

## Portmoak Community Council

Draft minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Portmoak Hall.

**1. Attendance:** J. Shepherd, J. Bird, R. Cairncross, M. Hally, Cllr Baird, Cllr Barnacle, PC Collins and 4 residents. Apologies were received from, I. McGrattan, S. Garvie, C. Weedon.

**2. Previous minutes:** were approved.

**3. Police Report.** (This was given after Matters Arising)

- reported break in at Lochend Farm shop, this followed the 2 reported break-in's in August.

- a prowler had been reported to Police in the Kilmagadwood area.

It was questioned whether the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was still in operation.

Police would rather be called out to a false alarm than be called out to a crime.

**4. Treasurers report.** £409.74 in the bank account.

**5. Officers Reports** None

**6. Matter arising from previous minutes**

Mail box at Post Office.

Letter received from Royal Mail, London Office, still being considered. Two Royal Mail staff from Edinburgh visited the Kinnesswood shop early September. Discussions with owner of shop but no contact made with Community Council.

Notice Board

Minutes at Kinnesswood notice board regularly removed. Have spoken to Alyson in the Kinnesswood shop and she has agreed to hold a folder of the CC minutes. Note to be placed on the Notice Board to same effect.

Cleaning of roads

The B9097 between B996 and B920 and the A911 between Easter Balgedie and Burleigh Sands were reported as needed cleaning. Mechanical Cleaner is presently broken.

Still broken, parts should be available next week.

Signage at Scotlandwell,

Request to Clarence to remove Picnic Signs and replace with Well Green sign, no response yet from P&KC.

Lomond Country Inn,

E mail received confirming planning application submitted for outside bar area and painting.

#### Land behind Wellside Motors

Follow up to complaint re siting of infill material etc. SEPA has contacted owners. No further action on site reported.

#### Traffic calming

New bollards now in place on Build Outs. All agreed the new bollards are more visible. Signage still to be completed.

#### Wester Balgedie Appeal.

7 new builds, conversion and extension of 2 existing steading buildings, alterations to existing farm house (9 in total)

Reporter allowed appeal as a Notice of Intention for 6 months to allow the developer and the Council to agree to two matters, drainage and affordable housing. CCllr Cairncross agreed to keep the CC informed of any further action/development.

Cllr Barnacle did not understand how the final judgement was made and queried the whole process of the appeal.

#### Path, Kinnesswood, between Gamekeepers and Cobbles.

P&KC have no knowledge of ownership. Various actions possible, a resident suggested that Portmoak Festival Funds may be used and that the Paths Group (CCllr S. Garvie) was aware of this possibility. Action Required

#### Wester Balgedie Farm.

The CC would write to the applicant re the previous problems.

### **7. Subcommittee reports**

#### Paths Group

Still working on leaflets/posters for the MBW funding, something will be available for the next CC meeting. Tetley Trail Bank Account still open.

#### Planning Group

The Newlands Farm application had been refused by P&KC.

2 new applications for Portmoak, no comments on either.

09/01535/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse The Old Manse Scotlandwell  
Kinross, KY13 9HY

09/01558/FLL Extension to house, 3 Wellburn, Scotlandwell, Kinross KY13 9JQ

## **8. Cllr reports**

Cllr Baird

The new Community Campus would be opening shortly. Some discussion took place regarding the use of the Old High School. It would be immediately boarded up to prevent vandalism although it was hoped the time taken to approve its future use would not be as long as the Swansacre development which was now being taken on by Hillcrest Housing. It was understood that the Old High School playground would be used as a car park for the Town.

Cllr Barnacle

Apologised for not attending the last 2 meetings. He was sorry to have missed the presentation on Planning, whilst he agreed with some of the stated figures for projected housing in Kinross-shire he found difficulty agreeing with others.

Advised that changes were approved to the Housing in the Countryside Policy at the full Council meeting in September and also brought attention to the changes in the Planning procedures for CC's. He also stated his intention to maintain the pressure for a path from the Causeway via the Lochend Farm development to the Loch Leven access route.

## **9. AOCB**

1. A resident informed the meeting that after reporting a missing 30 mph sign to Clarence he had seen a P&KC van looking at the problem.
2. It was suggested that the whole length of the Causeway needed some form of road edge marking. Action required.
3. It was noted that the hedge alongside the playing field at Kinnesswood was overgrown and that it did not allow motorists travelling uphill to have a view of anyone crossing from the playing field to the Sheep Field. Action Required.
4. School lets (taken from a previous discussion). To date the CC has not been asked to pay for the use of the Primary School for the CC meetings. However in August this year P&KC changed the policy and everyone (including CC's) using their facilities must pay for them.

The CC had not budgeted for this payment and consequently it was unsure whether there would be sufficient funds available to pay for the school lets. Action Required

(Post Meeting Note: P&KC had omitted to inform the CC's that there had been a change of policy. Now aware of the situation and ongoing discussions within P&KC)

5. A letter had been received from the BBC regarding the digital switchover planned for 2010 and the question was asked if the CC could assist residents in any way.

6. The question of Broadband speed was raised and the many varying speeds to customers throughout Portmoak. Information on the subject was lacking. Action required.

7. Since the CC was asking the residents to use the internet facilities more and more some form of training programme for residents could be considered, however, cost implications must be considered.

## **10. Communications**

9.9.09 E mail from resident re land behind Wellside Motors

11.9.09 E mail following the Planning presentation, explanation of various points

11.9.09 E mail from resident on CC procedures

16.9.09 P&KC Minutes of meetings from 10.6.09-16.9.09

16.9.09 Newsletter from P&K Countryside Trust

16.9.09 Association of CC's Conference, 14.11.09

17.9.09 E mail from Resident re problems with Post Van

18.9.09 P&KC Hire of School facilities

18.9.09 E mail re Health Centre

18.9.09 E mail with P&KC Insurance/Legal services, claims against PCC

18.9.09 Update to constitution etc.

21.9.09 E mail to Clarence re Picnic signs at Scotlandwell

22.9.09 Annual Report from Gordon Banks MP

23.9.09 E mail re Lomond Country Inn conservation area

28.9.09 Communications on land behind Wellside Motors

28.9.09 Letter from BBC re switch over, May 2010

29.9.09 Letter from Government re changes to planning system

2.10.09 Letter from Post Office re Kinnesswood box

3.10.09 E mail from Scone Community Council re website

6.10.09 E mail re minutes on Kinnesswood Notice Board

7.10.09 Time period for submitting comments on a planning application

7.10.09 Convention of Perth and Kinross Community Councils, meeting 25.10.09

13.10.09 E mail, Lomond submitting planning application for outside area and painting

The meeting finished at approx. 20.15 hrs

The next meeting will be held in the Primary School at 7.00 p.m. on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2009.

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