots. Our Community Support & Enforcement Team are aware that that the southside of Loch Tummel, along the Foss Road are hot spots for anti-social behaviour. The re deployable CCTV will be set up at hot spots and relevant images shared with Police and Fire colleagues as appropriate and, it is hoped, act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour. This will be a local rather than national initiative."

- The CC will have a meeting with John Swinney MSP on 2 October 2026 and will ask about the 'national approach' mentioned in the Briefing Note.
- We will also ask about a merger, mooted by John Swinney on 31 August 2026, of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), NatureScot, Zero Waste Scotland and Forestry Scotland.

It was pointed out at the meeting that neither SFRS nor FLS (in their capacity as members of the Visitor Management Group) had heard of the possibility of CCTV being a possibility for monitoring visitor behaviour.

The Visitor Management Group will be holding a meeting on Friday where the proposal is likely to be discussed.

*Post meeting: members of the CC had an instructive meeting with John Swinney MSP on 2 October 2026. Information will be circulated separately.*

**5**
**PLANNING**

- 26/00884/FLL and 26/00885/LBC Alterations and extension to Dalnasgadh, Killiecrankie - Application
- 26/00814/LBC Replacement security doors and installation of CCTV at Errochty Power Station for SSE Hydro – Application
- 26/00858/FLL Change of use of agricultural land to form dog park and parking 105 metres west of Croft Douglas, Strathtummel – Application
- 26/00323/FLL Alteration and extension to dwellinghouse Ballintuim, Strathtummel – Approved

**6**
**ROADS**

- B846 road closure 26 October – 7 December 2026. Reconfirmed road closure from Monday to Saturday from 08:30 until 16:00. Traffic lights will be operated every day from 16:00 until 08:30 the following morning. Residents can pass works when traffic lights are in use. Sunday will have traffic lights all day.

An MOP asked about diversion routes. It is via B846 – B8019 – A924 – A9(T) – A827 – B846. (Traffic Management Plan attached at end of Minutes)

- Gully works on B8019 at Croft Douglas will have a speed restriction of 30 mph to allow appropriate safety working zones. They had proposed for 3 days from 29 September 2026 but in fact will probably only take 1 or 2. The B8019 will be closed anyway between 1 September until 9 October. These gully works will be undertaken concurrently with the tree felling closure east of Croft Douglas.

- B8019 closure is underway (1 Sept until 9 Oct)

Daytime closure Monday to Friday: 09:30 – 14:30. The local Number 82 bus service will be permitted through the closure at 1030 and 1310. There is no traffic

management proposed at the weekends. Works are ongoing during the night. While the road will remain open overnight, drivers may experience delays at these times.

- On question of speeding, residents at Strathtummel requested a pop-up policeman to deter speeding through the 20mph zone. This will require a risk assessment of potential, safe places for a pop-up to be installed. If they wish to proceed, the CC could assist. MOP suggested that this would be welcomed by residents so CS urged them to contact LM (info@kftcommunitycouncil.co.uk) so that this can be done.

- A resident in Killiecrankie says that speeding through the 20mph zone there is still commonplace. We could re-install a pop-up in Killiecrankie though we know this does not work for long. In addition, PKC now has access to a new database of statistics which gathers info on average speed data, where there is heavy braking etc. It may be possible to figure out the scale of the problem in our area.

  There was some discussion at the effectiveness of the electronic speed notification system in Killiecrankie and elsewhere in the area. Unfortunately there does appear to be a minority who won't take any notice of speed restrictions in very rural areas.

  However, the consensus at the meeting was that the CC should contact PKC to urge further action.

  *Post meeting: LM has asked CllrJD to assist.*

- Transport Scotland will attend our CC meeting in Killiecrankie in January 2027 to update us on the A9 dualling project.

**7**
**PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

RC said that he is representing the CC at a public transport round table, attended by John Swinney as local MSP, organised by Blair Atholl & Struan CC on 25 September 2026. He will be discussing the need for improved connections of our outlying areas with Pitlochry and he will be seeking help/advice to conduct a survey of current and potential users of public, rural transport. We share many of the same aims as Blair Atholl although there is one distinction in that some in Blair Atholl would like the express, intercity bus service to stop in Blair Atholl. In Killiecrankie, we do not want huge buses coming through the village or using the B8079.

