

Portmoak Community Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 10th 2009 in the Primary School

1. Attendance: I. McGrattan, J. Shepherd, J. Bird, R. Cairncross, S. Garvie, C. Weedon, Cllr Baird, Cllr Barnacle, Cllr Miller, PC Brian Eastern, Sgt Grant Mitchell and 14 residents. Apologies were received from, M. Hally and Cllr Robertson

2. Previous minutes: were approved and signed and September minutes also signed.

3. Police Report

PC Brian Eastern introduced himself to the meeting as the new Community Police Officer for Portmoak.

Incidents within Portmoak area

- there had been vandalism in Kinnesswood during October including damage to 2 cars, fencing at the School as well as planters. Two juveniles who live outside the immediate area have been connected with the problems and a report submitted to Police in Perth.

- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, there is currently only one scheme active in Portmoak, Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood. Anyone interested in taking an active role in setting up a scheme in their area should contact the Police or the CC.

- the mobile Police Station will be in the Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell area, Wednesday 18/11/09. It is hoped this new facility will enable a more 'local' Police presence in the community.

4. Treasurers report. £409.74 in the bank account. £0.00 in Tetley Trail (MBW) Account

5. Update on Michael Bruce Way

Fergus Cook and Angela Hughes have been working on the production of the content on the two Interpretation Boards which were proposed for the MBW, one at Kinnesswood and one in the vicinity of the Church. Fergus spoke to the CC explaining his thoughts behind the proposal explaining that there was so much history in the area it was a difficult job to keep the information on each board to a reasonable 300 words. The boards did not contain a map of the walk and it was noted that no money was available for the production of a walk pamphlet.

It was agreed to have the content of both boards placed on www.portmoak.org for comment by residents and a then a final decision on the content made by 31.12.09.

6. Matter arising from previous minutes

Association of Scottish Community Councils

Conference on November 14th 2009, Edinburgh (Item Closed)

Mail box at Post Office.

Letter received 22 October 2009 from Royal Mail, London Office. Request still being considered, engineers have attempted to fit a larger front to present box but unsuccessful.

Royal Mail said it will now be treated as a matter of urgency.

Notice Board

Copies of minutes now kept in Kinnesswood shop. (Item closed).

Cleaning of roads

The B9097 between B996 and B920 and the A911 between Easter Balgedie and Burleigh Sands were reported to 'Clarence' on July 23rd 2009. Each month since, prior to the CC meeting a progress report has been requested. The same reason has been given for non completion, road sweeper is broken down. Update requested on CC date, informed that the road had been swept. Road cleaning dept. asked to confirm that position, not evident that cleaning had taken place and further contact agreed to be made w/c 16/11/09

Signage at Scotlandwell,

Request made to Clarence to remove Picnic Signs and replace with Well Green sign. Following an e mail from a resident in Scotlandwell it appears the signs are on private ground (this wasn't previously stated). A further request has been made to remove the signs from the private property.

Lomond Country Inn,

Planning application now followed the correct procedure.

A number of local residents have raised the issue of noise from the outside bar area especially if live or recorded music was played outside. It was unclear whether this was a planning or licensing arrangement, clarification was required.

Land behind Wellside Motors

Building work has now started, residents will be able to see the depth of peat which has been removed before a sufficient sub structure of hard sand has been found as a sufficient basis for the construction of the road leading into the area.

The builders have cleaned out the ditch which runs alongside the access road to the Moss and they have also fenced off an area that was used as an 'unofficial' car park to the Moss. This piece of ground was auctioned off last year by the Water Board and is not part of the planning application process associated with the new houses. Any change in use of this

piece of ground e.g. to be included in the 'house development' is likely to need planning approval but the latest contact with the builder confirms that the intention is to leave a number of parking spaces to be used by anyone accessing the Moss although the area will not be as large as the present 'unofficial' car park.

There is also some scope for consultation with the community regarding a small piece of ground alongside the track adjacent to the Causeway road. This will in fact be the entrance to the village and it may be an area that Scotlandwell in Bloom may wish to look at.

Wester Balgedie Appeal.

Copy of a letter to Planning and Environmental Appeals received from local resident disputing a number of points in the Appeal Report and the hearing process. Letter is a request to have those points reviewed prior to the ratification of the Notice of Intention.

Insurance cover for CC members

The insurance cover has been renewed. There is still some detail required to be decided in the event that a CC was taken to Court.

Payment of School lets.

Contacted the Chief Executive's office re: extra expense not in this year's budget. The budget is to manage the CC which is made more difficult if a further expense is imposed.

Hedge alongside playing field, Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood.

Reported to Clarence. No contact has been made with CC as yet.

7. Subcommittee reports

Paths Group

The MBW sponsorship programme is now 'open' for residents to sponsor the walk. Notices will be put up explaining the system. Anyone wishing to take out sponsorship should contact a Community Councillor or Stuart Garvie direct on 01592 840825.

Path between Gamekeepers and Cobbles, Kinnesswood

The Paths committee have made a site visit and investigating the possible direction they can take to improve the path.

