

Portmoak Community Council

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

- 1. Attendance:** Cllrs: B Calderwood (Chair); S Forde; R Williamson; R Cairncross; I McGrattan; R Pritchard (minute secretary) and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: CCllr Malcolm Strang Steel; Ward Cllrs: W. Robertson, D Cuthbert and J Giacopazzi; and the Police.

- 2. Change of Office Bearers:** The Council received the resignation of the Chairman Malcolm Parkin on grounds of ill health and expressed its gratitude for his considerable service to the Council. New office bearers were confirmed; Chair, Malcolm Strang Steel; Deputy Chair, Bruce Calderwood; and Secretary Robin Cairncross. The Chairman introduced Rita Pritchard as Minute Secretary.
- 3. Previous minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held in August 2013 were approved by the CC and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1. Stephen's Field

No further progress to report.

4.2. Gritting and Snow Clearing

The Community Council had contacted potential independent contractors who had been approached by P&KC to assist with snow clearing. A final decision on the arrangements for the forthcoming winter is awaited.

4.3 HGV Traffic in Portmoak

Elizabeth Smith MSP is investigating the issue of classification of roads with Transport Scotland and will report. Any change would require careful appraisal. PKC is liaising with Fife to seek if their sign at Auchmuir Bridge could be amended to inform HGV traffic that the B9097 route (south loch road) was suitable for both northbound and southbound vehicles.

4.4. Footpath between Easter and Wester Balgedie

The Council welcomes progress on this important venture.

4.5. Grounds Maintenance

The CC noted the request from PKC to be advised of the need for additional cuts for safety reason at certain junctions. Growth at the Kilmagadwood junction, which could interfere with sight lines, could merit attention.

4.6. A911 and Wester Balgedie Junction

WCllr Giacopazzi (written report) noted that the issue of signage and an anti-skid road surface at this accident spot was being considered by P&KC.

5. Reports

5.1 Police. The police apologised for non attendance. A written report was submitted. Key messages included the introduction of "Rural Watch" arrangements. For information on how to access the new arrangements, the website is www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk then click join, select kinross-shire rural watch & select within 10 miles. The Council agreed to alert the police to concerns of the Kilmagadwood residents about the safety of the new junction on the A911 at Kilmagadwood.

5.2 Treasurer

The Treasurer reported a balance of £663.75 in the General Account, and £815.82 in the Michael Bruce Way Account. Total £1,479.57 as at the end of August 2013.

5.3. Planning

The CC had considered the following planning applications made to P&KC and had agreed not to make any objection:

13/01097/FLL Alterations, change of use and restoration of formal stable and cottage to form residential annex, Lynallan, Kinnesswood;

13/01312/FLL Extension to cattery and office, Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell;

These decisions were those of the entire CC.

The CC notes and makes no comment on the 3 applications in retrospect:

13/00262/ADV; 13/00263/ADV; and 13/00269/ADV for free standing advertisement boards and interpretation display panels.

The CC is currently considering;

13/01482/FLL Removal of conditions 2 and 3 (use of building and external storage) planning consent, 3 Middleburn Cottages, Kirkness Cardenden.

13/01425/FLL Modification of existing consent (10/00134/FLL) Change of house type (plot 2) and change of use from agricultural into garden ground, Land north of Kilmagadwood Cottage Scotlandwell. The Council agree that the information provided by P&KC on this application was not adequate. Further information would be sought and new date for concluding comments sought if necessary.

13/01543/FLL Erection of dwelling house - modification of (08/01803/FLL) change of house type, Balneathill House, Easter Balgedie.

13/01185/ADV Display of two signs, Land 70 metres North East of Fairview house, Scotlandwell.

Local Development Plan.

The CC is considering 5 pieces of Supplementary Guidance as part of a consultation by P&KC.

The CC has investigated information from a resident that two new buildings appeared to have been erected, possibly without planning permission. Planning consents were in order.

The CC is pursuing the position re planning consent when a permanent access from a field to a road is constructed by a landowner.

Outh Muir Windfarm

The Council was mindful of the potential impact on the existing landscape and is considering whether to comment or not to both Fife and Perth and Kinross Councils. In the meantime the views of the community and of ward councillors would be welcome.

Kilmagadwood

1. The CC noted that the matter of whether building should be halted pending resolution of planning conditions relating to the junction had been referred for legal opinion.
2. The CC will pursue clarity on landscaping and maintenance arrangements as they related to potentially redundant ground at the junction.
3. The CC noted concerns of residents regarding safety at the junction. It would relay these to the police and to P&KC.
4. The gradient before the junction. Potential concerns about this approach particularly in winter were acknowledged.

Developer contributions

The School has now written to PK&C about realising the developer contribution from Kilmagadwood. Cllr Giacomazzi is progressing the contribution for "the Green" at Scotlandwell.

5.4 Roads

Good progress had been made on repairing sunken gulleys and in surfacing the B9097 (south loch road). The timing for completing the resurfacing work on the road would be explored.

Reinstatement of the antiskid surface post recent road works on the A911 approach to Auchmuir Bridge would be explored.

Damaged warning build-out bollards at both entrances to Kinnesswood would be reported.

Cllr Giacomazzi (written report) confirmed that reflectors on the Gullet Bridge and blind summit signs on the B9097 (south loch road) were in hand. The dangerous wall in Wester Balgedie and the collapsed wall on the entry to Kinnesswood would be raised with Cllr. Giacomazzi.

The missing Scotlandwell in Bloom award sign would be pursued.

A request for a pelican crossing on the South Loch road at Vane farm to assist disabled visitors was noted.

Concerns were raised once more about the risk to pedestrians from heavy vehicles on the narrow footpath along the A911 between the Church and Scotlandwell.

5.5 Paths

Remedial work was being carried out on the upper stretches of the Michael Bruce Way above Kinnesswood.

6. Ward Cllr Reports

No reports

7. AOCB

None

8. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at 7.00pm, on Tuesday 8th October 2013, at Portmoak Primary School.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and the Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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