

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting held on 14 August 2018

at Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell

- 1. Attendance:** CClrs: M Strang Steel (Chairman), B Calderwood (Deputy Chairman and Treasurer), R Cairncross (Secretary), A Muszynski and T Smith; and WCllrs: M Barnacle, C Purves, and R Watters; and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: CClrs S Forde and D Morris; and WCllr W Robertson; and PC D Stapleton, Police Scotland.

- 2. Approval of Previous minutes:** The Minutes of the CC meeting held on 12th June were approved.

- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

Item 3 School Access - policy on parking and safe access routes for children. WCllr C Purves reported that progress was still required on the officer Report following the site visit of 16th April before it could be submitted to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee Convenor was aware that the Report was pending. Responsibility for the Council owned gap site on Buchan Avenue had now been determined as being in the Housing Revenue account and its role in contributing to the Report could now be assessed. The CC would welcome an opportunity to comment on the draft Report before it is presented to the Committee. It took the view that this was a matter concerning child safety and that it should be accorded an appropriate priority.

Item 3 Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond. The Chairman reported that he had had no acknowledgment of the preliminary Option Appraisal that he had submitted to PKC following the site visit in April. WCllrs would pursue the matter. The Chairman will forward copies of his preliminary option appraisal to both ward and community councillors.

Item 3 Resilience - being better prepared for risks. Community Emergency Plan. The result of the bid for funding from SSE to support a "Hall Hook-up" was awaited and in light of that commissioning the local programme would go forward.

Item 6 Glass Recycling Kinnesswood. There had been no further communication from PKC re a second bin site and no recent evidence of bins overflowing.

Item 7 Review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils. The Chairman and the Secretary had participated in a PKC workshop at which this matter was reviewed. The Chairman summarised the key points of discussions on this matter as fed back by PKC. It appeared likely that changes to the Scheme could be settled in the autumn. WCllr C Purves agreed to take forward a request from the CC that its border, which stopped at the margins of Loch Leven and extended to more than half of the Loch's perimeter, should be extended to include part of the Loch. The CC had a significant interest in the Loch. Such an arrangement would facilitate its work in supporting the Loch and enable better contact with bodies such as the River Leven Trust and SNH. The Chairman also reported that at the Kinross Forum advance notice of comments made by objectors to the draft Local Development Plan had been circulated. These would be reviewed by the CC.

Moss Road Car Park. The Chairman reported that this matter would be taken forward over the next two months.

- 4. Grant Funding**

- 4.1 The Community Choices Fund.** The CC agreed to support a bid by Kinross CC which if successful could mean it sharing in a grant of some £20,000 which would focus on meeting rural inequalities. (N.B. subsequently learnt that the application was unsuccessful.)

4.2 Transport - Funding new Transport Initiatives (closes 26th October). This was of interest to the CC but would require further consideration before proceeding. CCllr Calderwood would consult residents on the matter and the matter would be reviewed before October.

4.3 Paths For all – grants. All grants were now closed for the current year.

5. Reports

5.1 **Police:** The local police report was noted: fly tipping at Arnot; a caravan fire; theft of a stone planter from Scotlandwell; and the theft of a new trailer from Lochend Farm. The Area Commander's Bulletins of 13th, 20th, 27th June, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th July and 2nd August were noted.

5.2 **Treasurer:** The balance at the month ending 30th April was £344.20 in the General Account; and £1,192.63 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,536.83. The new "Holding Account" No. 3 held £1, 500.00.

