



Perth & Kinross Council

Kinross-shire Community Engagement Update November 2009



World Café News

A wide range of matters were discussed at the World Café on 10 September, between residents and Council officers. Points raised included the recent Conservation Area Appraisal, the development of the link road proposal and the regeneration of Kinross town centre.

In relation to property matters, the Kinross High School site is presently being marketed and is due to be boarded up when the school moves to the new Loch Leven Community Campus. There are currently no plans to demolish the existing buildings on the site, but plans are being made to allow the main car park to be temporarily retained for public use.

The Council at its Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on Wednesday 16 September approved the application of £150,000 of Council Tax Income on Second Homes funding towards the future renovation of Swansacre for social housing in partnership with a registered social landlord.

Kinross-shire Partnership is actively pursuing discussions with Council Officers around the regeneration of the Town Hall.

A number of ideas were suggested about what could be located in the town centre in the future as well as how to promote and publicise the Loch Leven Heritage Trail as a tourist attraction. The Council has recently met with local representatives to discuss a draft business case to be put to Committee

Design work on the link road is currently underway and a detailed programme for delivery of the project is being developed.

Whilst early indications were that an on-site start in June/July 2010 was feasible, it is now more likely to be January 2011 when work starts. The road is dual purpose with the aim being to relieve the main street of through traffic and also open up development land which requires the road to be fully serviced. This necessitates programming with a number of different utility companies to get the necessary agreements and commitments in place. It is anticipated that works on site will take 16 to 18 weeks to complete.

Conservation Area Appraisal

Consultation on the review of the Kinross Conservation Area Appraisal took place during the same period and ended on Monday 21 September 2009. The review of the Appraisal provides an opportunity to identify conservation and design issues that should be considered in managing development in the area and identifying proposals for enhancing the built environment in Kinross. The exhibition held in the town was attended by 84 people and comments to date have been positive in relation to the issues identified as being important in the area and the opportunities for enhancing the town centre.

New Post

A new Senior Community Capacity Building Worker has been appointed for the Kinross and surrounding areas. Tracey Ramsay took up post on 21 September 2009. Tracey is based at the Loch Leven Community Campus and can be contacted on **(01577) 867124**.

Finding Funding

In response to requests from local groups and organisations a funding workshop will be delivered by Council Officers to provide information on where and how to access funding.

For more information please contact Tracey Ramsay TRamsay@pkc.gov.uk or phone **(01577) 867124**.

Next Steps

It is the intention of the Council to continue to work with local representatives on the regeneration of the town centre including the Town Hall and future use of County Buildings. Further information on this will be available towards the end of the year beginning of the new year. If you are interested please contact Tracey Ramsay in the first instance in finding out more.

Dates for Diary

The Big Weekend
20 – 22
November
Loch Leven
Campus

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**Loch Leven
Campus
Funding
Workshop**
30 November
Loch Leven
Campus
09.30 - 12.30

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