

Portmoak Community Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday, April 14th 2009 at Portmoak Village Hall.

1. Attendance: Margaret Wilson (Acting Chairperson), Jim Shepherd, John Bird, Mike Hally, Stuart Garvie, Cllr Willie Robertson, Cllr Mike Barnacle, Cllr Kathleen Baird, Sgt Rankine and 13 members of the public.

2. Apologies: were received from I. McGrattan and C. Weedon

3. Previous minutes: were approved and signed.

4. Police Report.

There were a number of incidents which were reported,

- Attempted break in at Scotlandwell
- Graffiti, Findatie Car Park
- Burleigh Sands car park problems, likely follow up
- Theft of a farm gate at Meikle Seggie

The Police would be grateful for anyone witnessing anything suspicious to report it rather than ignore it. They also advised the public that now the warmer weather was around the corner not to leave their doors open whilst working in the garden.

Contact 0300 111 2222 to report anything suspicious.

Speed checks would be undertaken over the next couple of months to see if the traffic calming system was working.

5. Chairpersons report. None

6. Secretary's Report.

- Proposed wind farm at Westfield, Ballingry. It was thought that the MOD would not be in agreement with the development since it was nearer than 10 Kms to the Bishop Bubble.

Action: It was agreed to write to Fife Council asking to be kept informed of any further information.

7. Treasurers report. None

8. Paths Group.

- Work is progressing on the signage and information boards, content etc. Thoughts now being directed towards likely sources of financing. Possibility of a tie up with Woodland Trust group regarding path between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. Access to Woodland Trust property could be a problem on this stretch of road.

9. A911 (Traffic Calming)

Work was progressing on the build outs and the total project was nearing completion with one or two minor hiccups. There had been a complaint made to the Roads dept over restricted disability access which still required attention. Ongoing problems would be monitored.

10. Planning Matters

1. 09/00340/FUL Removal of condition 4 on Nether Birnie House, Pittendreich.

The applicant stated his case for the removal of this condition explaining the reasons why he considered this action necessary and also stated the Council had indicated their intention to support his application. The Community Council explained that their position was quite clear, they did not wish to openly support the application and undermine the principle upon which the original application had been agreed but since the applicant had already received the agreement of the planners there was little point in registering either an agreement or an objection. Action: No comment.

2. 09/00355/FUL Extension to dwellinghouse Lomondfoot Lelie Road.

The Council were in agreement to this development. Action: No comment

3. Cllr Barnacle informed the meeting:-

- that there would be a proposal to demolish the farmhouse at Levenmouth.
- Wester Balgedie Farm, the appeal has now been sisted. A further application is with the planners.
- West Bowhouse, application was in for another four houses.
- He would be meeting with N. Brian, Development Manager on Thursday.

11. Information given to the meeting from PKC Cllrs

1. Cllr Robertson :-

- there was funding for a 'Loch Bus', possibly one day a week e.g. Sunday, details of stops, times etc were being discussed. Vane Farm would be a major stopping off point.
- Two Mobility scooters were being made available at Loch Levens Larder organised by Kinross-shire Partnership.

2. Cllr Baird :-

- Spoken to the Royal Mail about the size of the mail box at Kinnesswood shop but comments from the public indicated it was the size of the opening which was also a problem.

Post Meeting Note: Cllr Robertson had e mailed Royal Mail asking for a mail box to be sited alongside the bus shelter in Kinnesswood

3. Cllr Barnacle :-

- gave his apologies for missing the last three meetings
- gave the CC for information, document on Forward Planning, Structure Plan with Civic Trust Views and comments on Housing in the Countryside Consultation..
- Kinross-shire Forum, March 19th, details passed to Chairman.
- It is not intended to have a Kinross Local Area Plan, community aware of his thoughts, has received a hostile press reaction of a personal nature.

12. Any other Matters.

1. A member of the public raised a number of problems associated with the siting of 3 beehives placed on a piece of ground in the centre of Kinnesswood. Whilst the points raised were significant it was not possible to make any decisions at the meeting due to a lack of sufficient knowledge/expertise available to the Council. Action: Site visit to be made.

Post Meeting Note: The Chairman has made a visit to the site. It has also been suggested that further information should be obtained on ownership of land as well as information on the little blighters.

2. Youngs Moss.

A member of the public raised the issue of retrospective planning for a club house/Cafeteria, Polytunnels and other issues at the allotment site, Scotlandwell.

The applicant answered the criticisms of complaints made against the application.

During the discussion it was clear that there was some misunderstanding over what planning applications had been agreed or otherwise. Cllr Barnacle agreed to confirm with planning dept. on Thursday, April 16th 2009. Action: Awaiting information from Cllr.

13. Date and place of next meeting: Tuesday, May 12th 2009, Primary School