

Portmoak Community Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday, February 9th 2010 in the Primary School

1. Attendance: I. McGrattan, J. Bird, S. Garvie, R. Cairncross, Cllr Baird and 18 residents.

Apologies were received from C. Weedon, J. Shepherd, Cllr's Robertson and Miller

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mike Hally had resigned from the Council. Mike had been responsible for looking at the planning requests within Portmoak and through his diligence; hard work and attention to detail the Council had always been properly prepared for any planning matters. Cllr Robin Cairncross will now take on the planning responsibilities on behalf of the CC.

2. Previous minutes: were approved and signed.

3. Police Report (given at the end of the meeting)

PC Brian Easton reported there had been two recent incidents within Portmoak. The first was a break in to a shed at Scotlandwell and the second was a juvenile becoming unconscious following a party at Kinnesswood when the emergency services had to be called.

Following previous discussion re the Balgedie Toll to Mawcarse road the Police would take an active interest at speeding along the road.

4. Treasurers report. £305.86 in the bank account. £450.00 in MBW Account. The Chairman noted that no expenses were being claimed by the Cllrs and whilst the amount might be small the lack of expenses gave the wrong impression of how the CC was managed.

5. Matter arising from previous minutes

Post box at Kinnesswood shop.

Letter received from Postal Review Panel 2 Feb 2010 explaining that Royal Mail did not consider it necessary to renew the box and that there was adequate posting facilities within Kinnesswood. It was agreed that this was not considered satisfactory and the Council would reconsider the alternatives.

Maintenance Issues

1. 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. Last contact with the roads dept was at the beginning of December 2009 when they reported it was on the list of work to do.

No cleaning has taken place. Parts of the road on the Vane Farm road now look as though repairs are warranted. Vane Farm attracts a large number of visitors and it was felt that the state of the road was not a welcoming sight.

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

Reported to Clarence October 26th 2009. Hedge has been cut but no response to safety aspect of crossing the road. Contacted P&KC and requested update.

Payment of School lets.

P&KC agreed to increase the administrative allowance for this year and also to increase the allowance in future years by the RPI as at April 1st

6. Subcommittee reports

Paths Group

Following the MBW sponsorship there was sufficient money to have the grass cut for this year. The sponsors would be receiving their certificates shortly.

There had been progress on the path between the Golf Club and Church. Missives have been exchanged and Deeds of Disposition had now been sent out. It should not be very long before the land in question is Council owned.

Signage for the MBW is complete, the cost of the work is covered by a grant.

Planning Group

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

1. 10/00145/FLL, Post Office House, Main Street, Kinnesswood. Erection of conservatory.
2. 10/00044/FLL, Portmoak Airfield, Erection of glider storage shed.
3. 10/00042/FLL, 8 Bishop Terrace, Formation of Balcony and access stair.
4. 09/02185/IPL, Land at Newlands Farm, Erection of dwellinghouse.

No comments would be made on the above.

A resident informed the meeting that the winch at Portmoak Airfield will be changed and will now be fuelled by LPG. Storage facilities will require planning approval.

Management Group

Traffic calming, no further news.

7. Cllr reports

Cllr Baird reported that the severe weather had tested the P&KC resources but overall it had been a satisfactory outcome.

8. AOCB

1. A resident raised a question on whether the current development at Scotlandwell contained affordable housing. Plans available showed that there were 4 affordable housing units agreed for the site.

Post Meeting Note: details of P&KC affordable housing policy can be found at:-

www.pkc.gov.uk/Planning+and+the+environment/Planning/Development+plan/Development+plan+-+background+information+and+studies/Planning+policies/Planning+policies+-+additional+guidance/Affordable+Housing.htm

2. The condition of the road between Balgedie Toll and Mawcarse was raised again but this time under the safety aspect of horses using the road. The surface of the road was not considered appropriate for use by horses and provided very little cohesion for the animals. This together with the icy conditions of late and the speeding traffic produced an unsafe set of circumstances. Cllr Baird agreed to look into all the matters raised.

3. A resident raised the issue of dog fouling especially in the vicinity of the school. It was suggested that parents were bringing their dogs with them when collecting their children from school and allowing their dogs to defecate in this area. This problem seemed to be more of an issue when the snow was lying.

Cllr Baird suggested that irresponsible dog owners should be named and shamed, however, short term it was agreed to discuss the subject with the Head Teacher.

Post Meeting Note: this was discussed with the Head Teacher after the meeting and she agreed to promote a responsible response with dog owners.

4. The meeting was informed that it was planned to remove gorse and bracken on Bishop Hill sometime this summer. The gorse would be manually cut and burnt in specified areas and the bracken would be sprayed by helicopter, it was known that bracken was carcinogenic when in full frond.

Mention was also made of similar problems which would have to be addressed by the Management Group of Stephen's field area when this was given over to the Community with a particular concern on the ragwort growing in the field.

It was accepted that it was unlikely that the field would be given to the Community until planning formalities had been completed on the rest of the Whitecraigs planned building area but contact will be made with regard to interim maintenance of the field.

5. A resident requested that at the next CC meeting, Policy 49 of the new Development Plan could be discussed. With particular inference on the extension requested by the Scottish Gliding Union and how this affects local landowners.

9. Communications

Correspondence, Jan – Feb 2010

- 2.2.10 - Letter from P&KC Planning, alteration to Draft Structure Plans
- 2.2.10 - Letter from the Postal Review Panel explaining that present box would not be replaced.
- 1.2.10 - Letter from T in the Park following meeting with local organisations
- 4.2.10 - E mail from resident requesting link to our website for his holiday home
- 4.2.10 - Community Learning and Development Partnership training day
- 27.1.09 -Voluntary Sector Annual Conference, March 5 2010 Crief Hydro
- 24.1.10 -Letter with money for MBW from resident
- 14.1.10 -Advert from company offering training courses
- 8.1.10 -Draft local housing strategy consultation
- 16.1.10 -Letter from the Convention of Perth and Kinross CC's, re Proposals for negotiation with P&KC
- 14.1.10 -Senior Community Capacity Building Worker initiate and co-ordinate a Community Learning and development Partnership
- 13.1.10 -Meeting of the Convention of Perth and Kinross CC's
- 8.1.09 –Information from P&KC re “Be better at funding”
- 14.12.09 - Tayplan, Engaging with the Strategic Development Plan

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 on March 9th 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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