

Portmoak Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, June 8th in the Primary School.

A presentation was made to the Head teacher in recognition of her service to the Community Council and following the news that she will shortly be leaving the school.

1. Attendance: Facilitator, Z. Goudie, CCllr's J. Bird, S. Garvie, R. Cairncross, J. Shepherd, C Weedon, WCllr's Robertson, Barnacle and Miller and 51 residents. Apologies: WCllr Baird.

2. Previous minutes: were approved and signed.

3. Police Report

The Community Officer had previously contacted the Secretary with his apologies. There was nothing to report.

4. Treasurers report. £557.61 in the bank account. £675.04 in MBW Account.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

1. Received details from Sgt Sandra Williams, Tayside Police, on the Divisional restructuring. Portmoak is in the South Section led by Inspector David Adamson, supported by two community Sgts together with Community Officer Constable Brian Easton (Milnathort and Portmoak). There are further beat Sgts and Officers for the South Section.

First point of contact for residents is the Community Officer: 01577 867763

2. Balgedie Toll to Mawcarse road, slippery surface for the horses together with warning signs. WCllr Robertson explained that this was in hand with P&KC.

3. Kinnesswood Bus shelter. Following last month's meeting it was agreed to find out who owned the site. P&KC claimed responsibility of the bus shelter but some concern was expressed over the piece of ground behind the shelter. Since the last meeting there have been a number of suggestions who own the site, all different.

4. Presentation by the Gliding Club and discussion on Policy 49. This was planned for the July meeting but that is now cancelled. Agreed to put on August meeting agenda.

5. The Community Council flyer was produced and delivered to 99.9% of households.

6. Build outs. Assurance from P&KC that the work will go ahead in this financial year. A plan of all work will be made up this week and we should then have a more definite date.

7. The insurance form for the Portmoak Gala has been completed and submitted to P&KC.

8. Still a requirement for Community Councillors. Following our flyer there have been two interested parties who have made an approach.

9. Stephen's Field. A request was made by P&KC for a copy of the FWAG report. The 'giving' of the field to the community is tied into the planning for the further Whitecraigs development so it seems there might be some progress being made.

10. The cutting/ burning of the gorse and bracken spraying still to go ahead in August.

11. Kinross-shire Fund. It was reported in the March minutes that there was currently £112000 in the fund. Although this was factually correct the fund money is split into two accounts, capital and revenue. The capital account is invested which will enable Kinross-shire to respond to community needs in years to come and the revenue account (currently £30000) is used to fund present day community based initiatives.

12. Speeding has been an issue in Portmoak for many years. WCllr Barnacle copied the CC recently with a letter which he had sent to the Council's Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee meeting on May 26th 2010. The report of the meeting can be found on the P&KC website.

6. Subcommittee reports

Paths Group

1. There will be a site walk on June 19th 2010 to look at walk issues. Anyone interested can join the walk at Portmoak Hall car park at 10.00 hrs.

2. Information boards for the MBW to be collected from Dundee. Proposed to have them in Portmoak Hall during Portmoak Festival.

3. There has been damage to the MBW above the golf course which will require some maintenance.

4. Work on the path along the A911 will not start until after September this year.

Planning Group

No new applications to report. Please see the Portmoak CC website for the rolling information on planning applications.

Management Group

Nothing to report.

7. Cllr reports

Cllr Robertson reported that there had been a meeting at P&KC on ways of handling the financial cuts (around 30%) which were inevitable in the Council spending. Difficult decisions would have to be made and whilst essential services would be maintained money to organisations such as Bloom committees were under threat.

Repairs to Scottish Water infrastructure. There was generally a long delay in having these completed. He has written to the Scottish Office Minister suggesting that these are carried out by the Council and the cost recouped from the Water Company.

WCllr Miller agreed with Cllr Robertson re the spending cuts and the issue faced by P&KC was to look for a fair method of reducing the spending and to engage with communities.

9. AOCB

1. The Secretary had received a letter from a resident suggesting a name for the 'new' road at Scotlandwell.

The names of new roads were decided by the Ward Cllrs. If anyone has a suggestion for the name of the new road it would be appropriate to contact the Ward Cllrs direct. This should be done quickly since the decision will be made on June 26th 2010.

2. The Secretary had been asked to highlight the Countryside Ranger Service Newsletter.

3. It was noted that the Convention of Perth and Kinross Community Councils could not hold their recent AGM due to a lack of a quorum. A further meeting would be held on June 23rd 2010 and if a quorum is not achieved the Convention will be dissolved.

4. A resident reminded the meeting that the bird nests in the Kinnesswood bus shelter were protected by law whilst they were in use and should the bus shelter be dismantled a new place for the MBW poster would have to be found.

5. A resident raised the issue of the proposed Westfield Wind Farm development and the supposed lack of input shown by P&KC on this development which he considered would be an eyesore throughout the whole of Kinross-shire.

There had been a lot of discussion on this subject when it was raised some two years previous and therefore considered not appropriate to continue the discussion further.

9. Communications

The following communications had been received by the Secretary since the previous meeting but not read out at the meeting.

1.5.10 email from Resident suggesting names for the road at Scotlandwell

2.6.10 Letter from P&KC re Community Use of Schools, change of invoicing

1.6.10 Letter from P&KC Public Space Management asking the CC to highlight the Countryside Ranger Service Newsletter.

Letter from Convention of Perth and Kinross CC's, danger of dissolution, AGM 23.6.10

14.5.10 Letter from Cllr Barnacle to P&KC re speed limit review of A&B class roads.

4.6.10 Information from Convention of CC's re CC Planning Portal

- 2.6.10 E mail from Sgt Williams on new policing arrangements
- 1.6.10 Annual Report, Tayside Fire and Rescue
- 1.6.10 Weekly Planning list
- 31.5.10 E mail from resident re the sign at the garage
- 27.5.10 E mail, Existing or aspiring development trusts networking session, June 15
- 26.5.10 Letter re Tactran connect, website re travel options
- 25.5.10 E mail from ACPKCC's re website
- 25.5.10 Weekly Planning list
- 24.5.10 E mail re Perthshire Positive Action Awards
- 20.5.10 E mail, Waste awareness and recycling talks
- 20.5.10 E mail from A J Stephen, re FWAG report for P&KC
- 20.5.10 E mail Sale of telephone kiosks by BT
- 19.5.10 E mail re Voluntary Action Perthshire Mapping exercise
- 18.5.10 Weekly Planning list
- 17.5.10 P&KC Networking and getting to know your community
- 13.5.10 Receipt of accounts, payment will be made by P&KC when level of grant is set.
- 11.5.10 Tayplan Main issues report

The meeting finished at approximately 19.40 hrs

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

The July meeting is cancelled.

The next meeting will be held in Portmoak Hall on August 10th 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

Following the meeting Cllr Barnacle gave a presentation on the present and future planning options for Portmoak. He detailed the submissions which are currently with P&KC leading to the Main Issues Report which is due for publication 'September'ish' 2010.

For further information see the P&KC website:

www.pkc.gov.uk/Planning+and+the+environment/Planning/Development+plan/Development+plan+-+new/Local+development+plan+-+preparation+of+the+main+issues+report/Representations+-+Kinross+area.htm

A copy of the presentation material will be available on the Portmoak CC website.