

Flood Bulletin – South Kinross

The Council is producing bulletins aimed at keeping local communities informed of the developments and recovery work in progress following the recent flooding in their area.

This bulletin has been prepared specifically for residents in Kinross affected by flooding on the South Queich.

We are sorry about the flooding that you have experienced.

We have been receiving a high volume of calls and e-mails from throughout Perth and Kinross following the flooding of 12 August. Unfortunately, it's not possible for us to respond to them all at once. This bulletin is intended to answer some of your questions in the meantime.

Community Meetings

The Council will be holding meetings with affected residents. This is complicated by the on-going coronavirus pandemic and so these meetings may be held online. We will advise you of the details shortly.

If you are interested in attending a future meeting and wish to receive future updates, please email your contact details to flood@pkc.gov.uk

The Scottish Flood Forum

The Scottish Flood Forum is an independent organisation which supports individuals and communities at risk from flooding. The Forum visited Kinross on 25 August. If you have not already done so, we would advise you to contact the Forum – their contact details are at the end of this bulletin.

Flooding on the South Queich

This severe weather of 12 August resulted in widespread flooding across Tayside with approximately 160 properties affected. In Kinross, Queich Place, Old Cleish Road, the High Street and Smith Street were affected. Two properties flooded above floor level, with other properties having flood water enter their solums and flood their gardens. Additionally, businesses along the South Queich flooded – some internally and some in their car parks.

The heavy rainfall led to the South Queich rising close to the level recorded during the February 2020 flood, which was the highest since records started in 1992. The Clash Burn also burst its banks at the eastern end of the Myre park.

The Council's Roads Maintenance Partnership were made aware of flooding on the South Queich affecting garden areas of adjacent properties around 8am on 12

August when a request for sandbags was received from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). Officers from the Roads Maintenance Partnership had been extremely busy in other areas during the night but managed to join others from the Council's flooding team on site at 10am. A couple of pallets of sand bags were dropped off on site for use by local residents. Sandbags were deployed at Queich Place to protect properties but by that time some properties had already been affected.

Since the flood event on the 12 August 2020, officers from the Council's Flooding Team have been on site and where possible have spoken to residents to offer advice and support and to gain an understanding of their concerns and issues.

South Kinross Flood Protection Scheme

The Council continues to develop proposals for a flood protection scheme for South Kinross. Unfortunately, the timescale for delivering such schemes is lengthy and the Council's limited staff resources are also working on similar schemes in other communities. These complex projects depend on the approval of many third parties, legislative requirements and other statutory consents and so it is not possible to accelerate this process. We appreciate that this is of concern to local residents but there are other steps that everyone can take to manage flooding in the meantime as set out in our July 2020 update entitled '*Update on Actions to Manage Flood Risk in Kinross (PVA10/04)*'. This document provides advice and information on various matters including flood forecasting, how you can prepare ahead of flooding, insurance and maintenance.

Our consulting engineers, RPS have completed a hydraulic model of the South Queich, the Gelly Burn and the Clash Burn and have been working on the economic appraisal for the scheme looking at the potential flood damages to properties in the area. They are currently reviewing the potential options for the scheme, including flood walls and embankments, dredging and upstream storage. They are also assessing if natural flood management could contribute to the scheme proposals, by reducing the volume of water that reaches Kinross following heavy rainfall.

We have carried out some CCTV survey work on the culverted parts of the Clash Burn and some partial blockages have been cleared from the culverts in order to alleviate the risk of flooding.

Community Resilience

In the meantime, residents are advised to take action to reduce the risk of flooding to their property. This could include having your own supply of sandbags available and fitting flood protection products to your property such as airbrick covers or door guards. Please refer to the Council's general flood bulletin (under '*What action can I take to protect my property from flooding?*') and FAQ's provided separately. Further information can also be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/plp.

The Council's Housing Service has surveyed council houses that flooded. They are planning to flood proof the air bricks and are looking into whether door guards are

required. A drain survey is also planned, and they are waiting on private owners agreeing to pay their share of this.

Next Steps

The flooding situation was reported to the Council's Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 19 August and as a result the Council will be looking at what action needs to be taken to address future flood risk.

The Council plans to present its initial proposals for the flood protection scheme early in 2021.

In the meantime, Perth & Kinross Council continues to work in partnership with a number of agencies including Scottish Water, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the Scottish Flood Forum to assist with the recovery work. The Council and its partnership agencies are committed to providing ongoing support to those who need it as the recovery work continues.

The Council will advise you of the details of forthcoming meetings with residents.

Further bulletins will follow.

Please provide your e-mail address to flood@pkc.gov.uk to receive future bulletins by e-mail.

Further Information and Advice

In the meantime, please see the attached:

- General Flood Bulletin;
- The recent July 2020 'Update on Actions to Manage Flood Risk in Kinross (PVA10/04);
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

We hope that this may help to answer some of your questions.

Please also refer to the Council's Facebook and Twitter accounts and our online news articles:

www.pkc.gov.uk/August2020flooding

www.pkc.gov.uk/article/21794/12-August-2020-Storm-Flood-Risk-Management-Update

www.pkc.gov.uk/article/21793/Council-offers-support-to-flooded-residents

Further information and advice on flooding can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/> and <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/frmplans>.

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Scottish Flood Forum:	Tel 01698 839021
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