

Councillor Barnacle

Forward Planning

I and my fellow Ward Councillors met with Officers from Forward Planning in September to discuss the Main Issues Report consultation responses from Kinross-shire for Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2). The timetable for producing LDP2 has had to be revised. This is because Councillors cannot consider the proposed LDP2 until the next strategic development plan (Tayplan) has been examined by the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals. The proposed LDP2 will not be considered by Elected Members until after the next Local Authority Elections and post the summer recess of 2017. This delay in the process will facilitate opportunity for further community consultations and I would particularly highlight the following:

Parking

Council Officers are working on a draft parking survey for Kinross. If anyone has suggestions for land that could be used for additional parking, these would be welcome; not just in Kinross but other settlements also.

Vision Statements

Local Elected Members would like to have these prepared for Kinross-shire settlements, especially a masterplan for Kinross and Milnathort that is long overdue. Forward planning say this will require significant resources to produce and will hold discussions on budgets etc with the Senior Management Team. In the meantime, the community might find the "Place Standard" tool interesting. (See www.placestandard.scot)

Potential for development in Fossoyay

Housing at Blairingone – identifying a wide settlement boundary to include land to the south with a cap on 30 homes over the LDP period would give maximum flexibility for community and landowners.

Housing at Crook of Devon – a new housing development east of the village hall could assist with a roundabout at the A977/B9097 junction, which would be of community benefit, along with footway and crossing improvements, etc.

Rumbling Bridge – local Elected Members would like to see a pathway connection to the gorge alongside the northern edge of the Nursing Home, though to achieve this some roadside housing development may be necessary within an adjusted settlement boundary.



Copy of an email sent to Brian Cargill and Daryl McKeown, PKC Roads

Dear Brian and Daryl

I refer to two matters viz:

1. Pedestrian safety in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell

Re your assessment on the above, presented to local members at our Ward meeting on 29 September; this was discussed at a packed meeting of residents at the Portmoak CC meeting on 11 October 2016. I would summarise from my notes the following:

- Almost universal opposition to traffic lights in either village
- Some scepticism as to whether or not build-outs are the answer, given sightlines
- Support for substantial village gateway entrances, along with consideration of 20mph speed limits along with "smiley" signs
- Consideration as to widening footpaths on one side of the road only, with a possible crossing point
- Changed priorities at Leslie Road junction in Scotlandwell
- Reconsider re-classification of the A911 and introduce signage that the road is unsuitable for HGV's, except for local access
- There was concern expressed that any scheme should not impact on the viability of the garage and shop in Kinnesswood

The presence of one of yourselves at the next CC meeting, when the B9097 action plan will also be discussed, could be helpful, if the CC agree?

2. A977 Speed Limit between Turfhill and Balado crossroads

As you are aware, both this stretch of road and the road between Scotlandwell and Auchmuirbridge receives repeated requests for speed limits, supported by local members, rejected by yourselves. I note your reply to Sandra Caldwell's email of the 4th instant re the A977. I wonder if you are aware that there are 3 **current** planning applications covering 26 houses on part of the West Balado site H51 in our LDP, along with 8 houses recently consented at Beaufield in Balado, that will double the size of the settlement, if approved (Case Officer, John Russell) so I suggest now is the right moment to re-examine your department's intransigence on this speed limit issue; in my view there is a strong argument for either a 40 or 50mph speed limit from west of Balado crossroads past the quarry exit and B road junction to the new Turfhill speed sign.

Kind regards

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Independent Member for Kinross-shire

Contact: If any local resident wishes to get in touch with me about any of the issues mentioned above, please contact me using the details printed in this Newsletter (page 100.)

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