

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, February 14th at Portmoak Primary School.

1. **Attendance:** CCLrs John Bird (Chair) Robin Cairncross, Susan Forde, Malcolm Strang Steel and Dick Williamson; Ward Cllrs: Kathleen Baird, Michael Barnacle, Sandy Miller and Willie Robertson; and 6 residents.

Apologies: CCLrs Malcolm Parkin and Tom Smith.

2. **Previous minutes:** were approved and signed.
3. **Police Report:** (PC Mitchell) There had been no reported crime in Portmoak in the past month. One driver had been found speeding. A number of personal, multi-function and motion detector alarms were available for purchase at reasonable cost from the Police Community Safety Department – contact 01738 892642. The matter of fly tipping was raised. This was believed to be under-reported and the police encouraged incidents to be reported to them. The responsibility for removing tipped materials from private land is that of the owner of the land.
4. **Treasurers Report:** There was a total of £1,268 in the two accounts. There had been no income or expenditure during the period.
5. **Matters arising from previous meetings**
 1. Stephens Field: The CC was awaiting final confirmation of transfer of ownership to the CC of the field. Enquires in respect of the grant given with the field confirmed that it could not be increased.
 2. Build Outs: Replacement of the bollards on all build outs in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell was now complete, and all were now illuminated. The result was very satisfactory and the CC had written to thank Perth and Kinross Council for the work.
 3. Build Out/Mini-Roundabout at Wellside Park (B920): Resolution of the potential confusion concerning these traffic arrangements was in hand.
 4. 30mph sign on B920 entrance to Scotlandwell: The CC has heard that this will now be moved southwards to a position 100 metres beyond the field on the B920 proposed for housing development in the Local Plan.
 5. Kinnesswood Bus Shelter: Repairs to the fabric of the shelter are awaited. Further developments are to be taken forward by Kinnesswood in Bloom.
 6. Relocation of bus stop at Scotlandwell: A new bus stop has been erected in a safer position – the old one awaits removal.
 7. Gritting and Snow Clearing: Report still awaited from Mr Stuart D'All of P&KC. The CC welcomed the news that the road from The Loch Leven Campus via Lethangie to the junction with the A911, is now to be gritted, as it is a school route.

8. Dog waste Bin at Grahamstone Track: The position remained unchanged. Despite two complaints, a dog waste bin would not be provided by P&KC as the need was not accepted and there were no funds for a bin in any event. Dog waste could not be placed in the domestic refuse bins at the top of the track by the junction with the A911. It therefore remained for dog owners to remove dog waste.

Following an earlier request by the CC for a dog waste bin to be placed in this area, P&KC had carried out a needs assessment, and concluded that a bin was not required. Even if the CC purchased a waste bin, P&KC would not empty it.

CCLlr Strang Steel questioned the robustness of this P&KC needs assessment, and it was agreed that CCLlrs would carry out their own assessment.

6. Reports

Roads and Paths

Michael Bruce Way culvert repair: This has been completed. It was noted that the CC would not be able to continue to fund the maintenance of the Michael Bruce way when existing funds are depleted.

Core Paths: CCLlr Tom Smith is drawing up a list of paths within Portmoak.

Progress with the A911 footpath connection between Wester Balgedie and Easter Balgedie : This will be reviewed at the April CC meeting when TRACKS will be present.

A resident was concerned by the apparent lack of space in the Balgedie Toll area for a cycle track and walkway, which is planned between Loch Leven's Larder and Wester Balgedie

Planning

Draft Local Plan: The Community Council will consider the Plan at its meeting on 13th March with a view to making representations to P&KC by 10th April. Cllr Michael Barnacle will introduce the Plan and Portmoak residents are encouraged to attend and to make their views known.

The CC has no objection to the following applications:

11/02088/FLL - Land 90 Metres North East of Loch Leven's Larder: Change of Use of agricultural land to form new public footpath and improvements to existing footpath

12/00024/FLL - Land 30 Metres South West of Applerigg, Leslie Road Scotlandwell (Scottish Water) : Installation of new pipeline and associated works

11/02106/FLL - Vane Farm Nature Centre Kinross: Minor alterations and improvements to existing car park:

The CC is presently considering the following applications:

12/00117/FLL Site east of 9 Friar Place Scotlandwell: Erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings

12/00028/FLL The Faulds, Back Dykes Road, Kinnesswood : Formation of a Balcony and alterations to dwellinghouse

12/00088/FLL Land east of Whitecraigs Kinnesswood : Change of use from open space to garden ground, relocation of track and landscaping works

12/00087/FLL Scottish Gliding Centre Portmoak Airfield Scotlandwell Kinross : Modification of existing consent (10/02144/FLL) Demolition of existing hut and erection of a new unit.

Full details of all applications and decisions can be found on the Portmoak Community Council website.

7. Ward Councillor Reports.

Cllr Barnacle confirmed arrangements for his presentation on the Draft Local Development Plan at the next meeting of the Council. He drew attention to recent changes to planning regulations that increased permitted developments. Councillor Miller advised the CC that application 09/00936/FLL at Causeway Cottage, due to be heard by PKC Development Control Committee on February 15th had been withdrawn.

8. AOCB

1. Kinross Newsletter Deadlines: It was noted that the deadline for the submission of Portmoak CC Minutes to ensure that they are published in the issue immediately after a CC meeting, had been brought forward by the Newsletter to allow them more time for the preparation of each issue. This new deadline would allow Portmoak CC just three days for production and submission of their Minutes. After discussion with the Newsletter, it had been agreed to allow Portmoak an extension to five days for this. The problem for Portmoak CC is that its meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month, whereas other CCs (other than Milnathort for which this was also causing difficulty) hold their meetings earlier in each month. The CC will draw this matter to the attention of Kinross Community Council, who own the Newsletter.
2. Flash Flooding and Mud on the road at Wester Balgedie : The centre of Wester Balgedie is periodically affected by water run-off from a field to the east of the village which causes drain silting and road mess. This will be reported to the Roads Department.

A different and long standing water run-off from the field to the south of the road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlomond, at a position west of the water tank, was reported to P&KC Roads Department on 20th December 2011. An inspection was made on 18th January 2012, but no water was running at that time.

Post meeting note: Water was running onto the road on 15th February, and this was again reported to P&KC Roads Department.
3. Siting of proposed 40 mph limits on A911 to the North of Wester Balgedie: New entrances, and increased traffic at Loch Leven's Larder, may support a case for moving these signs beyond the entrances to the Larder. Cllr Barnacle will pursue a review of current policy with the Traffic Department.
4. B919 blocked ditch at Newlands Farm: This matter had only partially been resolved. Cllr Baird would pursue this on behalf of the affected resident.
5. B919 possible mains water leak: The matter would be reported to Scottish Water.

9. Communications since last meeting

The Acting Secretary has a list of communications received since the last meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting finished at 8.50 pm

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday March 13th 2012 at Portmoak Primary School.

Please note: If a CC meeting has to be cancelled, every effort is made to have this information placed on the CC website: www.portmoak.org