

Portmoak Community Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday, December 8th 2009 in the Primary School

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

2. Previous minutes: were approved and signed.

3. Police Report

PC Brian Easton had previously telephoned with his apologies and the following report.

The Mobile Police Station appeared to be working well but would need time for it to be established. Times and Dates for 2010 had yet to be finalised.

There had not been any response to the request for a Neighbourhood watch scheme.

4. Treasurers report. £409.74 in the bank account. £75.00 in MBW Account

5. Matter arising from previous minutes

Kinnesswood Post Box.

Letter received 25 November 2009 from Royal Mail deciding that a new post box was not warranted with a number of reasons explaining why. This response was again met with incredulity from Community and County Cllrs. The letter also advised that Royal Mail would not "enter into any further correspondence concerning this issue". However, it was decided to continue our efforts for a permanent posting facility within Kinnesswood.

Maintenance issues

1. Road Cleaning.

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. Up to now the same reason has been given for non completion, road sweeper is broken down. However, this month the reason for not sweeping has been "we are now into the winter programme".

2. Signage at Scotlandwell,

Request made to Clarence to remove Picnic Signs because these are placed on private property. It has been confirmed with P&KC that the removal is on the list of 'things to do'

3. Hedge alongside playing field, Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood.

Reported to Clarence on October 26th 2009. Issues raised have been reported to Roads Dept. Apart from receiving a reference number, no further information available.

4. Mud on Road

A resident raised the issue of mud on the road along the Causeway, Scotlandwell. It was stated that this was a Police matter and such incidents should be reported to the Police.

5. A resident raised the issue of accidents due to ice on the B191 between the Toll and Mawcarse and the possibility of ice warning signs. It was generally felt that signs would not alter peoples driving standards.

Post Meeting Note:

For information on roads that are gritted, information can be found at the following:-

www.pkc.gov.uk/Transport+and+streets/Roads+and+pavements/Roads+and+pavements+-+adverse+weather/Gritting+and+snow+clearing/Gritt+roads.htm

For a map showing trunk roads that are gritted by Bear Scotland, use the following link:-

www.pkc.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/F0920913-9002-4E43-8D87-32732DC47B93/0/Perth5.pdf

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/Transport+and+streets/Roads+and+pavements/Roads+and+pavem+ents+-+adverse+weather/Gritting+and+snow+clearing/Gritt+roads.htm>

Insurance cover for CC members

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. Cllr Robertson stated that this problem had been raised by other groups caught out by the change and P&KC were further considering the issue.

6. Subcommittee reports

Paths Group

The MBW sponsorship programme is doing well with approx £300-400 sponsorship money already donated against a target of £500 for the upkeep of the path. 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.

The signs for the MBW are with Kinnesswood in Bloom for their consideration and their content will be placed on www.portmoak.org.

Kinnesswood in Bloom have very kindly offered to tidy up the path between Gamekeepers and the Cobbles, Kinnesswood. Kib have also agreed to look at the hedge leading onto the MBW which runs alongside Sulven, which can become very overgrown.

A resident raised the issue (which he read in the publication 'Scottish Farmer') of Council maintenance of core pathways and the problems it could cause farmers. Cllr Robertson stated that there was no money in the Council budget for the maintenance of core paths and said he thought this proposition was very unlikely.

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

Request made to P&KC to confirm whether noise levels were a planning or licensing issue.

09/01931/FLL Change of use from store/garage into residential accommodation, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood.

No comment to be made.

09/01854/FLL Modification of condition 2 from previous consent (hours of retail)
09/00641/FLL, Land at Youngs Moss, Scotlandwell.

The change was for retail sales from 10.00/12.00 on Saturdays to 09.00/16.00 7 days a week, 12 months a year. The original request was to sell excess produce from the allotments; clearly the new request was for a different purpose. Clarification required.

Post Meeting Note: P&KC Planning dept. have written to applicant asking for clarification, no response to date.

A resident raised the question of planning information not being sent to the applicant from the CC. It was agreed to send a further copy.

Management Group

Traffic calming

A resident reported the information that he had received from P&KC Roads dept., consideration would be given to extending the anti skid surface at Scotlandwell further up the hill. Extra cost figures were available. This was due to be completed, Q1 2010.

A resident raised the question of P&KC responsibility for road traffic accidents at these "particularly bad areas of road" which have higher than normal accident rates. A concern was raised that to date, all the accidents had been to vehicles but it seemed just a matter of time before someone walking along the path way was involved in a serious incident. The problem seemed more concerning since this pathway was part of the 'local' path network.

After some discussion it had to be accepted that the Council was not liable unless there was some material problem with the road construction or some other defect in the road makeup. Although in this particular area there were a number of underlying factors including camber of the road, lighting, high sides alongside road etc. etc. the final

responsibility for the safety of the vehicle was down to the driver. Every driver should take the road and traffic conditions into account no matter what the conditions are.

The Chairman summarised the build out situation.

Cllr Robertson agreed to notify the authorities of a hole which had appeared in the road at the top of the hill near the church which involved the Water Board.

Local Plan

The Chairman had received a copy of changes to the Local Plan which were basically changes to dates with improved consultation times.

(Ed Note: Cllr Barnacle telephoned his apologies earlier and gave information on proposed building units in other areas of Kinross-shire)

7. Cllr reports

Cllr Robertson

P&KC were presently looking at drainage problems within the area

8. AOCB

9. Communications

Correspondence received by Secretary since last meeting.

- 11.11.09 P&KC Chief Executives dept. re school lets
- 11.11.09 P&KC Grants direct funding
- 11.11.09 Minutes of the convention of P&KC CC's
- 13.11.09 Letter from NHS Tayside, leaflet, Communities in Control
- 16.11.09 E mail from a Portmoak business person re speeding traffic in Scotlandwell
- 24.11.09 P&KC Planning, Modification of condition 2, hours of retail
- 25.11.09 E mail from C Vance, money for MBW
- 25.11.09 Letter from Royal Mail
- 26.11.09 E mail from Lindsay Robertson, money for MBW
- 26.11.09 E mail from Chief Execs dept, re Good Practise Guidance for CC's
- 2.12.09 List of planning applications from P&KC

The meeting finished at approx. 20.05 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 January 12th 2010.

Portmoak Community Councillors would like to send
best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the
New Year.

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