

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minute of Meeting held on 11th June 2019

at Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell

1. **Attendance:** Cllrs M Strang Steel (Chairman), R Cairncross (Secretary), G Cox, S Forde, D Morris, and A Muszynski; and WClr R Watters; and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: CClr B Calderwood; and WClrs M Barnacle, C Purves and W Robertson. The CC offered its best wishes to CClr Calderwood recovering from a recent stay in hospital.

2. **Approval of Previous minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2019 and the Minutes of the same Meeting reconvened on Tuesday 21st May 2019 were approved subject to the following amendment to the: **Draft Minute of the reconvened meeting held on 21st May:** Item 4 "Reports"; 1. "Planning"; Penultimate paragraph, line 6: replace with *"The fabric and structure of the old Inn had now deteriorated significantly and some believed that it was beyond retention and development."*

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

Item 3 School Access: to achieve clear access for large vehicles (including emergency vehicles) to the School and, separately, to secure safe access routes for children. The CC agreed to suspend its Standing Orders so that it could revisit its decision of 14th May where it *"had determined at the suggestion of WClr W Robertson, that the Chairman would write to the Convenor of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee seeking that an "Arngask solution" to restrict all traffic movement around the school at entry and exit times be considered."* It now noted that: *"at its meeting of 9th April and in respect of school access and possible associated road markings, a Report was to be presented shortly to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee for decision; and that, in respect of the safe walking routes for children in the vicinity of the school (improved red strip and possible build-out at the school) a separate design brief has been commissioned."* This situation followed correspondence between the Chairman and the Convenor of the committee and a meeting attended by WClr C Purves. The CC also noted that in February the PKC CEO and deputy CEO had undertaken a ward tour which had included a site visit to the school. They had acknowledged that parking restrictions had been awaited for a considerable period of time, following a community consultation that had resulted in a couple of objections. The CC agreed that no further action in respect of access to the school would be taken by it until the Report had been considered, and a decision made, by the E&I Committee. The ward coucillors should take steps to make sure that the Report gets onto the E&I Committee agenda with a minimum of further delay. The CC asked if it could comment on any proposals before they are placed before the Environment and Infrastructure Committee. **ACTION: Ward Councillors C Purves and R Watters to pursue and to report.**

Item 3 Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond. No further progress. **ACTION: WClrs to report progress.**

Item 3 Resilience - being better prepared for risks. Community Emergency Plan. Subject to some minor adjustments to the Emergency Plan it was now effectively complete. CClrs Muszynski and Cox confirmed that in line with other CCs the intention was to have it placed on the CC website but before doing so it would have to be modified to reflect public interest. **ACTION: CClrs Muszynski and Cox to prepare a "website friendly" version.**

Item 3 Review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils. The CC noted: 1) PKC had acknowledged the support of both Milnathort and Orwell CC as well as Kinross CC in adjusting CC boundaries to reflect the respective interests of the three CCs in Loch Leven; and 2) the Flowchart

of “events” recently circulated by PKC detailing changes to the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils and the forthcoming CC elections set for Thursday November 7th.

Item 3 Portmoak Cemetery. No progress. Comment from PKC on a potential site is awaited.

Item 4 Rural Transport. There had been around 250 responses to the questionnaire. It was possible that there was capacity to support rural transport during school hours. Unfortunately that may not be when there could be demand. The views of children and the young appeared underreported in the returns made. The matter would be reviewed at the forthcoming meeting of the Kinross Forum.

Item 5 Supplementary Guidance: PKC Consultation: Guidance on Airfield Safeguarding and on Delivering Zero Waste. The CC would make no comment in respect of *Airfield Safeguarding*. It felt unable to comment on the *Guidance Delivering Zero Waste* until it had clarified how PKC currently disposed of its landfill waste. The draft Supplementary Guidance stated that in 2017 38% of household waste had been sent to landfill. It also confirmed that “*there is currently only one landfill site with capacity within Perth and Kinross at Binn farm. The site still has capacity for 687,255 tonnes of waste but it is not currently operational.*” Despite disparate attempts the CC had been unable to find out how PKC currently disposed of its landfill household waste.

ACTION: The Chairman will write to the CEO seeking comment.

