

Portmoak Community Council

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

1. Attendance: I. McGrattan, J. Bird, S. Garvie, R. Cairncross, C. Weedon, J. Shepherd, Cllr's Baird, Robertson, Barnacle and 20 residents. Apologies were received from Cllr Miller

The Chairman informed the meeting that it was not the normal practise of the Community Council to mention the death of local residents, however, an exception would be made following the recent news that Margaret Brown had passed away. Her funeral will take place on Monday March 15th 2010 at 11.00 hrs in Portmoak Parish Church and the CC would like to extend their sympathies to her family.

2. Previous minutes: were approved and signed.

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

PC Brian Easton reported there had been no recent incidents within Portmoak.

The Community Van would be in the area on March 17th 2010.

Following a recent accident, speeders would be targeted around the Wester Balgedie area.

Post Meeting Note: Speed checking carried out on 10/11th March 2010.

Post Meeting Note: A lorry or similar travelling from the Leslie direction into Scotlandwell turned left out towards the airfield. When turning left at the T junction the lorry clattered and damaged the wall alongside the cottage. The police are asking for any witnesses.

Call 0300 111 2222 to report anything suspicious.

4. Treasurers report. £405.86 in the bank account. £525.00 in MBW Account.

A resident congratulated the sponsorship idea of raising money for the MBW.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

Post box at Kinnesswood shop.

It was decided to associate this problem with the suggestion regarding the Kinnesswood bus shelter area which is noted later.

Affordable housing Scotlandwell.

A sign has been erected at the building site with the telephone number of the Hillcrest Housing Association. Cllr Baird said that the houses were expected to be occupied by June/July of this year. Cllr Robertson added that anyone could have their names placed on the Common Housing Register including people wishing to downsize.

Dog fouling

Contact had been made with the dog warden who had visited the Primary School and talked to a number of different classes.

6. Subcommittee reports

Paths Group

It was hoped that all legalities regarding the path between the Golf Club and Church would be completed by the end of March 2010. It would then be necessary to discuss future work with P&KC as well as looking at continuing the path to Scotlandwell.

Signage for the MBW is complete; boards will be in place within the next couple of months.

Planning Group

The following applications had been submitted since the last meeting.

1. 10/00154/PN Channel Farm, Wester Balgedie, Erection of straw shed.
2. 10/00153/PN Channel Farm, Wester Balgedie, Erection of lean to.
3. 10/00360/FLL Woodlands, Kinnesswood, Removal of hedge, replacement fence.

No objections would be made on the above.

4. 10/00134/FLL Land North of Kilmagadwood Cottage, Erection of 2 houses.

The CC would be submitting an objection on this application.

A resident gave the meeting further information on this application including background information and reasons for the previous refusal which included strong support from local residents. The principles for refusal remained the same.

It was also noted that a request had been submitted for the Development Plan to reinstate this piece of ground out with the village envelope.

A resident informed the meeting that the 'local resident' button which is used when making a comment on an application was not working.

Post Meeting Note: The 'button' was tested on 10.00 hrs. 10 March 2010 and is working.

Management Group

Community Councillors

The Chairman explained that the CC would be seeking volunteers to take on the role of Community Councillor. In the next 3/5 years there were some important issues to be considered with the emphasis on planning.

Anyone interested in joining the Community Council should contact the Secretary for further information.

Stephen's Field

A recent communication with the CC solicitors confirmed that the CC had agreed to 'take over' the piece of ground (approximately) running alongside the golf course as part of the community land and following last month's information regarding the bracken and gorse on the hill it was decided to get the 'management team' in place.

Anyone wishing more involvement should contact niall@scra-online.co.uk

Kinross-shire Fund

For the 11th time this Community Council year the Chairman reiterated the possible benefits of applying for a grant. There is currently £112000 in the fund. Full details can be found at:-

www.kinross-shirefund.org/

Portmoak CC leaflet

It was agreed to carry out another leaflet drop this year to all Portmoak residents.

