



## Minutes 11th Nov 2025

- Attendees:** J. Sives(Chair), Cllr D. Doran-Timson, Cllr C. John, Cllr V. Smith, S. Campbell, L. Cullen, S. McPherson, I. Masterton, A. Pinkerton, J. Thomas, I. Watt, A Turner (prospective co-optee), R. Dalmain (Visitor).

**Apologies:** none

- Declaration of interest:** None.

- Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** No amendments to the minutes of the October meeting were noted. SMcP proposed approval. LC seconded. The Minutes were approved.

- Actions from previous meetings:** None

### 5. Items for KCC Attention:

- 5.1** JS advised that no new issues had been brought to KCC's attention which required discussion at this meeting. He reported on the status of planning proposals for Milrig and Wilkieston. Given the continued pressure to develop in East Calder, JS suggested liaising with the new East Calder Community Council.
- 5.2** JS reported that AT had expressed an interest in joining KCC. He had, however, missed the nomination deadline but was happy to be considered for co-option. The meeting agreed to initiate the procedure for AT's co-option.
- 5.3** JS outlined how he believed KCC could continue to make a positive impact on the village. He encouraged KCC to think of things which could be done better; to identify an achievable project which would benefit Kirknewton; and identify potential avenues of funding, given a dearth from WLC and other government sources.
- 5.4** JS noted that compared to many other WLC areas, Kirknewton experienced few problem issues.
- 5.5** IW reported on the use of the communication cards to provide feedback to KCC. They are not used to the same extent as when first introduced, and many issues raised are outwith KCC's control (eg, traffic)
- 5.6** JS commented that most KCC members are of an older age group and it would be very desirable to see some younger members. He wondered if liaising with the school might encourage an interest in local affairs. LC suggested that this could be structured as a placement within the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.



## 6. Councillors' Report:

- 6.1 Cllr DDT advised that an enforcement notice had been issued regarding the unauthorised creation of a pond which posed a hazard. Cllr VS explained the WLC policy of enforcement.
- 6.2 Cllr VS outlined the current thinking on secondary school provision in East Calder. The proposed East Calder High School has been shelved, and East Calder secondary school children will be bussed to one of Winchburgh, West Calder, or James Young high schools, depending on where they live in East Calder. Any East Calder pupils already at West Calder High School would not be moved, however. IM asked for clarification on whether there was any proposed impact on Kirknewton. Cllr CJ indicated there was not, as things currently stood, but that this could change in the future.
- 6.3 Cllr CJ reported on the Remembrance Day activities.

## 7. AOB:

- 7.1 JS welcomed RD, a local resident, and invited him to address KCC on two points he wished to raise.
- 7.2 RD requested that KCC raise the state of the Kirknewton level crossing with WLC or whoever else is responsible for its maintenance. The road surface is very badly potholed and causing actual damage to road vehicles. SC advised that she had recently again raised the condition of the crossing with Network Rail, only to receive a letter stating that Network Rail had no plan or intention to carry out any remedial work whatsoever. Cllr CJ cautioned that Network Rail had threatened to close the crossing permanently if they were subject to a concerted campaign for its improvement. Since Network Rail own the roadway on and just beyond the tracks, they have the statutory right to do so.
- 7.3 RD suggested that the junction layout at Park Terrace & the B7031 splits the village into two halves: Park Terrace and the old village; and Station Road and down towards the A71. He believes that the speed limits are inconsistent and encourage speeding, and suggests that re-aligning that junction as a T junction (effectively reverting to the layout similar to what was at Whitemoss Road and Main Street) would be a better solution. Cllr CJ advised that the speed limits in that area had been reviewed and would be changing in due course.
- 7.4 JS requested that the WLC Councillors report back to KCC on the points at 6 & 7 above after discussion at WLC.

**ACTION:** – WLC Councillors to report back to KCC on discussions at WLC.

## 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 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.*