5.3 Planning:

- New applications:

- a. **18/01333/FLL. Strathview Leslie Road Scotlandwell, Extension to dwellinghouse.** No comment.
- b. **18/01217/FULL (Fife). Westfield Biomass Plant. Variation of condition governing the approved mix of bio fuel.** No comment
- c. **18/01260/PNA. Lomondmuir Farm Wester Balgedie.** Erection of an agricultural building. No comment.
- d. **18/01210/FLL. West Feal Cottage Auchmuirbridge. Change of land use, erecting garage.** No comment.
- e. **18/01050/FLL. Barley Riggs Easter Balgedie. Alterations and house extension.** No comment
- f. **18/01125/FLL. Causeway Cottage (In retrospect) Erecting workshop, garage and stable extension.** No comment. Separately The CC had become aware of concerns of the Scottish Gliding Centre re unrestricted tree growth at Causeway Cottage which risked jeopardising airfield safety and for which there appeared to be no supportive planning condition in place. Pending further inquiry it may contact PKC in respect of this matter.
- g. **18/00974/FLL West Brackly Farm, Erection of replacement house.** No comment.

- Progress with Developments:

- a. **16/03661/FUL, 17/03377/FUL, 07/00170/CEIA. Westfield.** Following their presentation to the CC in June the Chairman had written to Hargreaves/Brockwell pursuing a meeting with residents of the B9097 and the arrangements for establishing a Liaison Group. A meeting of representatives from Hargreaves/Brockwell with B9097 residents together with representatives of the CC is planned for late September. WCllr M Barnacle would participate and will invite relevant PKC officials to the meeting.
- b. **17/02227/FLL. Levenmouth, Scotlandwell.** Erection of two houses. There had been no response from Chair of the Planning and Development Management Committee to Chairman's letter. The matter would be pursued by WCllr C Purves.
- c. **18/00667/FLL. Former Lomond Inn, Kinnesswood.** Erection of a dwellinghouse. The Chairman reported that he and CCllrs Calderwood and Muszynski will meet with the Developer on Saturday 18th August.

5.4 Roads: Councillor Bruce Calderwood reported that limited progress had been made on outstanding road matters and that the Roads Report for 2018 would be updated shortly. Summer resurfacing of the A911 and B920 had been successful and PKC had written to thank the many folk of Portmoak who had supported those undertaking the work in the very hot weather. It had not been possible to reschedule this work to a more convenient time for the community and the arrangements had not always been what had been expected. The spray and gravel dressing to the road through Wester Balgedie to Glenlomond was much appreciated but had come as great surprise to residents. With the encouragement of all Ward Councillors the work required to introduce traffic lights at the Balgedie Toll Junction should be pursued. Councillor Calderwood would write to the relevant convenor drawing attention to the need to progress this matter. Progress with the RSPB Loch Leven underpass on the B9097 appeared on schedule.

5.5 Paths: Councillor Tom Smith. With limited resources the Paths Group had focused on clearing bracken from the upper section of the Michal Bruce Way as it crossed above Stephen's Field and the Golf Course. Rain and cattle are taking a further toll on that section of the path. There had been one "clearance" of the Dryside Road and the Paths Group would investigate whether an electric fence was now blocking this right of way and core path. The installation of new gates on the hill was in hand. The Action Plan dealing with signage would be taken forward in the autumn. The Paths Group were looking for new members and anyone interested should contact Councillor Tom Smith. In the meantime he will explore the possibility of securing further support through the Community Pay Back Scheme.

6. PKC Ward Cllr Reports

WCLlr M Barnacle detailed a number of points where his intervention re the proposed LDP had either been accepted or rejected. *WCLlr R Watters* reported that, in light of the potential fall-out from Brexit, PKC were in principle supportive of working in parallel with the Scottish Government towards an arrangement whereby, in the event of Brexit, EEA nationals could still function as members of a community council.

7. Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor: The CC noted forthcoming PKC workshops 1) "Placemaking" - Saturday 27th October and 2) "Why do we need more housing?" - Saturday 24th November. Scottish Water had advised a short delay in completing the new pumped supply to the Kinnesswood storage tank.

8. AOCB. None.

9. Date of next meeting:

The meeting of Portmoak Community Council planned for Tuesday 11th September is cancelled. The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 9th October** in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the Meeting closed at 9.25 PM.