

Portmoak Community Council

Draft minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, March 8th 2011 in the Primary School.

1. Attendance and apologies: CClr's M. Parkin, J. Bird, R. Williamson, R. Cairncross, S. Forde, M. Strang Steel, T. Smith, WClr's Barnacle and Baird and 12 residents. Apologies were received from CClr M. Wilson and WClr W. Robertson

2. Previous minutes: Following a correction (£75000 to £7500) under the heading of Scotlandwell Wash House project, they were approved and signed.

3. Police Report

There was one reported incident, a recent theft from a car in Bishop Terrace, Kinnesswood. The car had been left unlocked. The Police urged everyone to ensure their property including garden sheds and outbuildings were left properly secured.

4. Treasurers report

No movement of funds either in or out, there was £716 in the account.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

1. Stephen's field, Kinnesswood

A local resident who headed up a team considering the future of the field was now leaving the area so a meeting was arranged to bring the CClrs up to date with the progress and consider future alternatives. This took place and we are now awaiting further developments from either P&KC or the developers.

The Chairman had written to P&KC regarding the possible payment for the insurance of the field.

2. Balgedie Toll to Mawcarse Road.

Signage was put up but was knocked over during the bad weather.

3. Hedge alongside playing field, Kinnesswood

Work is nearly completed.

4. Kinnesswood Bus shelter area.

Awaiting decision and procedure on how to proceed.

5. Meeting with Gliding Centre

A meeting took place with representatives of the Gliding Centre and their system of recording the complaints and incidents was explained to the Councillors present. Most everything carried out on the site is under the supervision of either the British Gliding Association or the Health and Safety Executive so most all activities are regulated in some way.

The CC will continue to carry out meetings with the Gliding Centre and it is recommended that residents should contact the Gliding Centre in the first instance should they wish to report a possible incident.

6. Build Outs

Work has started on the build out at the bottom of Gamekeepers in Kinnesswood. It is understood that the build outs will be fitted with solar powered lights.

7. Snow clearance, gritting of roads.

The CC has been asked to comment on the snow clearing and gritting operations which were carried out this winter. If any resident would like to make a comment would they please do so in writing to the secretary before the end of March.

8. Vane Farm Road

WCClr Baird agreed to look at the resurfacing of this road.

6. Subcommittee reports

Paths, Pavements and Roads

The Chairman explained that he was bringing together paths, pavements and roads under one heading and asking Councillors Smith and Strang Steel to look at the associated issues. He praised the work which had been carried out by a 'Gamekeeper's resident' who was present at the meeting and hoped that he would continue to work with the two Councillors.

With regard to the cutting of the grass on the MBW the Chairman had contacted a number of people and was awaiting costs.

Cllr Strang Steel explained that plans for the core paths had not yet been approved by P&KC. There were in excess of 850 recommendations/objections and although 12 reporters had been given the job of looking at them it was thought it would be at least another year before the exercise was complete.

Planning

Cllr Cairncross informed the meeting that there was only one new application submitted since the last meeting which was at Vane Farm Nature Reserve. Although the CC would not be objecting to the application they would be noting the requirement for the completion of the Heritage Trail in this area.

Two amendments to previous applications were considered, Causeway Cottage and Kilmagadwood. The CC would be objecting to both these applications on the same basis as the previous objections. (Details of the objections can be found on the planning website of P&KC.)

CCLr Cairncross reported on a meeting that he had attended with CCLr Strang Steel and P&KC Head of Legal Services and a Legal Manager.

The purpose of the meeting was primarily to discuss the inappropriate behaviour by the planning dept. over the Wester Balgedie appeal, other areas discussed were the difficult way that information was placed on the planning website, issues around section 75 and developer contributions and the problems associated with planning at Scotlandwell. Council officers agreed to provide further comment.

There was considerable discussion on the problems detailed by residents who had wanted to keep track of submissions regarding the Kilmagadwood application.

It was noted that when amendments were made to applications neighbour notifications were sent out but CC's were not informed.

The Head of Legal Services also had a monitoring role on behalf of P&KC and would be especially looking at the backdating of comments on the planning website which was considered totally unacceptable.

