

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting held on 9th October 2018

at Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell

1. **Attendance:** CCLrs: M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), S Ford, D Morris, A Muszynski and T Smith; and WCllr: W Robertson; and 6 members of the public.

Apologies: CCLrs B Calderwood; and WCllrs M Barnacle, C Purves and R Watters; and PC D Stapleton, Police Scotland.

2. **Approval of Previous minutes:** The Minutes of the CC meeting held on 14th August were approved.

3. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:**

Item 3 School Access - policy on parking and safe access routes for children. Following the site meeting on 16th April, where matters had again been reviewed, there had been no progress. The CC had welcomed the opportunity to comment on a Report to be made to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee but to date there had been no Report on which to comment. The matters of both children's safety and improved access to the school along Buchan Avenue remained unaddressed. The problem appeared to reflect lack of capacity within the PKC Road's Department to take this work forward. Limited resource meant that this matter was a low priority for PKC. **ACTION:** The CC would write to the Chair of the Committee alerting him to the CC's concern.

Item 3 Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond. PKC has referred the initial steps back to the CC to do preliminary work on an option appraisal of possible routes. Any further progress would be reported in due course.

Item 3 Resilience - being better prepared for risks. Community Emergency Plan. CCllr A Muszynski reported that the Plan was evolving: identifying a core group to take matters forward; development of a draft Plan for comment; and, working with the Resilience Unit at PKC, identifying necessary resources and how to secure them. He noted that a service level agreement to have a generator to allow the Hall to function as a Resilience Hub would involve a consequential requirement to keep roads open. The CC noted the helpful input of the PKC Resilience Officer into this process.

Item 3 Review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils.

1) Consultation PKC has recently circulated proposed amendments to the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils for consultation. The CC will respond before the closing date of 3rd December.

2) Proposed changes to CC boundaries – Portmoak proposal to include part of Loch Leven within the CC's boundary: Following discussions with Kinross and Milnathort CCs, WCllr C Purves is exploring the matter further with PKC.

Item 3 Moss Road Car Park. The Chairman reported that this matter would be taken forward over the next two months.

New CC member. The Chairman reported that a proposed co-optee, Graham Cox of Scotlandwell, had been approved by PKC as a suitable member of the CC by PKC. He therefore proposed that Graham Cox be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the CC. This was unanimously approved. Mr. Cox would join the CC at its next meeting. The CC warmly welcomed Graham.

4. **Reports**

- 4.1 **Police:** The local police report was noted. The Area Commander's Bulletins of 15th, 22nd, 29th August, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th September and 3rd October were also noted.
- 4.2 **Treasurer:** The balance at the month ending 30th September was £655.00 in the General Account; and £1,523.96 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £2,178.96. The new "Holding Account" No. 3 held £1, 500.00.
- 4.3 **Planning:**

- **New applications:**

- a. **FIFE 18/02342/ARC Westfield, Energy Recover Facility:** Report of meeting with developer and residents of B9097 - plus progress with: 16/03661/FUL (overall site development); 17/03377/FUL (10 gas engines); and 18/02027/FUL (Biomass plant variation of conditions).

The Chairman reported on a meeting between the Developers and residents of the B9097 hosted by RSPB Loch Leven. The Developers could not but recognise the considerable concerns expressed regarding road safety and the need for resource to mitigate these risks. The developers had been urged to review the report supporting the in principle planning application into the effect of pollution from vehicle emissions, including particulates, in light of changed standards in the two years since the report had been prepared.

In discussion the following were acknowledged in respect of this Energy from Waste (EfW) application:

- i) the Developers had as yet not published a Phasing Plan for the overall site development. Whilst the planning permission allowed for matters specified in conditions to be approved in phases, those phases had to be as defined in the overall Phasing Plan. (*Condition 2, Planning Permission In Principle*). No such Plan has yet been submitted.
- ii) there was a need for improvements to be made to the B9097 by PKC before work on the site commenced.
- iii) concern that: there was potentially considerable over capacity of such incinerators in Scotland; and that, although EfW replaces energy generated from other fossil fuels, it is not of itself a renewable energy source. Given recent pressure to increase targets from energy derived from renewable energy there was a need for the Scottish Government to review its guidance on EfW.
- iv) the need to establish the Community Liaison Group soon.
- v) Planning Advice Note 63 encourages developers to identify the origins of the waste to be processed but, this is left unclear by the applicants.

ACTION. The CC would comment accordingly to Fife Council and write to Scottish Minsters seeking that they review current Guidance on EfW capacity and also consider whether the Westfield proposed developments complied with Planning Advice Note 63.

