

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, June 12th 2012 at Portmoak Primary School

1. Attendance: Cllrs M. Parkin (Chair) R. Cairncross, T. Smith, R. Williamson, M. Strang Steel and J. Bird. Ward Cllr: J. Giacomazzi and 7 residents.

Apologies : Received from Cllr Forde, WCllr's Robertson, Barnacle and Cuthbert

2. Previous minutes: Were approved following correction to the amount of money held by the CC from £904 to £880

3. Matters arising

3.1. Mini Roundabout or Build Out at Wellside Park, Scotlandwell

The Chairman was continuing discussions with P&KC Roads Department and a site meeting was planned for July 4th 2012 to consider traffic calming measures.

The further issues of soft verges on the B920 and access to A911 at Easter Balgedie would also be discussed.

3.2. Kinnesswood Bus Shelter

The Chairman had arranged a meeting with a P&KC representative to agree repairs to the floor and roof. A license was needed to repair the asbestos roof, and this was being obtained by P&KC. Kinnesswood in Bloom will also attend this meeting.

3.3 Dundee Courier

The paper had forwarded a proposal to run articles about the activities of Community Councils. The Chairman had contacted the Courier to discuss these proposals and had expressed conditional interest on behalf of Portmoak CC.

3.4. Water running on to Glenlomond / Wester Balgedie Road.

Cllr Cairncross, together with a member of the Glenlomond Residents Association, had been trying to determine the source of the problem, and to identify responsibility for rectifying it. Ward Cllr Giacomazzi offered to assist, and Cllr Cairncross will be in touch with him when his investigations are complete.

Since P&KC has the authority to carry out remedial work, and then recoup any costs, it seems that the way forward is that they should manage the problem.

3.5. Blocked ditch drain at Newlands Farm

Still being dealt with

3.6 Hedge at bottom of Bruce Road, Kinnesswood

This has now been cut back, thus improving visibility when joining the A911 from Bruce Road.

3.7 Snow and Gritting Report to P&KC for 2011 / 2012

This was submitted on 30th May 2012

4. Other Matters as submitted to the Secretary

Stephens Field

There had been some progress with the transfer of the field to the CC.

The Secretary had asked the CC Solicitors for an update two weeks prior to the AGM in May and had recently received a reply.

Solicitors acting for the CC had confirmed that the transfer was being processed, now that certain open space matters had been resolved. Plans received will be checked by the CC Solicitors, and then forwarded to the CC for approval. Access is a key issue.

CCLr Cairncross highlighted a number of potential problems concerning the status of the field should the transfer not be completed as planned.

It was proposed by CCLr Bird, seconded by CCLr Cairncross and agreed by all the CCLrs that the Secretary should now pursue the CC Solicitors regarding progress of the transfer on a monthly basis.

5. Reports

5.1 Police Report

The Police were in attendance.

There had been no reported incidents in Portmoak since the last meeting.

Speeding on local roads continued to be monitored. The route of the Olympic torch was causing traffic congestion for short periods. There was no information regarding the detection of previous crime in Portmoak.

The Chairman thanked the officer for his attendance.

5.2. Treasurers Report

There had been no income or expenditure in the past month and there was currently £880 in the two CC accounts.

5.3 Roads and Paths

CCLrs had met with P&KC to discuss implications of the Core Path Plan. There was sympathy for the CC's own priorities, but no money available from PKC.

It was agreed that there was need for a path through Scotlandwell and various ideas were discussed. This route had been removed from the list of core paths.

It was agreed that the use of money available to the CC for tree planting in Scotlandwell, because of planning gain conditions, would be progressed via Scotlandwell in Bloom, and CCLr Tom Smith agreed to deal with this.

The Secretary read the report from WCllr Robertson, as it contained information relating to paths.

“TRACKS have been asked to become involved with the Fife Coast & Countryside Trust Living Lomonds Partnership project (LLPP). The Trust is keen to link the Fife path network to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. TRACKS have made funding bids through the LLPP for five projects within Portmoak, namely;

- Footpath from Vane Farm over Benarty Hill
- Multi use track along the Leven Cut from the Causeway south of Scotlandwell to Auchmuir Bridge
- Footpath from the LLHT to link with the Michael Bruce Way at Grahamstone.
- Upgrade of Well Road, Scotlandwell.
- Link path from Portmoak Moss to Portmoak Church.

TRACKS will learn the outcome of bids in March 2013. There will not be funding for all these projects but TRACKS hope to obtain funding for some.

With regard to the extension of the LLHT, the RSPB have agreed that the path is to be moved back to 30 metres from the rear garden boundaries of New Hall cottages, and for planting and screening that the householders may request. The householders have been informed.

There are more than six objections to the application (four from Kinross-shire and a number from people living in Fife) so this application will have to go before the Council's Development Control Committee. It is hoped that their meeting will be held on 4th July.”

The Chairman asked a resident of New Hall cottages who was present at the Meeting to comment, which he did as follows:-

“There was extensive correspondence on the P&KC website, but the problem was mainly sketchy information, and a lack of consultation and information. This was complicated by the fact that funding arrangements would expire before planning applications had been approved.

It is not known if the alterations to the initial planning application will be considered as a new application.”

The Chairman thanked the resident, and expressed his disappointment that the CC had not been made aware of the TRACKS application when it was first proposed.

Another resident said that the issues now being discussed were confirming the problems identified by the Ramblers Association two years ago. Although it was accepted that the current planning application would proceed, the Ramblers Association would continue to press for their preferred route, which was agreed to be the better of the two.

5.2 Planning

There were four applications notified to the Community Council since the last meeting.

12/00703/FLL Land South East Of Loch Leven Mills, Kinross. Formation of walking/cycling trail, and construction of associated bridge.

Whilst the CC supported this application it did so with conditions.

12/00738/FLL Butts Acre, Leslie Road, Scotlandwell, Modification of existing consent - (07/02749/FLL) - Erection of a dwelling-house (Plot 2)

The CC would make no objection.

12/00723/FLL "Dunhoy" Main Street Kinnesswood Kinross KY13 9HN. Installation of replacement windows and doors.

The CC would make no objection.

12/00943/IPL Balneathal, Easter Balgedie. Erection of new house in outline.

This was presently under discussion by the CC with special consideration for the dangerous junction onto the A911 public road.

A resident asked the CC to remember the objections to a previous planning application elsewhere at Easter Balgedie when considering this new application, and to be sure that the reasons for objection to the previous application were applied to this new application.

The Chairman stated that it was the intention of the Community Council to be consistent in its consideration of all planning applications.

CCLr Bird raised the issue of planning applications within Portmoak that had not been reported by P&KC to the Community Council. The problem took up considerable time and effort by the CC. Perhaps a more effective method of determining what applications were being considered in the Portmoak area could be created to prevent applications from bypassing the CC.

6. Ward Cllr Reports

(Report from WCllr Robertson given earlier)

7. AOCB

The Secretary was pleased to inform the meeting of the birthday of Portmoak resident Mrs Peacock, who lives at Glenlmond Nursing Home, and who became 102 years old on June 11th 2012.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held on July 10th 2012 at 7.00 pm in Portmoak Hall

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and the Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.