

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on December 10th 2013 at Portmoak Primary School

- 1. Attendance:** Cllrs: Malcolm Strang Steel (Chair); Robin Cairncross (Secretary); Richard Williamson (Treasurer); Bruce Calderwood (Deputy Chair); and Tom Smith. WCllrs: M Barnacle; and J Giacomazzi; a member of the Police; and 19 members of the public.

Apologies: WCllr D Cuthbert and WCllr W Robertson and Cllr Susan Forde

- 2. Invitation for New Members:** The Council would welcome interest from any resident of Portmoak over the age of 18 years who might wish to join the Council. Interest in the position of Minute Secretary would also be welcome. Please contact the Secretary on 0159 284 0672 or any member of the Council.

- 3. Previous minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held in November 2013 were approved.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

4.1 Stephen's Field: No further progress

4.2 Footpath between Easter and Wester Balgedie: No further progress to report.

4.3 Donation of Trees from Scottish Woodland Trust: Cllr Tom Smith reported that he understood that the school would take most of the remaining stock but awaited hearing from the parents' association. Nevertheless a number of small saplings remained. Anyone interested in acquiring some should contact Tom Smith on 0159 284 1160.

4.4 Memorial bench on the Michael Bruce Way: Arrangements to secure a suitable location are in hand.

5. Reports:

5.1 Police: PC Sadie Allan presented the Police Report. Key points: the matter of safety at Kilmagadwood junction had been referred to the RPU; there had been a theft of lead and copper building materials from a house under construction in Kilmagadwood; and speeding analyses at different points on the A911 were being evaluated.

WCllr Barnacle advised that P&KC are, in light of the proposal to withdraw counter services, considering further discussions with Police Scotland.

5.2 Treasurer: The Treasurer reported as at the end of November 2013 a balance of £650.85 in the General Account and 770.88 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,421.73.

5.3 Planning:

The CC considered the following planning application and agreed not to object to:

13/02054/FLL Alterations to layout of existing chalets (in retrospect) and erection of an additional chalet Loch Leven Lodges, Kinross

The CC reviewed the following planning application 13/01858/FLL Land East of Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell, Erection of a dwellinghouse and garage.

The CC had objected to this application. Subsequent to the closure date for consultation the CC had been advised direct from P&KC of further information which constituted significant material change to the original application. It noted that this information had been backdated on the website to before the closing date. The CC confirmed that its objection would remain. It would write to PKC and advise them that in its view the correct course of action is to require the applicant to withdraw the application and resubmit it on the new basis, so that all interested parties would be given a proper opportunity to comment.

These decisions were unanimous.

The CC reviewed progress with the Kilmagadwood Development - applications: 10/00134/FLL; 13/00903/FLL Dwelling house at Plot 1; 13/01425/FLL dwelling house at Plot; and 13/01976/FLL Variation of Condition 8 of planning permission 8 of application 10/00134/FLL to improve the road junction with the A911. There were now further amendments to 13/01425/FLL which the CC would consider. WCllr Mike Barnacle reported on a site meeting that he had convened in which residents of Kilmagadwood, the CC, WCllr Giacopazzi and P&KC officials had participated. Concerns, primarily about the handling of the plans to improve safety at the junction, were aired. WCllr Barnacle opposed work continuing on the site until the work required to make the junction conform to the required safety standard had been carried out. The CC supported urgent implementation of the proposal to revise the junction. Application 13/01976/FLL, dealing with the improvements at the junction, would be taken forward by P&KC in due course. It was also noted that P&KC had apparently rejected an objection from a member of the public to application 13/01976/FLL on the grounds that it was one day late - a matter that was open to challenge.

The CC noted the following decisions by P&KC:

13/01465/FLL: East Newhall Cottage, Kinross Ky13 9LU Formation of agricultural field access (for TRACKS). Consent granted.

Local Development Plan: The CC is considering the decisions of the Government Reporters made in respect of the Draft Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan. It was focussing on implications for Portmoak.

