

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 10th November 2015 at Portmoak School

- 1. Attendance:** CCllrs: M Strang Steel (Chairman); B Calderwood (Treasurer and Deputy Chairman); R Cairncross (Secretary); S Forde; D Morris; A Robertson; T Smith and C Vlasto; and WCllrs: M Barnacle; D Cuthbert; J Giacobazzi and W Robertson (who joined the meeting at item 4.4); and 5 members of the public and PCs D Stapleton and J McWilliam.

Apologies: none

- 2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The draft Minute of the Meeting held in October 2015 was approved.

- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

3.6 Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland - Consultation. The CC had received an acknowledgment of its submission to the Commission. It had presented evidence supporting its view that the number of ward councillors for Perth and Kinross should remain at 41, the number for the Kinross-shire ward at 4 and that the area of the ward itself should not be reduced.

- 4. Reports:**

4.1 Police: The CC noted the monthly Police Report including advice for winter motoring. There had been a theft of jewellery following a break-in at Gamekeepers Road and a man had been detained following his throwing eggs at windows in Wester Balgedie, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell. An accident at the junction of the B920 with the south Loch Road (B9097) had not been reported to Perth and Kinross police as Fife police had been in attendance. The CC seeks a more reliable accident reporting process essential to support the case for road safety provisions. The Commander's Bulletins of 16th, 23rd, 29th October and of 5th November were noted. PC Stapleton was thanked for his report.

4.2 Treasurer: The only transaction in either account was a payment in the general account for £54.06 for postage and stationery. The general account at the month end was therefore £473.34 while the MBW account remains unaltered from September at £874.12, giving a total funds on hand of £1,347.46.

4.3 Planning:

- New applications:

a. 15/01701/FLL Kinneston Farm, Scotlandwell, Formation of a forestry access. CC - No comment

b. 15/01313/FLL, Broadwell, Wester Balgedie, Installation of a broadband cabinet. CC - Welcomed this and made no comment. WCllr Cuthbert would alert PKC to a potential safety risk at the site selected.

- c.** 15/01798/FLL, Kilmagadwood Cottage, Installation of an air source heat pump. CC- No comment
- Progress with developments
 - a.** Lomond Inn, 15/00505FLL & 15/00506/CON. A new application has been lodged with PKC.
 - b.** Glenlomond. Submission of plans may be anticipated in the next few weeks.
 - c.** Lochend Farmhouse, 15/00115/IPL Application for two houses. Refused.
 - d.** 28 Gamekeepers Road, 15/01500/FLL Extension to dwelling house. Approved
 - e.** Arrangements at Whitecraigs consequent on departure of the developer. With the conclusion of the final phase of 9 houses, development on this site would shortly end. The CC will seek clarity from both PKC and the developer, A & J Stephen, on the ownership and maintenance of residual landscaped and non-landscaped plots across the Whitecraigs development. This would include the large false Cypress hedge running along the eastern boundary of the site and between it and the golf course.

4.4 Roads:

- CClr Bruce Calderwood reported on a recent visit by officers from the PKC roads department to assess traffic along the A911. The following matters were addressed and would be considered further:
 - a.** Wester Balgedie: Extension of the 40mph limit from Wester Balgedie towards Milnathort to include both turn-off junctions leading to the Larder and the Cricket Club; and long term provisions for a by-pass of the Toll at Wester Balgedie.
 - b.** Easter Balgedie: eligibility for a 20mph pilot speed restriction; warning signs showing agricultural vehicles crossing; and double white lines to discourage overtaking.
 - c.** Kinnesswood: eligibility for a 20mph pilot speed restriction to include the entire village; and improved crossing provisions between the garage and shop.
 - d.** Woodmarch: improvements at the Woodmarch “pinch point” on the footpath between Kinnesswood and the Hall.
 - e.** Scotlandwell: eligibility for a 20mph pilot speed restriction to include at least the built-up areas of the village; improvement to the footpath leading from Scotlandwell up to the Church and Hall; and alteration in priorities at the A911 junction within Scotlandwell.
 - f.** West Bowhouse: Improved warning signs at the double bend in both directions.
 - g.** HGV transit of A911 through Portmoak: signs on M90 advising of a preferred HGV route along South Loch Road; signs on A911 advising against transiting HGVs; and in the long-term re-classification of A911 to “B” and B9097 (South Loch Road) to “A.”

- Cats eyes: The CC noted the installation of cats eyes along the A911 from Milnathort to Auchmuirbridge. They were effective and appreciated although some are missing. Cllr Calderwood would write to thank PKC for doing this work and ask when the missing cats eyes were to be replaced.
- Green Route: proposal to introduce a “Green Route” from Wester Balgedie along the Dryside Road to the boundary with Fife. The CC advised that there should be a 20mph limit for two short stretches of this route: a) within the village of Wester Balgedie; and b) on the narrow part of the road as it passes by Glenlomond. These speed restrictions should be clearly signed. WClr Robertson would propose an amendment to the scheme to this effect at the meeting of PKC’s Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee due to be held the next day.

4.5 Paths: Cllr Tom Smith reported on landscaping work in Whitecraigs including the upgrade of the path from upper Whitecraigs down to the A911. Cattle were now off the hill so relieving pressure on that that stretch of the Michel Bruce Way.

5. **Portmoak Cemetery:** The Chairman reported that there was one lair now left in Portmoak Cemetery. This was not an uncommon situation across Perth and Kinross and a report setting out options on how this might be handed would be presented to PKC in the spring. There was sympathy towards supporting a local solution for a new cemetery in Portmoak if a suitable site of say half an acre could be found. The required criteria were not demanding. If there are suggestions for sites please contact the Chairman directly.
6. **Scottish Government: Independent Review of Planning: Consultation.** The CC noted that views were sought on 6 key issues: development planning; housing delivery; planning for infrastructure; streamlining development management; leadership, resources and skills; and community engagement. These were important matters and, although time given to respond was very short (closing date 1st December) the CC would attempt to make a response. Planning Aid Scotland were offering an information meeting on the matter on 17th November in Perth.

7. Ward Cllr Reports:

WClr Cuthbert: reported that cats eyes had been installed along the A911, on the general move towards “localities” in planning and other council functions; and that arrangements for CC funding remained under review.

WClr Barnacle: reported that “The Main Issues Report” for the next Local Development Plan would be issued for Consultation before the end of the month,

WClr Robertson: advised that bus operators were cutting services from the Park and Ride at Kinross and that this would cause inconvenience. The matter was being pursued by WClrs. He also advised of a meeting to be held at RSPB Loch Leven involving TRACKS and other parties about establishing a safe crossing place of the south Loch road from the Heritage Trail to RSPB. Cllr Dave Morris would participate representing CC interests.

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

9. AOCB:

10. Date of next Meeting: The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at **7.00pm, on Tuesday 8th December at Portmoak School .**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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