4. Reports:

1. **Police:** 1) No local report; and 2) The CC also noted the Area Commander Bulletins of 15th, 22nd and 29th May and of 5th June.
2. **Treasurer:** The balance at the month ending 31st May was £0.00 in the General Account; and £1,144.41 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £1,144.41. The administrative grant for the forthcoming year was anticipated shortly.
3. **Planning:** to include:
 - a) *New applications:*
 1. **19/00721/FLL** Extension to a dwelling house. Rowan Tree House, Auchmuirbridge. No comment.
 - b) *Progress with Developments:*
 1. **19/00558/FLL** Erection of a dwelling house and garage (Lomond Inn), Kinnesswood.
 2. **19/00559/CON** Demolition of building Former Lomond Hotel, Kinnesswood.

The CC’s letter of objection had been submitted. The matter now lay with Perth and Kinross Council to determine.
 3. **Westfield FIFE: 16/0366/EIA; 17/03377/FUL; and 18/02342/ARC.** The CC noted the forthcoming meeting of Community Liaison Group set for Wednesday 28th August. If anyone, including members of the public, wished to raise a matter then please contact the Chairman or leave a message on the CC web page www.portmoak.org

4. Roads:

- a) *Road Safety Projects Assessment Criteria (with Appendix 1).* Following the last meeting of the CC the Chairman had written to Angus Forbes, Convenor of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee, setting out a number of flaws in the strategy and offering to meet to discuss them.
- b) *Heart 200: establishment of a new tourist route including the status of safety improvements at Balgedie Toll junction.* It was noted that PKC had made a development grant of £45,000 to support the Heart 200 initiative. The Chairman had written to Mike Dale of Hart 200 regarding the concerns for the route as it passed around the Balgedie Toll junction and had received a positive reply. **ACTION: The Chairman will write again**

to Mr Dale seeking that Heart 200 consider a contribution to road improvements at the Toll junction.

- c) State of the roads within the original phase of Whitecraigs. PKC had confirmed their intention to effect repairs this November.
- d) Vehicle parking adjacent to Traffic-calming islands. This primarily concerned the build-out on the Leslie Road near its junction with Main Street Scotlandwell. Recently a number of vehicles had been parking on the left hand side of the road facing east and beyond the build out. This had made passage of the build-out potentially dangerous. Solutions could include roadside parking restrictions. **ACTION: WCllr R Watters to pursue the matter with PKC road safety.**
- e) Hedges. 1. *Poor sight lines looking to the left obscured by large hedge at foot of Bruce Road, Kinnesswood*. The matter had been raised at the CC meeting on 9th April. The CC noted that PKC had subsequently made no progress in resolving the matter. **ACTION: The Chairman would make an approach to the owner see if and how improvements can be secured.** 2) The CC noted that the hedge at the junction of Friar Place with the B920 in Scotlandwell remains a potential problem.

5. **Paths Group:** The CC welcomed an updated Report for June 2019 submitted by the Paths Group. Significant progress had been made and priorities for the coming year set. It was good to see the gate on the Dryside Road had now been erected and to learn that the route was proving popular. Two matters were of immediate importance: 1) The Path linking Lochend Farmshop to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. **ACTION: The CC would explore how best to proceed with this;** and 2) Access issues on Bishop Hill following the erection of electric fencing by the farmer and the part removal of a well-used stile. **ACTION: The Chairman would explore if there were conflicting issues of land ownership.** Separately the CC noted that a short section of the path from Wellside Park, Scotlandwell, leading into The Green remains too rough for a mobility scooter to negotiate. It was thought that a local Scotlandwell solution could provide the way ahead in the first instance.

5. **PKC Ward Cllr Reports: WCllr R Watters:** The following were raised: 1) Pavement upgrading in Kinnesswood would start shortly. This came as surprise to the CC. **ACTION: WCllr Watters was asked to clarify which pavements would be “upgraded.”** 2) Sterling work was underway to secure ownership for the Kinross-shire community the building which had previously been the Kinross Learning Centre and which is currently part of the University of the Highlands and Islands. Securing the building as a “Community Asset Transfer” was not straightforward. There were several interested parties who could make use of the facility. It appeared that Kinross and District Men’s Shed was in the best position to lead the build. **ACTION: The CC agreed to write in support of this initiative.** 3) PKC and the Kinross-shire Local Action Partnership has funding to install Wi-Fi in village halls across Kinross-shire. It appeared that Portmoak Village Hall had not as yet signalled an interest in the venture. **ACTION: The CC will seek to clarify the position.**

6. **Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor.** The CC noted that applications were invited to access this, the second year of the of the Community Investment Fund. Applications are requested by 21st August and 12th December.

7. **AOCB: None.**

8. **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting of the Council will be held at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 13th August 2019**. **Unless reasons arise to convene a meeting in July then the meeting set for Tuesday 9th July is cancelled.** The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.