- b. **18/01723/LBC, 18/01722/FLL, Barley Riggs, Easter Balgedie,** Alterations, and an extension. No comment.
- c. **18/01594/FLL, Bishopton, Wester Balgedie,** Formation of vehicular access. No comment.
- d. **18/01704/FLL, Loch Glow, Kinnesswood,** Alterations to dwellinghouse. The CC had no objection in principle to the plans to alter the garage but felt that the size and

type of windows for the remainder of the renovations merited review. It would comment accordingly.

- e. **18/01643/LAW, Balneathal Farm Easter Balgedie**, Formation of silage pit. No comment.
- f. **18/01520/FLL, Tighnult, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood**, Alterations and extension. No comment.
- g. **18/01477/FLL, Land 100 metres SW of Liathach, Leslie** Erection of 2 camping pods. The CC noted that this venture into glamping was new to Portmoak. The application had been refused.
- h. **18/01446/FLL, The Grange, Leslie Road Scotlandwell**, Extension to Garage. Consent had been granted subject to approval of cladding to the new build.
- i. **18/01438/ADV, Land 30 metres NW of Bishopshire Golf Club**, Display of a sign. Consent had been granted. No comment.

Progress with Developments:

- a. **17/02227/FLL. Levenmouth, Scotlandwell.** The lack of a response from the Chairwoman of the Development Management Committee to the letter from the CC Chair on this matter was disappointing. **ACTION.** WCllr W Robertson would pursue the matter with her.
- b. **18/00667/FL 18/00666/CON. Former Lomond Inn, Kinnesswood.** The Chair and Deputy Chair had met with the developer. Following the withdrawal of his recent application to demolish the old inn and to replace it with a new dwellinghouse, a revised application was pending. It was possible that, whatever the outcome to this outstanding application, the development would be marketed as serviced plots for individual development. The CC remained concerned at the time taken to secure a resolution to the planning process for this development and the resultant deterioration of the old inn. **ACTION.** The CC would write to PKC signalling concern for the long term development of the site were delay to continue.

Friar Place junction with B920. CClr S Forde reported that the Leylandii hedge planted alongside the now lowered fence was impacting on the visibility splays for that junction. This had been reported to the PKC. A similar problem was noted in Kinnesswood where an overgrowing hedge was obscuring views southwards along the A911 when existing Bruce Road.

4.4 Roads: The Road's Report was deferred to the November Meeting. A sign on the B920 approaching Scotlandwell advising of a "traffic calmed area" had been reported to PKC as damaged and requiring replacement.

4.5 Paths: CClr Tom Smith reported that the new gate now installed above the water tank on the MBW had been funded by the Morris McIntyres in memory of their daughter, Esme; TRACKS would provide assistance with the installation of a further gate on Balneathal hill land; and that a flailing machine supplied by PKC had made the cuts of the Peat Loan much easier - only two being required this year. Dryside Road remained to be maintained but there was passage through albeit across a closed gate and along a route bordered by an electric fence. CClr T Smith would explore how grass cutting along the route from the Cobbles to the School could be reinstated.

CClr D Morris reported that tree felling around the radar dome at the top of Munduff Hill had left a path blocked and increased the visual impact of the radar mast. After consultation with the Forestry Commission and the timber management company, Tilhill, the path had been cleared. In the future there would be improved contact with the

community before commencing such work and Tilhill had agreed to set up a meeting to discuss this.

5. PKC Ward Cllr Reports. WCllr W Robertson reported that a new CEO, Karen Reid, had taken up post. He reported that: preliminary assessment for the budget for 2019 onwards could be tighter than before; and that the current administration was considering the introduction of 20mph limits on a trial basis.

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

6.1 Community Investment Fund (£50,000 annually for two years) for Kinross. The CC learned that the closing date had been extended and would consider making an application. WCllr W Robertson noted that CCllr S Forde would be willing to represent the CC on the committee assessing applications.

6.2 Kinross Civic Trust Awards. The CC would draw the matter of competing in the Best Kept Hamlet competition to the attention of the Residents' Group at Glenlomond.

7. AOCB. The CC offered its warm congratulations to Kinnesswood in Bloom for their spectacular wins in both the Scottish national (Beautiful Scotland) and the Take a Pride in Perthshire competitions. Silver Gilt best village awards are impressive and all the more so as they have repeated this achievement in successive years.

8. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting of the Council will be held at [7.30pm](#) on **Tuesday 13th November** in Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the Meeting closed at 9. 40 PM.