

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 14th June 2016 at Portmoak School

- 1. Attendance:** CCllrs: B Calderwood (Deputy Chair and Treasurer); R Cairncross (Secretary); T Smith; D Morris; and C Vlasto; and WCllrs: M Barnacle; and J Giacomazzi; and 8 members of the public.

Apologies: CCllrs: M Strang Steel (Chairman); A Robertson; and S Forde; and WCllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson; and Police Scotland.

- 2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The draft Minute of the meeting held in May 2016 was approved.

- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

5.0 PKC Public Transport Consultation: Stagecoach Route 201 which links Kinross to Glenrothes via the five Portmoak settlements was subsidised and was part of a current review on Kinross-shire public transport by PKC. At the open consultation forum hosted by PKC, the CC and several residents had reflected views from Portmoak on the value of route 201. WCllrs were asked to clarify if the burden of subsidy fell only on PKC or did Fife Council make a contribution.

6.0 Local Boundary Commission: The recommendation of the Commission to Scottish Ministers to retain the boundaries of the existing Ward 8 (Kinross-shire) and its representation by four 4 ward councillors was warmly welcomed. If the anticipated support for this decision from PKC was sent to the Scottish Government, the CC would also write in support.

8.1 Boulders restricting passage of essential agricultural machinery on the Dryside Road at Muirs of Kinnesswood. The land on both sides of the carriageway was owned by a local resident. PKC did not feel it had a locus in resolving this longstanding matter. It appeared to be an intractable problem which would shortly become acute for the farmer concerned. The CC would give further thought to a solution.

8.2 Overhanging branches at Wester Balgedie: the property owner had been contacted. Arrangements to undertake a trim were in hand.

- 4. Reports:**

4.1 Police: There was no Police Report. The Commander's Bulletins of 26th May, 2nd and 9th June were noted.

4.2 Treasurer: The General Account at the end of May was £140.30, while the Michael Bruce Way account was 694.30 - giving a total of funds on hand of £834.60. The operational grant from PKC for the years 2016 - 2017 was anticipated. An indicative budget for the year had been prepared.

4.3 Planning:

- 1. New applications:*

- a) 16/00913/AML Land at Caol Ila, Back Dykes, Kinnesswood. Erection of a new house and garage. No Comment.
- b) 16/00817/FLL Carsehall Cottage, Wester Balgedie. Replacement windows and doors. No comment.
- c) 16/00798/FLL Glenlmond House, Glenlmond. Erection of a garage. No comment.
- d) 16/00721/FLL Bankfoot Cottage Leslie Road, Scotlandwell. Alterations and extension to house. No comment.
- e) 16/00795/FLL Rannoch Main Street, Kinnesswood. Alterations and extension to house. No comment.
- f) 16/00800/FLL Pine Cottage Wester Balgedie. Replacement windows and erection of a balcony. No comment.
- g) 16/00751/FLL Former site of Levenslen Nursing Home, Glenlmond. Erection of 13 houses. In anticipation of increased construction traffic, the CC had made two objections. Both were conditional on there being in place prior to building commencing and on the road between Wester Balgedie and Glenlmond: agreed passing places; and appropriate traffic calming signage.

2. Progress with Developments

- a) Former Lomond Inn: Proposals for part demolition and erection of 5 dwellinghouses. The CC had made a formal complaint to PKC reflecting concerns about the continuing policy of PKC to withhold reports of conservation officers.
- b) Glenlmond: Proposals to erect 13 dwellinghouses. While a decision was awaited there was apparently permission to proceed with the removal of the existing buildings. This was underway.
- 3. Note of appeal: 16/00362/IPL and 16/00363/IPL Local Review Body: Two houses at Lochend Farmhouse, Scotlandwell.

4.4 Roads:

- 1. The CC received its Roads Report for May. It also heard a Report of a CC meeting with PKC Roads Officers on 3rd June which had considered:
 - a) *Re-siting the 40mph speed limit on the A911 in Wester Balgedie* to include the two entrances to Loch Leven's Larder. The matter was in hand.
 - b) *traffic management of large vehicles (HGVs) in Main Street Kinnesswood*. Plans will be developed to ensure that, at the narrowest point large vehicles can pass without encroaching on narrow pavements. The positioning of a strategically placed bollard would also be considered.
 - c) *reclassification of A911 and B9097*. Although there may be a case to upgrade the busier B9097 to an A classification, there was no case to change the classification of the A911.
 - d) *proposed 20mph pilot speed limits on parts of A911*; The principles for this pilot scheme would be considered by PKC in September. It remains uncertain whether these proposals will be introduced in Portmoak.

- e) *footpath along A911 from Scotlandwell to Church and at Woodmarch.* This remains a significant problem. Both footpath and road were narrow making passage for large vehicles and pedestrians alike difficult. Progress towards a resolution awaits an option appraisal by PKC.
 - f) *Flooding consequent on blocked drains in Scotlandwell* had been resolved.
 - g) *A911 junction in Scotlandwell.* No change in traffic flows is proposed here.
 - h) *Signage.* Strategically placed signs advising alternative routes for HGVs attempting to pass along the A911 and through Portmoak would be explored.
2. *Portmoak Primary School: Introduction of "Park and Stride".* The CC was supportive of this project where, on certain days, children would walk from the Church car park to the school. It had some concerns in respect of the narrow section of footpath pavement at Woodmarch and would draw this to the attention of the school.
 3. *Parking immediately after build-outs.* This can cause difficulties if it restricts those passing build-outs from making a timely return to the left hand side of the road.
- 4.5 Paths: Volunteers now met every Monday to undertake maintenance work on the Michal Bruce Way and other paths. Much was being achieved with an emphasis being on diverting water from path surfaces. A strimming programme was underway and grass cuts to Peat Loan had been reduced to once a month. Volunteers from Kinross High School (Community Campus) had helped with the maintenance programme and a sponsored walk by Portmoak Primary School would contribute some funds to the path programme.

5. Ward Cllr Reports:

WCllr M Barnacle reported that he was now a member of the PKC Outdoor Access Forum. The Council was now considering its capital budget for the years 2020 – 2023. He would pursue concerns that the road infrastructure for Kinross-shire was not accorded an appropriate priority.

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

- 6.1 Loch Leven Community Library. Richard Scott described the work of a volunteer group "Friends of Loch Leven Community Library." Some 17 or so folk bridged the gap to keep the library open when it would otherwise have been closed. This was a valued practical arrangement when usually up to three volunteers were on duty at any one time. Anyone interested in this work should make contact through the library.

7. AOCB:

- 7.1 Kinnesswood in Bloom (KIB). CCllr T Smith reported that, despite continuing efforts A & J Stephen, as owner of a plot of land adjacent to the war memorial, had not provided necessary consent to allow KIB to develop the plot. Significant funding would need to be returned were this not forthcoming by September. The nature of the impediment was unclear. WCllrs would consider what may be done.
- 7.2 Potential change of flight paths at Edinburgh airport. The CC noted that there was a current consultation to address this matter which was open to the public. At present there were no specific proposals.

8. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at **7.00pm on Tuesday 12th July at Portmoak Village Hall**. The Deputy Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the Meeting closed at 8.55pm.