RC noted that while both he and the Blair Atholl CC had made submissions, the agenda at the meeting was being set by John Swinney's team and as of today they had not been informed of the contents.

They had also informed him that there would only be an hour available for discussion so he was not sure how much progress there might be in the time allotted.

RC is convinced that part of the problem is due to inadequate publicity of even existing provision and that improved promotion and marketing would increase passenger numbers and help justify an expanding provision.

Our CNPA representative, Kenny Deans, reminded us about the **Cairngorms 2030 Communities Fund.** This is to help community groups deliver projects that benefit people, places and nature within the Cairngorms National Park. One theme of projects that they like is "Transforming Transport". RC thought we should investigate this for funding the survey that we propose to do, especially as we need to cover Blair Atholl and Struan users (who are completely in the park as opposed to KFT which is only partially in it).

https://cairngorms.co.uk/grants/cairngorms-2030-communities-fund

An MOP mentioned that one way to reach a larger audience was via a 'school drop' where children are given a leaflet to take home to their parents.

**8**
**LITTER**

- The annual Tummel litter pick will be on Sunday, 27 September 2026 and we hope that as many residents as possible can attend.

An MOP mentioned the importance of a prompt collection from PKC as the insurance for village halls specifically mentions waste as negating cover. CS noted that LM had alerted PKC of the litter pick and that collection would be done on Monday, 28 September.

- New signage has been ordered for the communal bins at Garry Bridge. PKC repairs squad conclude that a fence in front of the bin store would hinder the crew when collecting. So that is not being pursued. Everyone has been reminded about keeping the bins locked.

**9**
**VICTORIA MONUMENT AT LINN OF TUMMEL**

We were asked (on Facebook) what has happened to the obelisk on Linn of Tummel which had toppled over. The Paths Team at NTS is currently working out how to resurrect the monument and NTS rangers will keep us posted on what they decide to do.

**10**
**CONSULTATIONS**

a)

PKC Draft Visitor Levy Scheme opened on 19 August 2026 and closes 11 November 2026. This proposal will have repercussions for the whole county and we would urge as many as possible to respond to the consultation.

https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/communities/proposed-draft-vl-scheme/

There will be a Visitor Levy drop-in session in Pitlochry town hall on Wednesday, 23 September and another at Birnam Arts on Wednesday, 30 September. Both will be open from 4 – 7pm.

As the visitor economy is important in our area, the Economic Impact Analysis is essential reading. It is here: **bit.ly/4iutsNl** It is necessary to copy and paste the link then click "continue to destination" box. It is a safe link.

b)

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is consulting on draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross 2026. Closes on Thursday, 15 October 2026

https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations/

James Black urged all residents to participate as it was important determinant of future fire service provision in the area.

**11**
**PKC's Memorial Safety Inspections**

Following a tragic incident in a Glasgow cemetery in 2015, all Scottish councils have had a statutory duty to inspect headstones in burial grounds. PKC follows national guidelines that were introduced in 2019 and regulations that were introduced in

2025. PKC's programme covers 90,000 headstones in 176 burial grounds in 132 locations.

Inspections are done in a professional and sensitive way which Community Councils were invited to watch in early September as PKC is keen to dispel numerous myths that surround the memorial safety programme.

The check involves a visual inspection and a physical assessment with a hand pressure test. All memorials are photographed when tested and all details are documented. If a headstone is deemed unsafe because significant movement has been detected during the test, the headstone is made safe by being laid flat with the inscription facing upwards. The burial management team then contacts the family owners of the headstone.

If no one comes forward to confirm ownership or the family does not want to repair the headstone, PKC then re-erects it by 'socketing'. It is done at PKC expense. Socketing involves placing the headstone into a hole about one-third the depth of the memorial so that it can be placed upright and still function as a grave marker. Most or all the inscription will be left visible. If the family wishes to repair, PKC has a list of approved memorial masons and the PKC team is also available to advise on installation, maintenance and repair of all memorials.

Information is on the dedicated website:
https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/24694/Perth-and-Kinross-memorial-safety-programme or email MemorialSafety@pkc.gov.uk

**12**
**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Expenditure since the last meeting was £35 to Killiecrankie Hall for the meeting on 20 July; £232.80 for webservice and email provision; £25 secretarial services: £75.99 for screen projector and £8.50 for bank charges. This leaves a balance of £38.57.