WCLr Baird had already discussed the subject of backdating with P&KC planning and felt that their response and reply was not acceptable. WCLr Barnacle was meeting with the P&KC planning on Thursday, March 10th 2011 and would also raise the issue.

CCLr Cairncross warned the meeting that given the right circumstances a similar situation could be experienced at Kilmagadwood that had occurred at Wester Balgedie especially since P&KC Planning were supporting the Kilmagadwood planning application at the Development Control Committee meeting which will be held shortly.

WCLr Barnacle explained that it was his understanding that P&KC Planning were supporting the application because the applicant had tried to meet all the objections of the original application bearing in mind that the land had been zoned for housing.

7. Ward Cllr reports

WCLr Baird had received a query regarding the wall which had been built opposite Portmoak Hall and whether what was in place was the finished article.

CCLr Cairncross said that he had met with CCLr Wilson and an advisor at the time when the path was being constructed and agreed that an access way was required at this particular spot but the CC had not seen a plan or been consulted on what was going to be built.

WCLr Barnacle confirmed that he had sent a copy of his submission on the MIR to the CC.

With particular reference to Chapter 6, policy framework, from his questioning of the process it would appear that there will be very little time and therefore opportunity for comment on issues such as airfield safeguarding and AGLV.

This question should be raised at the planned MIR consultation meetings.

Regarding the P&KC budget debate which was held on February 17th 2011 WCllr Barnacle confirmed that he had agreed with the Councils decisions because he felt that money for the more vulnerable groups was not being cut as deeply as other services.

A resident informed the meeting that due to spending cutbacks it was his understanding that grass verges would only be cut once a year instead of twice.

WCllr Barnacle explained to the meeting that he was shortly meeting with P&KC Chief Executive to resolve the issue of not receiving the same P&KC briefs as other Cllrs.

WCllr Baird said that she expected the P&KC council to resume the uplift of 2 brown lidded bins shortly.

8. AOCB

1. Pooling of water on road adjacent to Balgedie Toll.

A resident had reported that water running from this area was flooding his property. P&KC had investigated the problem and the solution was now in the hands of SEPA and the owner of the adjacent land.

2. Suggestions have been sent to the CC to re site the post van and library van.

It is suggested that the post van staff would like to use the Lomond Hotel car park instead of its present position and a further suggestion made to level and pave the area of the bus shelter site to allow the post and library van to park in the centre of the village.

3. The MBW leaflets would now be stored by the Chairman.

4. A resident raised the question of the height of water in Loch Leven. It appeared that the height of water was being kept purposely high which was causing an immediate problem for walkers in the surrounding area and also the longer term problem of path maintenance.

Following some discussion it appeared that this wasn't a recent problem and the Chairman agreed to follow up.

5. The secretary reminded the CCllrs that the AGM will be held together with next months meeting and requested all Cllrs submitting a report for the AGM to forward a written copy beforehand.

9. Communications

The following Communications had been received since the February meeting, further details of which were with the secretary.

1. 9.2.11 e mail from Kilmagadwood resident re comments on meeting
2. 10.2.11 e mail from resident re bus shelter/post van and library van
3. 10.2.11 Convention of P&KCC local planning committees
4. 11.2.11 P&KC Funding Alert
5. 11.2.11 Kinross-shire Partnership AGM March 8th 2011
6. 14.2.11 P&KC acknowledgement of Main Issues report submission
7. 14.2.11 Scottish Water public meeting in Perth, March 23rd 2011
8. 15/22.2.11 P&KC weekly list
9. 15/18.2.11 Perth and Kinross Local Development plan consultation, March 16th 2011
10. 23.2.11 Grampian police, charity event
11. 25.2.11 P&KC provision of councils service re gritting and snow clearance
12. 27.2.11 Convention of P&KC CC's re planning applications
13. 27.2.11 Convention of P&KC CC AGM 16.3.11
14. 1.3.11 P&KC raising awareness of the Zero Waste Pack and community waste fund
15. 2.3.11 P&KC Voluntary Action Fund
16. 2.3.11 P&KC Local Enterprise team, loss of trade during T in the Park weekend
17. 2.3.11 P&KC weekly list
18. 3.3.11 P&KC Review of CC's

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 11th 2011 in Portmoak Hall.

The AGM will also be held prior to the meeting.

Please note this is a change to the previously advertised date.