

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 8th December 2015 at Portmoak School

- 1. Attendance:** CCllrs: M Strang Steel (Chairman); B Calderwood (Treasurer and Deputy Chairman); R Cairncross (Secretary); A Robertson; T Smith and C Vlasto; and WCllrs: M Barnacle; D Cuthbert; J Giacomazzi and W Robertson and 10 members of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs D Morris and S Forde; and PC Jim Wilson.

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

- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

5.0 Portmoak Cemetery. The Chairman noted that a solution to the problem could be found were a suitable plot of land to be identified in Portmoak. If anyone had any suggestions, please contact him.

- 4. Reports:**

4.1 Police: The CC noted the monthly Police Report including advice for keeping safe over the festive period. There had been local thefts: of a scooter from the Balgedie Toll car park on 10th November (recovered 2 miles away); and three vehicles from Portmoak Airfield overnight on 16/17th November (two landrovers - since recovered - and a Kawasaki mule buggy). A theft of jewellery from Gamekeepers Road was still under enquiry. Theft from farms remained a recurrent matter. A complaint of speeding on the Scotlandwell to Leslie road had been registered as was a minor accident in Main Street Kinnesswood caused by skidding on an icy road. The Commander's Bulletins of 12th, 20th, 26th November and of 3rd December were noted. Residents were encouraged to join Perth and Kinross "Community Watch". Go to www.pkccommunitywatch.co.uk and click 'Join' button. Follow the registration process and choose 'Police' as one of the information providers, as well as any of the other agencies you are happy to hear from.

4.2 Treasurer: The general account at the month end of November was £527.40 while the MBW account remained unaltered £874.12, giving a total of funds on hand of £1,401.52. It was agreed that the Treasurer be given access to view the bank statements on-line and to produce them for audit purposes. All other banking transactions would be conducted in the existing manner with two signatures for each cheque.

- 4.3 Planning:

- New applications:

- a. 15/01834/FLL, *Levens Glen Nursing Home, Glenlmond Kinross KY13 9HF, demolition of Nursing Home and erection of 14 dwellinghouses and associated works.* Given the interest in this development and the comparative brevity of the consultation period, the CC had sought and been granted an extension to the period for making comment until after its next

meeting due to be held on 12th January. A preliminary discussion at this meeting would be concluded at the January meeting when the views of the CC would be confirmed and soundings in the community taken into account. At this stage comment would focus on both the development itself and wider implications for Portmoak

There are currently about 44 properties in Glenlomond supporting a population of around 120. 14 detached 4/5 bedroom villas proposed would add to that. Within Glenlomond the initial response had been positive but there were preliminary concerns about the siting of the access road and its integration with the current village road structure.

Principal concerns outwith Glenlomond focused on the kilometre long, narrow and winding access road from the A991 and its passage through the conservation village of Wester Balgedie. The road through the village was particularly narrow with three bends offering poor visibility. There were no passing places and as such it provided a significant challenge to the increasing number of large vehicles in transit to Glenlomond. Back-ups and reversing were a daily occurrence. This had not improved following the closure of the Nursing Home. Confirmation of a 20mph speed restriction as part of a "Green Route" through the village was awaited but it was unlikely that this would have any beneficial effect on the difficulties faced by larger vehicles transiting the village. It was noted that the developer would be liable to make a contribution to affordable housing but that, unusually in Kinross-shire, there would be no liability for an educational contribution.

- b.** 15/02009/FLL, *Well County Inn Scotlandwell KY13 9JA, Installation of biomass boiler and erection of cabin.* No comment.
- c.** 15/01922/FLL, *Site of former Arnot Lint Auchmuirbridge, Demolition of dwellinghouse and erection of replacement dwellinghouse.* No comment.
- d.** 15/02039/FLL, *Renewal of permission 12/02066/FLL (alteration and replacement of radome), Meteorological Station, Munduff Hill Auchmuirbridge.* No comment.
- Progress with developments
 - a.** Lomond Inn, 15/00505FLL & 15/00506/CON. A new application has been lodged with PKC.
 - b.** Arrangements at Whitecraigs consequent on departure of the developer. A resident speaking on behalf of five neighbouring properties expressed concern that the high False Cypress hedge which bordered their properties would not now be cut back. The recent procedure of "raising the crown" was not adequate. There were a number of disadvantages arising from the hedge, not least diminished natural light. As a result of discussion the resident will now explore with PKC whether an intervention under the High Hedge legislation would be relevant and include Ward Councillors, A & J Stephen and the CC in her correspondence. In addition 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.

4.4 Roads:

- CClr Bruce Calderwood reported that: a decision by PKC setting out the arrangements (including speed restrictions) for the proposed “Green Route” from the A911 along the Dryside Road to the county boundary was awaited; and that the hierarchy of gritting arrangements as they affected Portmoak (including pavements) would be clarified. Arrangements for the trial 20mph limits in Easter Balgedie, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell, if confirmed, were anticipated shortly. Concern that the approach to the new Gullet bridge coming north on the B920 lacked adequate warning signage on the bridge would be explored. The damaged bollard on the build-out in Kinnesswood, as approached from Easter Balgedie, had been reported and a replacement or repair sought.

4.5 Paths: CClr Tom Smith reported on the effect of weather on the upper stretches of the Michael Bruce Way. There would be a number of repairs to make but in general the work undertaken over the summer had held up well.

With the support of TRACKS there had been a successful meeting at Lochend Farm Shop to examine the practicality of commissioning the new path from the Shop through Levenmouth to join the Heritage Trail. A project to take this forward led by TRACKS, working with the respective owners, was now in hand.

5. Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board for Health and Social Care. This is an important matter and these proposals are significant arrangements which could affect all Portmoak residents. The new Joint Board had commissioned a consultation on the arrangements proposed. An aging population and a drive to deliver more care in the community would mean changes to the delivery of both health and social care. Led by CClr Alison Robertson, the CC would finalise its response before the required date of 25th January.

7. Ward Cllr Reports:

WClr Cuthbert: had sought sight of the Report examining the relationship between community council decisions to make a planning objection and decisions taken under delegated powers or by the Development Management Committee for the same applications. He reported that there was work underway to make the PKC website easier to use; and that he had progressed concerns about the siting of the broadband cabinet at Wester Balgedie.

WClr Barnacle: commented that the process to confirm the next PKC budget was underway and that funds would be increasingly squeezed. He reported that the Main Issues Report would be published for consultation before the year’s end and that it would include: a recommendation to look more critically at infrastructure provisions to sustain new developments; the use of generators on travelling folk sites; and arrangements for a new area for development at Crook of Devon.

WClr Giacomazzi confirmed the pressure on the forthcoming budget which meant that non-ringfenced areas could face larger cuts.

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

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None submitted.

8. AOCB:

None.

9. Date of next Meeting: The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at **7.00pm, on Tuesday 12th January at Portmoak School.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the Meeting closed at 8.59pm.

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