

# Portmoak Community Council

## Draft Minutes of Meeting held on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Portmoak Primary School

- 1. Attendance:** Cllrs: Malcolm Strang Steel (Chair); Robin Cairncross (Secretary); Richard Williamson (Treasurer); Bruce Calderwood (Deputy Chair); and Tom Smith; and WClrs: M Barnacle; J Giacomazzi; and W Robertson; 1 member of the Police; and 2 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr S Forde and WClr D Cuthbert,

- 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 January 2014 were approved.

- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

4.1 Stephen's Field: No further progress.

4.3 Access at Grahamstone: Resolution of the matter of signage remained.

6.0 Path between Easter and Wester Balgedie: A planning application for the path alongside the A911 had been submitted. The Council would write in support.

7.0 Lomond Inn: Potential new arrangements for recycling had been reviewed with Perth and Kinross Council. There was now no immediate cause to contact the owner.

- 5. Reports:**

5.1 Police: PC Douglas Stapleton was welcomed and presented the Police Report. Key points included: to be aware of Irish males selling power tools from a vehicle; and that incidents of hare coursing had been noted in Portmoak and were being pursued. As always with any suspicious incident the public are encouraged to note vehicle registration numbers. PC Stapleton's remit had extended to include Rural/Farm Watch.

5.2 Treasurer: The Treasurer reported as at the end of January 2014 a balance of £561.60 in the General Account and £770.97 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,332.57. New arrangements from Perth and Kinross Council for Administrative and Supplementary Grants to Community Councils were considered. A top-up system will mean that community councils, which have a balance of funds at the year-end of less than £700 following submission of their examined annual accounts, will receive a grant to top-up their balance to £700. The Council would consider, in light of this information, how best to manage its budget.

5.3 Planning: The CC considered the following planning applications and agreed not to object to:

14/00184/FLL, Iona, Back Dykes Road Kinnesswood, modification of windows and door; and

14/00135/PN Vane Farm Nature Centre, application for annual Kinross Show

These decisions were unanimous.

The CC noted:

14/00008/EIA Proposal for 11 windmills at Blairadam, Fife. This was a significant development. Perth and Kinross Council had, on behalf of the Council sought an extension of the consultation period and was pursuing improved View Point information from Kinross-shire. The Council, in light of further information, would consider whether to object to the plans and in parallel would explore eligibility for community benefit.

13/02250/FLL, P&KC had granted planning consent to modify plots 8, 9, and 10 and had confirmed the path and its maintenance arrangements leading from the Development through these plots and into The Green.

13/01858/FLL Land East of Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell, Erection of a dwellinghouse and garage. No progress.

13/01976/FLL Plans to revise the junction at Kilmagadwood with A911. This would be determined shortly by Perth and Kinross Council. Safety issues were again raised and noted.

Local Development Plan: The LDP had been adopted by Perth and Kinross Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 and should shortly come in to effect. It can be downloaded. Preparations for the successor Plan have now begun.

Developer contributions: The Chairman and Secretary will meet shortly with Ward Councillors and officials to review current concerns. WCllr J Giacobazzi was thanked for his assistance in securing the developer contribution of £400 for trees in The Green.

5.4 Roads: CCllr Bruce Calderwood reported that council members would meet shortly with Daryl McKeown, P&KC Road Safety Officer to review both his own traffic survey of Portmoak and the revised "Summary Road Report" for Portmoak. Informed by this the Council would also write to Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Transport, to support the request for south approaches at Junction 7 on the M90.

Concern about the state of the pavement outside the Shop in Kinnesswood would be discussed with Daryl McKeown. The Council was assured that warning chevrons on the Gullet Bridge were imminent and it would seek advice from Scotlandwell in Bloom about the missing award signs for the village. It was noted that the banking of the narrow footpath alongside the A911 from the Church to Scotlandwell was being trimmed back.

5.5 Paths: CCllr Tom Smith reported that the "Paths Group" of the Council had now been formed. Its first task would be to complete an audit of all paths in Portmoak. The establishment of the Group had been widely welcomed.

## **6. Ward Cllr Reports:**

WCllr W Robertson reported on the process to finalise the triennial budget. Consideration was being given on how to spend the underspend for the current financial year. He noted that the viability of the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust was in question and that, as a consequence, TRACKS will have to raise funds from elsewhere to cover its running costs.

WCllr J Giacopazzi confirmed the prudence of the current and past administration in managing the current budget.

WCllr M Barnacle commended the Eco Project at Portmoak Primary School and reported that the supplementary guidance on Housing in the Countryside was under review and that the provisions for Gypsy Travellers merited review.

## **7. Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor:**

No matters notified.

## **8. AOCB**

## **9. Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at **7.00pm, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014**, at Portmoak Primary School.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and the Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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