

## Councillor Barnacle

LDP2 Special Council Meeting,  
29 August 2018

Readers will note my email dated 9/8/18 to fellow ward members on this subject published in the September edition of the *Newsletter*.



At the debate, I was happy to second Cllr Stewart's amendment on site capacity ranges instructing the Reporter to consider amending our policy to make it clear that the upper limits of site capacities in the Plan are the maximum number of houses that must not be exceeded. I was content to suggest replacing the old site number system with a capacity range but did suspect it would be far too generous to the development sector and noted with interest that Homes for Scotland wished PKC to maintain the discredited approach of seeing site numbers as indicative only! The amendment sought to address this by ensuring that the maximum number of houses for the site per the plan is at least adhered to, which may give communities more certainty on the levels of development to expect. I thought the response to the concerns of Kinross-shire Civic Trust was appropriate and it carried almost unanimous support, apart from the Liberal Democrats, at PKC (my trusted colleague Cllr Robertson excluded from criticism since he did not support his party colleagues).

The other amendment by ward colleagues Cllrs Purves and Watters referred to my objection lamenting the lack of reference to the need for mitigation measures for Route Action Plans on the A977, A911 and B9097 in Kinross-shire. Again, no modification was proposed to the Plan but the Reporter should be asked to consider reference to these Plans, in particular relating to settlement summaries for western Kinross-shire; an amendment unanimously approved. Readers should note the A977 update on mitigation measures of 06/08/18 that is still current. [See box opposite.]

### Essential Roadworks

Our much maligned roads department at PKC do their best to minimise disruption from the above and it is difficult to carry out such repairs to a necessary programme of works in available time and weather conditions. I would cite two examples, viz:

- Rumbling Bridge closure – shortened after excellent progress by the contractor to minimise disruption to bus routes and the farming calendar.
- Back Crook School Road – currently a road closure in two phases, as I write on 13/09/18, after representations last year on the desperate need to repair this road from myself and Cllr Robertson.

### A977 Update

6 August 2018

From Lachlan MacLean, Project Officer – Traffic and Network to Kinross-shire ward councillors

#### A977 School Road Junction, Crook of Devon

The first junction we are proposing to work on is the A977 School Road Junction. We have provisional dates from Tayside Contracts, which may be subject to change, for starting construction on Monday 15 October 2018. The finer design detail of the junction has been worked on, with the location of signals, ducting and footway. This is now away to be priced and hope to have this back in the coming weeks.

#### A977 Saline Road, Blairingone

This is likely to be the second junction that will be worked on. The current timeline, which may be subject to change, for undertaking the construction work at this junction is after the School Road Junction is complete, with an estimated start date in November. The finer design detail of this junction is currently being worked on and it is hoped that this will be sent out for pricing shortly.

#### A977 / B9097 Junction Realignment

We have received a few comments through Councillor Barnacle, that a few members of the public are concerned about the work proposed at the B9097 Junction. As a result, it has been decided that a safety audit will be undertaken of the proposed works. An external contractor will be undertaking the safety audit on behalf of Perth & Kinross Council. Once we have this back from the contractor, the outcomes will be shared with the elected members.

#### Drum Crossroads

It is currently proposed that the construction work for this junction will take place early in the new calendar year. The finer design details will be undertaken later this calendar year, in time for the proposed construction date.

#### Directional Signage

Today Tayside Contracts will be starting to upgrade the directional signage along the A977.

### Planning Bill Stage 2

Copy of an email sent to Alexander Stewart MSP and Graham Simpson MSP, 13 September 2018:

Dear Colleagues

I understand that the detailed stage 2 consideration of the Planning Bill commenced in Parliament from the 12th of this month.

I attach an email I sent to my colleague at Perth & Kinross Council, fellow Kinross-shire ward Councillor Purves, on this matter of 28/8/18.

In addition to the priorities for possible amendments outlined, I would add a further concern with the current system, viz:

Our LDP2 will go to the Scottish Government tomorrow for examination and they will shortly appoint a Reporter for same; although that Reporter has a team to assist, the appointed person makes the final decisions for the ministers; also I note a recent decision by the Reporter to uphold an appeal at Lambhill, Blairingone despite the *unanimous* decision of the Development Management Committee to refuse the application. This seems to me to place far too much power in the hands of one person and reinforces my view that the planning system *is not democratic!*

Anything you can do would be appreciated.

Kind regards

Councillor Michael Barnacle  
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

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Copy of email to Cllr Purves, 28 August 2018:

Dear Callum

Rural Scotland, of which I am Council member, have been in touch with me regarding the above, in particular Graham Simpson MSP's amendment, also mentioning dialogue with Alexander Stewart MSP.

My priorities re possible amendments are as follows:

- Local authorities should preference development on brownfield sites rather than greenbelt or prime agricultural land, the latter a finite resource with a growing population.
- Stronger environmental protection for national scenic areas and local landscape areas.
- An equal right for third party appeal on major applications.
- A review of the ridiculous 20 metre rule for neighbour notification distance.

Anything you could do would be appreciated.

Kind regards

Councillor Michael Barnacle  
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire

### Review of UK Parliament Constituency Boundaries

Councillors received an email on 11/9/18 from Perth & Kinross Council Democratic Services on the outcome of the 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies. [See box, below.]

In summary, the Ochil constituency is lost to us. Two new constituencies affecting the Perth & Kinross Council area are: (1) Perth & North Perthshire and (2) Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross County.

The original proposal for the southern part of Perthshire had ignored Kinross-shire but our representations have now secured recognition of our county to the exclusion of the name Perthshire, which just goes to prove that "if we fight for Kinross-shire's identity we can keep it". Let's hope the UK Parliament accept these recommendations.

Councillor Mike Barnacle  
Independent Councillor for Kinross-shire