Developer contributions: Progress continues to be slow in securing the funds due for trees at The Green in Scotlandwell (£400). WCllr J Giacopazzi confirmed that he had been told by the relevant officer that the funds had been paid. There was some doubt as to whether they had been received by Scotlandwell in Bloom and the WCllr would follow this up. WCllr D Cuthbert is exploring: the eligibility of Portmoak Primary School for a recent local developer educational contribution (£12,750); and the loss of developer contribution support for post-excavation archaeological work on 23 Bronze Age urns retrieved at the development site at Kilmagadwood (£30,000). An interim response had been received from P&KC.

5.4 Roads: Cllr Bruce Calderwood confirmed that the “*Summary Road Report*” for Portmoak had been received by P&KC and was being used by both Ward Councillors and officials. Of some urgency were:

- Maintenance of build-out bollards - replacement of deficient reflective surfaces and failed illumination.
- The Gullet Bridge - loss of reflective warning signs rendering the bridge approach dangerous.

Both these matters would be taken forward by WCllr Barnacle.

- Grit Bins - there was an urgent need for grit bins at the new junction of Kilmagadwood to the A911 and at Bishop Terrace. This matter would be taken forward W Cllr Giacomazzi.

There is a concern that, without more targeted support, the access to Glenlomond from the A911 could be compromised in heavy snow. It had not been possible to recruit local farmers to the formal P&KC scheme which complemented routine road clearing. Nonetheless arrangements, which draw on local support working with increased support from P&KC, should be in place for the coming winter.

5.5 Paths: Cllr Tom Smith reported: there was a need to cut back the growth on the footpath alongside the A911 leading from the Church to Scotlandwell. As the path is a part of the road this is really a matter for PKC roads department, but self help may be a more effective option. The CC wish to re-convene the “Paths sub-group.” There is an interesting and challenging programme of work here. P&KC are supportive and would provide advice. Anyone interested in joining the paths group should contact Tom Smith on 0159 284 1160.

6. Access at Grahamstone: Residents confirmed that some walkers, including those exercising their dogs, had found that their regular access from the Portmoak Moss onto the lands of Grahamstone had been curtailed by the person or persons with shooting rights over the property. There had been an altercation and what were perceived as intimidating signs erected. Having heard the concerns the Chairman undertook, as a first step, to discuss the matter with the landowner. He asked that those involved in the incidents should contact him to give him full details of what had occurred before the meeting took place..

7. Kinross-shire Community Council Network:

A meeting of the Network was held on 20 November with representation from Portmoak CC. It covered:

- Landscape designation - there was little prospect of the Kinross Basin becoming a National Scenic Area;
- New planning procedures in relation to drainage within the Loch Leven catchment area – these are to be regulated primarily by SEPA and underpin mitigation of phosphorus discharges;
- Fracking - the current P&KC policy position on this was noted; and

- Access to the M90 to and from the south at the Milnathort junction. There were advantages in pursuing this in connection with the CC's attempts to reduce heavy traffic on the A911 and the CC determined to write to Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Transport, in support of the proposal. All four WCllrs had already done so.

8. Supporting the Role of Community Councils: With the support of Fossoway and District Council, P&KC propose a training session in the spring for representatives from the CCs of Kinross-shire. This would be modelled on a similar successful event held recently for P&KC "Hghland CCs" at Ballinluig.

9. Ward Cllr Reports

WCllr Barnacle: Reported that there was a fund of £100,000 available to support the bringing of currently unadopted roads up to adoption standard.

WCllr Giacopazzi: Reported that improved broadband could be anticipated in due course. Most residents present confirmed that they were handicapped by what was regarded as poor broadband speed.

10. Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor.

No matters notified.

11. AOCB

None

12. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at **7.00pm, on Tuesday 14th January 2014**, at Portmoak Primary School.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and the Meeting closed at 09.00 pm.

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