

Portmoak Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 10th September 2020 – 2100

Online meeting via Zoom

(request Zoom meeting details via email to Secretary@Portmoak.org)

1. Attendance and apologies.

Cllrs: Graham Cox, (Chairman), Ann Davidson (Treasurer), Dave Morris (V Chair), Anne Cragoe and Susan Forde; WCllr Callum Purves and no members of the public.

Apologies: Susan McGregor (Secretary), Graeme Smith, WCllr Willie Robertson

2. Approval of previous Minutes held on 11th August 2020.

The minutes were approved

3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

Item 1 *Community Resilience Planning: Storm Damage and impact from recent flooding*

The recent storm damage was discussed and it was noted that this had been a unique event. Of note, significant water, mud and debris came hurtling down from Whitecraigs, overwhelming the current water course. Stephen's Field acted as a catchment area which prevented serious damage to the Whitecraigs housing area. ACTION: The devastating impact of the flood must be considered with respect to any future planning applications within Whitecraigs/Stephen's Field.

Item 2 *Portmoak Cemetery*

4 CoAs were assessed for a new cemetery, which is urgently required as the existing cemetery is now closed. Following the assessment, a formal proposal was made to Portmoak CC and it was unanimously agreed that planning should begin in earnest. ACTION: Chairman, Cllr Cragoe, WCllr Robertson, PKC (Willie Greig)

Item 3 *Road Safety Action in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell*

WCllr Purves had requested a meeting with Daryl McEwan. Cllr Morris asked for the meeting to be scheduled for a time in the last two weeks in October to allow him to attend.

Item 4 *Glenlomond sewage: migration of responsibility to Scottish Water*

The villagers of Glenlomond were struggling to continue to maintain their aged sewage system, particularly after the recent storm. They were now seeking to hand over responsibility for the sewage works to Scottish Water. The CC supported this move and WCllr Robertson would be asked to follow this up.

Item 5 *Friar Place hedges blocking sight lines and requiring maintenance*

Cllr Forde has emailed PKC regarding this problem which has been going on for two years. WCllr Robertson will be asked to follow this up as an important road safety issue.

Item 6 *potential co-option of member of farming community to the CC*

The CC appreciate the importance of the farming community in Portmoak. Since George Lawrie left his post at TRACKS there has not been a representative of the farming community. Cllr Morris confirmed that the post has been advertised and would hopefully be filled soon. In the meantime Cllrs would contact local farmers to encourage them to participate in CC meetings and ensure their views are fully represented.

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Reserve items: (not scheduled to be discussed at this meeting)
Item 7 *Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond.*
Item 8 *Rural Transport*
Item 9 *Loch Leven water quality*
Item 10 *SEPA / Scottish Enterprise River Leven Catchment Project*

4. New Matters arising:

Cllr Cox confirmed that Ann Davidson had been officially co-opted as Treasurer

5. Reports:

a. Police Reports

No one attended the meeting on behalf of the Police and there was no Police report

b. Planning

(1) New Applications:

a. 20/01039/FLL: Alterations to garage at Shanthi Wester Balgedie KY13 9HE

It was noted that work had already started ahead of the planning deadline. Cllr McGregor would be asked to contact PKC and let them know

(2) Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee: the proposed September meeting has not been confirmed. Meanwhile the results of the tender for the off-road path project assessment should be known next week with an expectation of commencement by the end of September

c. Paths Group: Some damage from mud slides had impacted the Michael Bruce Way and the Group with PKC Ranger Alistair MacLeod had cleared several blocked pipes and identified further limited repair works. PKC were also arranging to supply the Group with additional equipment (personal safety gear plus electric strimmer)

d. Treasurer CC Accounts.

Michael Bruce Way Account Balance: £2172.00

Main Account Balance: £695.80

Invoices for Portmoak Hall let, grass machinery maintenance and design work for the Michael Bruce Way panel had been paid but not yet processed.

The accounts will be presented at the AGM next month

6. Ward Councillors' Reports

The rescheduled meeting had coincided with the Milnathort CC meeting. WCllr Purves was able to join the latter part of the Portmoak meeting but the other WCllrs were unable to do this.

CPurves: The PKC Recovery and Resilience meeting had been poorly attended by Kinross-shire CCs. WCllr Purves has asked for another meeting.

WRobertson: - unable to attend

RWatters: - unable to attend

MBarnacle: - unable to attend

7. Matters notified to the Secretary

1. *Parking at the traffic islands in Kinnesswood.* This continues to be a problem and it was thought that repainting of road markings might help. WCllr Robertson would be asked to follow this up
2. *Forthcoming Accounts and AGM.* WCllr Purves confirmed that the October meeting of Community Councils is the AGM

8. Next Meeting and AGM: 7.30pm Tuesday, 13th October 2020

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