Planning Group

The following applications were applicable to the area and were up to date at time of meeting.

09/01808/FLL, Erection of a terrace bar, Lomond Country Inn, Main Street Kinnesswood Kinross, KY13 9HN

09/01809/FLL, repainting of inn and annex, Lomond Country Inn, as above

(see Matters Arising re above)

09/01831/FLL, Demolition and replacement of existing integral double garage and construction of 1st floor accommodation 1 Silverbank Scotlandwell Kinross KY13 9JE

(No comment)

09/01835/FUL Alterations and change of use from garage/workshop to dwellinghouse. Carraigin, Arnot Tower, Leslie KY6 3JQ

Management Group

Traffic calming

P&KC have decided to move the build out at Gamekeepers and also the one at the Leslie end of Scotlandwell to just inside the speed limit signs. This is to "include all the houses in both villages and give everyone the benefit of the system". They are also hoping to get the anti skid surface extended on the Scotlandwell hill before the winter sets in. The new signs are also in the pipeline with all these items currently in the queue for the contractors.

A resident raised the question of how far up the hill the anti skid was due to be placed. He suggested it should be laid to the top of the hill and not the 30 metres planned.

8. Cllr reports

Cllr Baird

-The new Community Campus was up and running and well worth a visit.

- There had been some good feedback regarding the World Cafe event in Kinross.

The Chairman had attended the event and did not share the same feelings as Cllr Baird. Whilst agreeing that the concept was excellent more could have been achieved. He considered that there were a number of important points which could have been improved upon:-

-Poor facilitation. One example was following the group discussion a summary was produced of key issues although the facilitator had not visited each group to note their comments and it therefore appeared that this had already been written.

- Council asked to talk about key issues which were important to the community but only discussed issues pertinent to the Council, an attempt to steer discussion. An example of this was the time devoted to the topic, one hour, with 40 mins of that used by the Council to talk about the new campus. The residents were happy with the new campus so therefore did not wish to discuss the subject but wanted to talk about issues which they were not happy with.

- Council personnel not taking the exercise seriously enough

Cllr Miller

-Agreed that the turnout of residents had been quite disappointing and no doubt some things could have been done better but overall it was considered a worthwhile project.

Cllr Barnacle

-Was unable to attend the World Cafe and understood that the Council leading the discussions was an issue. The important issue was to make something happen rather than have too many talking shops.

-He had detailed previous concerns over the figures proposed in the Council Development plan, especially the numbers of new houses involved within the landward areas of Kinross-shire. He felt his concerns are justified following one housing development in Powmill area of around 300 houses compared with the P&KC estimate of 320 overall.

It was suggested that further discussion with developers and the Council were required.

-The recycling facilities at Kinross had now been improved.

9. AOCB

1. A resident raised the question whether the new Health Centre and School could cope with the apparent large number of new houses due for the area.

The Cllrs confirmed that both sites could manage.

2. A resident queried the suitability of the homeless accommodation in Brough Terrace, Kinnesswood detailing a number of different problems of living in this particular area quoting from his experience in working in this particular field.

The Chairman had been in contact with the appropriate authorities very recently and the issues raised by the resident had already been discussed.

3. Kinnesswood in Bloom had written requesting the CC support and comment about a proposed booklet "A walk through Kinnesswood".

Although no financial aid was possible the CC would assist where possible.

10. Communications

Correspondence received since last meeting.

14.10.09 Consultation paper on changes to Education (Scotland) Act 2004/09

15.10.09 Scottish Trades Union Congress, Rebuilding Collective Prosperity campaign

19.10.09 Details of a Neighbourhood Management qualification

- 20.10.09 Copy of letter sent by a resident re: Wester Balgedie Appeal.
- 20.10.09 Insurance policy for CC
- 21.10.09 Queries re planning presentation, DCM
- 21.10.09 E mail re Loch Leven Access route
- 21.10.09 Learning and networking in regeneration for community activists
- 23.10.09 P&KC re communication workshop, leaflets
- 23.10.09 E mail re booking system for Hall
- 26 1.0.09 Reply from Clarence re signs etc
- 27.10.09 Details of ASCC National Conference
- 29.10.09 E mail from KiB re sign
- 29.10.09 E mail from Chairperson of Hall
- 30.10.09 E mail from P&KC enforcement re building work at Scotlandwell.
- 3.11.09 Renewal of our entry on the Data Protection Register
- 4.11.09 Community Engagement and action around alcohol abuse seminar
- 5.11.09 P&KC re: Good Practise Guidance for Local Councils and CC's
- 6.11.09 Letter from P&KC re adopting payphones.
- 7.11.09 Resident movement of Picnic sign at Scotlandwell
- 8.11.09 Convention of Perth and Kinross Community Councils
- 9.11.09 Leaflet Rural Scotland
- 9.11.09 Letter re Military Flying Activity (None planned for Portmoak area)
Letter from Kinnesswood in Bloom support an comments re walk about

The meeting finished at approx. 20.25 hrs

Please note minutes are Draft until confirmed at next CC meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Primary School at 7.00 p.m. on December 8th 2009.

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