The fund will be topped up by PKC following the AGM in November 2026.

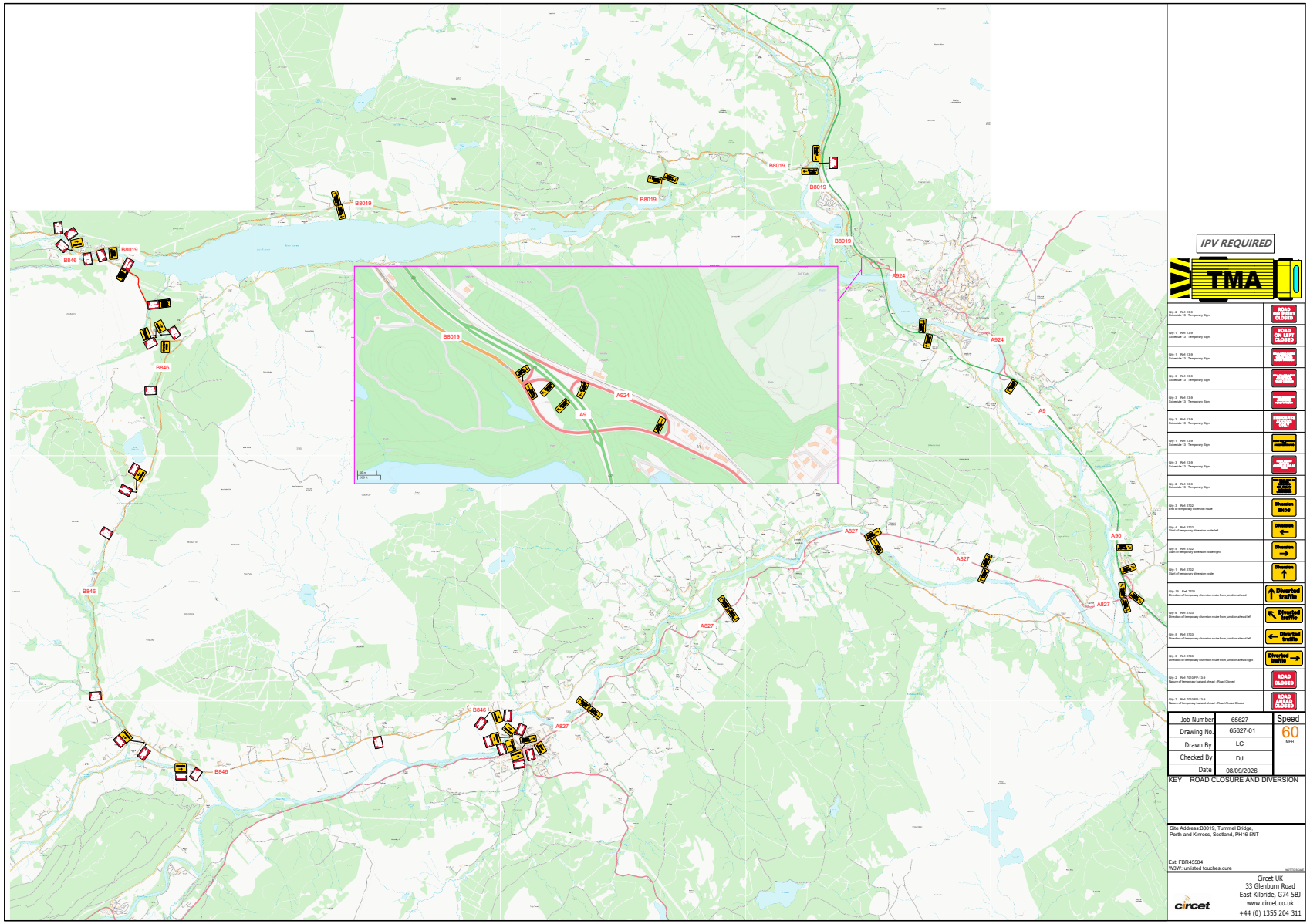
**13**
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Tummel Litter Pick, 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
- Quiz Night, Killiecrankie Village Hall, Saturday, 5 December 2026

**14**
**AOCB**

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 7.45pm

**The next CC meeting will be held on Monday, 16 November 2026 at Killiecrankie Village Hall immediately after the AGM which will start at 7pm.**




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