

# Portmoak Community Council

## Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Portmoak School

- 1. Attendance:** CCllrs: Malcolm Strang Steel (Chairman); Bruce Calderwood (Deputy Chairman); Robin Cairncross (Secretary); Richard Williamson (Treasurer); Susan Forde; Dave Morris and Tom Smith; WCllrs Mike Barnacle; Dave Cuthbert; and Willie Robertson; Sgt Geoffrey Goodison and 11 members of the public.

**Apologies:** WCllr Joe Giacomazzi.

- 2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The draft Minute of the Meeting held in August 2015 was approved subject to Item 3.9 Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church and Hall being amended as follows: "In reply to the Chairman's letter, PKC said that they had discussed the path. They would need to look at the matter in more depth to consider options but could not guarantee a full solution."

- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

5.5 Roads. Further information would be welcomed if PKC were to designate Dryside Road as a "green route".

7.0 Portmoak cemetery. The Chairman had been in contact with relevant PKC officials to stress the need for consultation on any proposals. The CC's position was to retain the long established burial provision within the parish. WCllr Roberson undertook to pursue the matter further with PKC.

12.0 Easter Balgedie Speed Limit. The Chairman had forwarded the petition from Easter Balgedie residents for a reduction in the speed limit to the Roads Department and a reply is awaited.

- 4. New Local Development Plan (Proposed Main Issues Report) - Implications for Portmoak:** WCllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert provided a summary of progress so far in the process towards the next Local Development Plan. A Main Issues Report (MIR) would be published for consultation in November. A key factor in future planning was the 22% anticipated growth of Perth and Kinross by 2031 - but how much Kinross-shire would grow in the same period was not known. The contents of the actual Report could not be anticipated but matters which may be included in it were briefly canvassed as follows:- four possible new housing sites in Scotlandwell; proposals for the status of Stephen's Field, Kinnesswood; provisions to build on prime agricultural land; reinstatement of settlements lost in the current Local Plan; clarifying Housing in the Countryside policy; traffic management along the A911 to include speed limits and the transit of HGVs; building adjacent to settlement boundaries; lack of parking in Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood; landscape provisions (including Portmoak links with the Lomond Hills Regional Park); the impact of significant "windfall build" in Kinross-shire (including Portmoak) on the need for developing adequate community infrastructure; and the allocation of land to provide a possible by-pass for Wester Balgedie in the future. WCllrs Barnacle and Cuthbert were thanked for their presentation.

## 5. Reports:

5.1 Police: PC Geoffrey Goodison presented the monthly police report. Although there had been few incidents to report the police were not complacent. Thefts from rural buildings remained a constant problem and the public were encouraged to take preventive measures against those who were believed to be “travelling criminals”. The particular problems of a resident living close to the Heritage Trail were being addressed. The CC noted that the report made no reference to the road accident at the New Gullet Bridge which had occurred in August. The Commander’s Bulletins of 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August were noted.

5.2 Treasurer: There was no income or expenditure in the month within the General Account and the bank balance at the end of August was the same as at the end of July, namely £547.60. Within the MBW Account we received a further £250 in donations and with no expenditure the balance in the account at the end of August was £902.85. Total funds at end August were therefore £1450.25.

5.3 Planning:

- **New applications:**

- a) 15/01310/FLL, Arnot Lint, Auchmuirbridge, Erection of a house & alterations to existing cottage. No comment.

- b) 15/01460/FLL, Land 30 metres NW of 18 Bishop Tce, Kinnesswood, Change to access location. No comment on the proposal other to advise PKC that the proposal involved a core path and safeguards for uninterrupted access would be required.

- c) 15/01439/FLL, Land 800 metres SW of Glenlmond Farm, Modification of 3 wind turbines. No comment.

- **Planning Decisions determined by PKC.**

- a) 15/01068/FLL/LBC Millhouse, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood. Consent granted.

- b) 15/00975/FLL Gamekeepers Road Kinnesswood. Consent granted.

