

## Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 at Portmoak Primary School.

**1. Attendance:** Cllrs M. Parkin (Chairman) R. Cairncross, T. Smith, S. Forde

Ward Cllrs Michael Barnacle, Kathleen Baird and Willie Robertson, 3 residents, and 1 speaker.

**Apologies:** were received from Cllrs John Bird, Malcolm Strang Steel, Richard Williamson, and also from PC Sadie Allan.

**2. Previous minutes:** were approved and signed.

### **3. Police Report**

In addition to a written report, PC Sadie Allan was to have attended the meeting, but an event affecting Fossoway CC understandably took precedence.

There had been several incidents of fire-raising in Kinross, some involving motor vehicles, and the public were urged to be vigilant. Anyone with information about these serious incidents should call 0300 111 2222.

There was no reported crime in Portmoak since the last Meeting.

### **4. Treasurers report:**

The Treasurer had submitted a written report showing that the balances of CC funds were unchanged since the last meeting with the exception of interest received of 0.09p

There was a total of £1243.18 in the two accounts.

### **5. Matters arising from previous meetings**

1. Stephens Field: No further update.

2. Build Outs: Work to replace the bollards on the build-outs in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell would commence at the end of January 2012 as previously reported.

Cllr Cairncross raised the question of the position of the build out agreed for near to the entrance to the Wellside Park development, and the mini roundabout also scheduled for that entrance to the B920, and it emerged that PKC Principal Engineer Jillian Robertson had been unaware of the mini roundabout when she had agreed to the build out. This conflict was being resolved, and Cllr Cairncross added that PKC Roads Department should also take note of the fact that the field on the east side of the B920 at the entrance to Scotlandwell

was zoned for housing development in the forthcoming Draft Plan, in the event of which there would be another entrance to the B920 further south, and this raised the question of where the forthcoming new 30mph sign on the B920 should be placed, and also whether both a mini roundabout and a build out should be constructed.

It was agreed that the easiest course of action would be for the Chairman to contact Jillian Robinson to discuss these three items and their inter-relation.

3. Kinnesswood Bus Shelter: No progress to report. Any work would be undertaken in the new PKC budget year in any event.

4. Re-location of Bus Stop at Scotlandwell : Still in hand with PKC.

5. Gritting and Snow Clearing: Although there had still not been any response from PKC to the report submitted by the CC in April 2011, Cllr Michael Barnacle had raised this with PKC Area Roads Engineer Mr Stuart D'All, and he had provided Cllr Barnacle with a draft of the information he was still intending to provide for Portmoak CC. Cllr Barnacle passed this information to the Chair.

6. Dog Waste Bin at Grahamstone track : Cllr Kathleen Baird reported that PKC has no funds for new bins, only replacements. It was suggested that the landowner could provide a bin and also empty it. This was not considered fair or practical.

Post Meeting Note;

The Community Council has researched and also been advised on this issue.

The Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 requires a dog owner to pick up dog waste from anywhere other than agricultural land. However, most people only have access to agricultural land under statutory access rights, which must be exercised responsibly, under pain of losing them. These access rights recognise the risk that disease from dog waste in fields will affect humans and farm animals, and therefore require access takers to pick up and remove dog waste from fields, and properly dispose of it. Bagging it and putting it in a hedge, or anywhere else, is unacceptable, and is also a criminal offence under the Litter Act. The Community Council have been advised that placing dog fouling in a hedgerow, without bagging it, where it will naturally degrade, is an acceptable practice.

The other option is that dog owners should remove their dog waste and take it home for disposal, or place it in a dog waste bin elsewhere.

## **Speaker - Dr Karen McDonnell.**

Dr McDonnell, leader of the Scotlandwell Wash House Restoration Project, had been invited to attend the CC meeting in order to outline help needed with a condition attached to early funding from the joint EU / Scottish Government Rural Tayside LEADER fund. This condition is that the Well and Wash House project should be seen to be dealing with PKC to ensure continued right of access to Well Lane, and also that the original cobbled surface should be retained and maintained. Cllr W Robertson offered to take this matter forward with PKC, thus satisfying the funding condition. Dr McDonnell agreed to forward full details to Cllr Robertson.

Dr McDonnell gave the CC a brief description of progress to date with the refurbishment and development of the Well and Wash-house, and said that all of the £105,000 of funding for the project was in place. The Chairman asked if any other of the funding sources was conditional, and Dr McDonnell indicated that this was the case, but that the conditions could be satisfied during the course of the project.

## **6. Reports**

### **Roads and Paths**

Work was still required on the Michael Bruce Way culvert as previously reported. This is in hand with Cllr Tom Smith with the intention of effecting repairs before April.

Cllr Cairncross reported that a pothole in the Lethangie Road that had caused damage to his vehicle had been quickly repaired, and he commended PKC for their prompt action.

Cllr Strang Steel informed the meeting in writing that the core path plan had received agreement from Scottish Ministers, subject to changes recommended by the Reporters, and will now be adopted by P&KC at a meeting on January 25th 2012. Details of the core paths within Portmoak will be available online shortly.

### **Planning**

Two applications had been considered since the last CC meeting. The CC recommended both for approval.

11/01917/FLL erection of a dwelling-house, livery stables and associated buildings at the Portmoak Livery Stables on the access road to The Moss, Scotlandwell.

11/02050/FLL enclosure of a car port, and extension to floor area at 16 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood.

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

Discussions with P&KC planning and legal departments, as indicated previously, are still progressing.

### **7. Ward Councillor Reports.**

Cllr Barnacle reported that the requested 30 mph northwards extension at Kilmagadwood would now take place, but his proposal for a 50mph limit on the A911 between Scotlandwell and Auchmuir Bridge had been rejected.

The deadline for comments on the new Local Plan, which would be sent to all Community Councils by 29<sup>th</sup> January, would be 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Cllr Barnacle offered to make a presentation on the Local Plan to Portmoak CC at their March meeting, prior to the April deadline for responses, and this was welcomed. It was proposed that after consideration of the Local Plan, the Community Council should brief Cllr Barnacle on those areas requiring specific attention or explanation during his presentation.

This event will require the re-scheduling of the report from Mr George Lawrie of TRACKS to the April Community Council meeting.

Cllr Kathleen Baird reported that planning applications considered by PKC would now be divided into Controversial or Non Controversial. CClr Cairncross asked if there would still however be a nominated case Officer for each application and Cllr Baird confirmed this would be so.

### **8. AOCB**

The meeting was joined by a resident who had attended the presentation by Kinross Cricket Club at Loch Leven's Larder that evening. He reported that some forty people had attended, and all had been in favour of the proposals for the new pitch and clubhouse put forward by the Club.

### **9. Communications since last meeting**

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

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting finished at 8.10pm

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday February 14th 2012 at Portmoak Primary School.

Please note: If a CC meeting has to be cancelled, for whatever reason, every effort is made to have this information placed on the CC website: [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

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