



Minutes Tuesday 13th January 2026

1. **Members present:** J. Sives (Chair), Cllr D. Doran-Timson, Cllr C. John, S. Campbell, A. Pinkerton (Vice Chair), J. Thomas (Treasurer), S. McPherson (Secretary), I. Watt, Cllr D. Logue, Cllr V. Smith,

Public present: A. Meldrum, A. Turner (new KCC member), S. McKenna

Apologies: I. Masterton, L. Cullen,

2. **Declarations of interest:** None.

3. **Approval and ratification December minutes:** Spelling error amendment to December minutes, only. IW proposed approval. SM seconded. The minutes were approved.

AGM/Inaugural KCC meeting minutes from November: IW proposed approval. SM seconded. The minutes were approved.

4. **Action points from December meeting:** JS forwarded KCC new appointment member, Andy Turner, application to WLC. WLC have approved AT appointment.

5. **Councillors' Report:**

- 5.1 Cllr DDT attended a WLC meeting to consult on next WLC budget details. By February, WLC departments will learn of their budget amounts. Also attended a WLC PDSP meeting on decriminalisation of parking; 4 options, details can be viewed on WLC website. A secondary education catchment meeting resulted in any proposed changes being put on-hold.

5.2 Cllr CJ emphasised the reports by Cllr, above.

5.3 Cllr DL emphasised the reports by Cllrs, as above.

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6. **Treasurer's report:**

New KCC bank account is open. Old one will be closed. Santander account transfer system did not work.

ACTION: JT finalising funds transfer and will report at February meeting.

7. **Nomination for planning secretary:** AT volunteered. JS approved. No objections. JT suggested a handover from Neil Gwynn.



8. Planning: solar farm, BLC.

Some objections from immediate planning site neighbours, some layout has been amended, noise survey has been carried out and approved. Fire-risk is another concern. All can be viewed on WLC Planning website.

JS asked for objections to KCC submitting a letter of support to WLC planning department. None were voiced.

ACTION: JS will compile letter and submit it.

Some discussion of potential community benefit scheme funds that would come from BLC to KCC/KCDT, can be used to reduce villagers' energy fuel costs, this will have to be managed carefully.

9. KCDT - Stewart McKenna (KCDT Chair), update:

1. Arranging a combination meeting with KCC, KCDT and Development Trust Association, to improve communication of separate roles/goals/interests to local residents. Open invite.

ACTION: KCDT to confirm date, location and timing to KCC so members can prepare

2. Working on improving services to younger residents, collaboration with WLC youth contractor, Youth Action Project, Helen Davis.

ACTION: KCDT will provide details to KCC and community

SC asked if KCC should contribute by re-visiting idea of having a youth KCC member. No objections from members.

ACTION: SC will contact them, their parents and invite them to next KCC meeting.

3. Jenks view snagging for WLC; street name sign, speed limit signs and grit bin provision.

KCDT are currently paying for all street lighting costs, this should be transferred to WLC?

ACTION: Cllr CJ will take to WLC and report back to KCDT and KCC

4. KCDT is having a funding crisis, causing concerns for staff salaries and future functioning of KCDT as a charity, risk of going bankrupt. Some funds have been received recently and some applications will be reported on in the near future.

ACTION: All, any ideas are welcome.

5. KCDT has received funding for 7 air-source heat pumps from Octopus Energy to supply Jenks View. Fitting will be arranged with residents, via Horizon.

On-going **ACTION:** SC can advise when KCDT AGM minutes are approved and circulate to KCC members and advise when ready to view on KCDT website.

10. AOB



1. JS reported that there is a newly opened WLC consultation on council tax, available on WLC website.
2. JT reported that a planning application along Leyden Road at The Paddocks, who's appeal went to Scottish Government, has been assigned a Reporter who will carry out an un-accompanied site visit. A letter was circulated to KCC members today by email.
3. JS reported that he is part of a wider working party within WLC to help Travellers.
4. JT wondered if Kirknewton may wish to propose support for a smaller primary healthcare provision within our village? In response to Scottish Government reply that a large one to cover East Calder, Kirknewton, Wilkieston and Ratho was out-with their budget.
5. SM reported the many potholes throughout the village JT/SC/IW/JS have reported many of them on Fix My Street and WLC websites. Each and every single location must be reported individually.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 18.45 in the Green Room.

The Chair concluded the meeting with thanks to all who had taken part. Meetings of Kirknewton Community Council are open to all members of the community. Meetings take place in The Green Room at 18:45 on the second Tuesday of each month except July.