- c) 15/01070/FLL Findatie Erection of a wind turbine. Consent refused.

- d) 14/00607/FLL Levenmouth – erection of 2 dwellinghouses. Consent granted.

- e) 14/00607/FLL Moucum’s View, Scotlandwell, initial decision to refuse erection of a dwellinghouse overturned by Local Review Body.

- **Progress with developments**

- a) Lomond Inn 15/00505FLL & 15/00506/CON. Progress awaited.

- b) Glenlmond. No further progress to note.

- c) Levenmouth 14/00607/FLL. Erection of 2 dwelling houses. The CC note that, as planning consent had been anticipated and building commenced, PKC had issued a “Stop Order”. Planning consent had subsequently been granted. The consent included conditions requiring a path providing direct access

across the property from the B920 to the Heritage Trail. It also included conditions to safeguard a significant population of bats roosting on the site. The CC will contact SNH to confirm that the necessary licence had been obtained to allow demolition of the building in which the roosts were situated.

5.4 **Roads:** Cllr Bruce Calderwood presented the "Road's Report" which subject to amendment and updating would be placed on the CC website and reviewed at the next meeting of the Council. There was concern that damage to the Old Gullet Bridge, for whatever reason, had been left for many months in a state of disrepair. WCClr Robertson would seek an explanation.

5.5 **Paths:** Cllr Tom Smith would clarify with the owner when cattle were likely to be at lower levels on the hill adjacent to the Michael Bruce Way.

**6. Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland:** The CC was aware of the proposals of the Boundary Commission to reduce significantly the size of the current Ward 8 (Kinross-shire) with a consequent loss of one ward councillor. They were also aware of the unanimous view of Perth and Kinross Council to reject these proposals and of the subsequent response from the Boundary Commission to modify their original proposal. These matters had been well-advertised and the public encouraged to comment. The CC would write supporting the retention of the existing ward boundary together with four ward councillors. It took the view that the Commission did not appear to have recognised the anticipated population growth for the Ward, that the boundaries proposed were not easily identifiable and that significant local and not least functional ties would be broken by the proposals. It believed that 4 ward councillors were necessary to represent the Ward on Perth and Kinross Council. It was agreed that the Secretary and Chairman would draft a letter opposing the proposal with help from WCClr Cuthbert. Portmoak residents were encouraged to comment. Comments can be submitted through the Commission's consultation portal website [www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk) or in writing to Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**7. Junction 7 M90 - request for additional signage:** Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary and the Minister for Transport and the Islands on providing signage on the M90 to encourage HGVs to use the south loch road has resulted in a request to the Transport Manager for the M90 to liaise with the Chairman on the matter.

**8. Election of a New Council:** A new Community Council for Portmoak will be appointed by PKC from November. Interest from residents of Portmoak who might wish to become a community councillor is welcomed. Information on how residents (whether an existing CC member or not) can submit a Nomination Form to PKC is advertised on all CC notice boards. Forms have to be submitted by 4.00pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September and may be obtained from the Returning Officer at PKC on 01738 475004 or can be downloaded from [www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncils).

**9. Ward Cllr Reports:** W Cllr Barnacle advised that PKC intended to carry out a review of planning enforcement procedures.

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

The family of a former resident wished to establish a seat/bench in his memory. Details of the proposed location were awaited. The CC was favourably disposed to the proposal subject to being happy with the location.

**11. AOCB:** At the *“Take A Pride in Perthshire”* awards Kinnesswood in Bloom won a Gold Award plus Best Small Village in Perth and Kinross. They also won the award for best involvement with local schools. Scotlandwell in Bloom were apparently barred from entering as they have already won Best Small Village three times but they received a special award for their international links. Kinnesswood also won this year’s award of the Kinross-shire Civic Trust for the best kept village. These are significant achievements by both villages and the CC recorded its congratulations and thanks to all those involved.

**12. Date of next Meeting:** The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at **7.00pm, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Portmoak Village Hall.**

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

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