

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 11th March 2014 at Portmoak Primary School

- 1. Attendance:** Cllrs: Bruce Calderwood (Deputy Chair); Robin Cairncross (Secretary); Richard Williamson (Treasurer); and Tom Smith; and WClrs: J Giacomazzi; and W Robertson; 1 member of the Police; and 2 members of the public.
Apologies: CClrs M Strang Steel, and 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 February 2014 were approved.
- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**
 - 4.1 Stephen's Field: No further progress.
 - 4.3 Access at Grahamstone: Signage that had given cause for concern had now been removed.
 - 4.6 Path between Easter and Wester Balgedie: A planning application for the path alongside the A911 would be considered shortly. If consent is granted then it is hoped that work would commence soon.
- 5. Reports:**
 - 5.1 Police: PC Sadie Allan was welcomed and presented the Police Report. Key points included: a recent house break-in at Leslie Road, Scotlandwell and a tractor stolen from Findatie. As always with any suspicious incident the public are encouraged to note and report vehicle registration numbers. Concern was expressed at yet a further significant accident on the A911 between Scotlandwell and Auchmuir Bridge and in general at significant road incidents that may not be reported to the Police. As Perth and Kinross Council rely on police reports to inform road safety strategy, there was a risk that underreporting could affect that strategy.
 - 5.2 Treasurer: The Treasurer reported as at the end of February 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. Further expenditure during March could be anticipated.
 - 5.3 Planning: The CC considered the following planning applications and agreed not to object to:

14/00153/FLL Land 200 metres North West of Easter Balgedie House Lodge, Easter Balgedie, Change of use of agricultural land and the construction of a footpath; and

14/00242/FLL Vane Farm Nature Reserve, Temporary siting of a metal storage container (five years) within a fenced enclosure.

These decisions were unanimous.

The CC noted:

14/00008/EIA Proposal for 11 windmills at Blairadam, Fife. This was a significant development. The CC, with the support of P&KC, had contacted Fife Council to gain improved information on View Points from Kinross-shire and to seek an extension of time permitted to comment. Eligibility for community benefits, were any to accrue, would be pursued.

13/00184/FLL, Iona Back Dykes Road, modification of windows and door. P&KC approved.

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. Determination by Perth and Kinross Council had now been deferred to March 19th. Since February new modifications to the proposed arrangements were reported by Ward Councillors.

Developer contributions: The Chairman and Secretary met recently with Ward Councillors Giacobazzi and Cuthbert and officials to review current concerns. Perth and Kinross Council acknowledged that there was a programme of work to render information on the different types of developer contribution both transparent and compliant with Scottish planning regulations and the Council's own guidance on accountability for developer contributions. The CC would seek reports on progress.

- 5.4 Roads: CClr Bruce Calderwood presented an up-dated "Roads Report" covering some 21 items. This will be placed on the CC's website. Of note were:

The need for white line delineation to support the recently installed warning signs on the Gullet Bridge;

Reflective strips on the kerbs of build-outs to be considered;

Cats eyes to be fitted along al of A911;

Improved signage and other improvements to the junction at Wester Balgedie;

Relocation of the Scotlandwell signs on the A911.

Recognition of the need for a conference of interested parties on HGV traffic along the A911 and the possible reclassification of the A911 and the B9097 South Loch Road

Proposals for a pedestrian crossing at Vane Farm

Continuing consideration of traffic flows and speeds along the A911.

- 5.5 Paths: CClr Tom Smith reported that preparatory work to support the "Paths Group" of the Council was now underway.

6. Improving Community Councils.

The CC noted that, following on the conclusion of consultation on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill and issues raised in the Report of the Government's Community Council Short Life Working Group, the Government's Improvement Service had established three short-life working groups of officers throughout Scotland to consider some of the challenges which affect community councils.

7. Ward Cllr Reports:

WCllr W Robertson reported that the extended round-the-loch Heritage Trail would be open from Good Friday onwards. A formal opening is planned for later this spring

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

8.1 Parking at Loch Leven Community Campus. A resident had raised concerns about parking access when visiting the library. Ward Councillors reported that there had been a recent review of parking at the Community Campus and new arrangements would shortly be introduced.

8.2 Dog Waste Bin. A request for a dog waste bin opposite the Hall on the way to the Woodland Trust walk would be passed to the Dog Warden services of P&KC.

9. AOCB

None raised.

10. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at **7.00pm, on Tuesday 8th April 2014**, at Portmoak Village Hall.

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

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