7. Cllr reports

Cllr Baird reported that she was awaiting information regarding the Balgedie Toll to Mawcarse road although there had been very few reported accidents on this stretch of road. The maintenance history would also be looked at.

The intention was still to carry out the planned work on the build outs in April 2010 including the anti slip surfacing at Scotlandwell to the top of the hill.

Cllr Barnacle informed the meeting that he had arranged a number of meetings with other CC's to discuss future planning issues and associated problems. As part of the process a questionnaire was used. He offered his services to the CC for similar meetings at Portmoak.

Post Meeting Note: There is a new website produced by residents in Fossoway. www.fossoway.org It contains a lot of detailed information especially on the planning problems that Cllr Barnacle spoke about.

He also reported that P&KC were carrying out a review of speed limits on A & B class roads.

A resident suggested that more speed checks should be carried out on the present restricted areas.

Cllr Robertson explained a speed reducing system used in Germany whereby traffic lights remained at red and the speed of approaching vehicles determined whether the lights remained at red (vehicles in excess of the speed limit) or changed to green (vehicles within the speed limit).

8. AOCB

Kinnesswood Bus shelter

The area around the bus shelter, the Picture Garden and burn, has been greatly improved by Kinnesswood in Bloom. However there is a piece of ground behind the present bus shelter which is not used and this has prompted the question whether the community requires such a large bus shelter and whether the whole area could be developed into a more attractive centrepiece for the village.

The CC has contacted P&KC to enquire of ownership and the correct procedure to adopt if it is decided to develop the area.

Training

Planning Aid Scotland had recently managed a training day at Loch Leven Campus which was attended by 2 Councillors.

Planning Applications

A resident raised the issue that after planning applications were submitted they can be considered and objections submitted to the planning dept. by the public. However, once the application has been agreed it can then be changed by agreement with the planning officers as non material changes without further consultation.

Planning applications on the agenda.

A resident asked if the planning applications could be placed on the agenda.

Details of all planning applications are sent to the CC from P&KC on a weekly basis. It is possible that any submissions in the week prior to the meeting would not be discussed at the next CC meeting and therefore 'bypass' the CC. To ensure that this doesn't happen a Cllr looks through all submissions on the P&KC website and notes all submissions since the previous CC meeting.

Post Meeting Note: All planning applications can be checked online at :-

www.pkc.gov.uk/Planning+and+the+environment/Planning/Planning+-+applications+and+certificates/

and click on "View online planning applications" under Related Articles

9. Communications

Correspondence received

P&KC Request for a Grants Direct Review

P&KC Information on the National Spring Clean Day, April 2010.

P&KC Request for input on Provision of Council Services, Gritting and snow clearing

SEPA Bracken control information

P&KC Minutes of meetings, 9.12.09 – 10.2.10

Resident asking for information re bracken and gorse control

P&KC Weekly Planning lists

P&KC Public meeting, Lochleven Campus

P&KC E funding news

Circular advising how to use the web site to increase sales.

Fifer Festival free media and film making workshops

Request from Portmoak Airfield re meeting

Letter from Andersons re extra piece of ground alongside Golf Course

E mail advertisement from Hotel Bunchei in Turkey

Resident informing the CC that she had made a report about dog fouling

Copy of letter of objection Kinross shire Civic Trust

Convention of Perth and Kinross Community Councils, visit to all 47 CC's

P&KC Planning, detailing problems with access to planning website

P&KC detailing the Loch Leven Heritage Trail maintenance programme.

Free stall for the CC at Feel Good Fair, May 15 2010-03-07

Draft minutes, 61st Meeting, Convention of Perth & Kinross CCs held on 24-01-10

Response from Dog Warden to request for assistance.

The meeting finished at 20.35 hrs

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

The next meeting and AGM will be held in Portmoak Hall on April 13th 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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