

Portmoak Community Council

Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday, June 9th 2009 at Portmoak Primary School.

1. Attendance: Ian McGrattan, Jim Shepherd, John Bird, Mike Hally, Stuart Garvie, Robin Cairncross, Charles Weedon, Cllr W. Robertson, Cllr K. Baird, Cllr M Barnacle, PC Graham Stephen, and 22 residents.

Apologies: were received from Cllr S. Miller.

2. Previous minutes: were approved.

3. Police Report.

-There was a car stolen from Arnot Towers, weekend May 17/21, a classic MG Midget, Police would be pleased for any information.

- World fly fishing championship currently in Tayside and using Loch Leven.

- Police will be at the Crieff Road Tesco store on June 24th 2009. Member of the public can have their child car seats tested.

A resident raised the problem of young people camping in Stephen's field over a recent Saturday night, entering and disturbing articles in a nearby garden and leaving litter. There was also the concern of fire on the hill. The preferred method for local residents to deal with this situation is to immediately call the Police. They would rather be called out prior to any sort of offence being carried out rather than have to attend a scene of crime.

4. Treasurers report. No report.

5. Post Office Van driver.

It was not thought appropriate for the van driver to attend the meeting at this time.

6. Matter arising from previous minutes

6.1. Mail box at Post Office.

Latest e mail from Royal Mail, 9.6.09, The Collections and Planning Manager was still reviewing the situation.

Action: Secretary to write again to Royal Mail and copy Cllrs.

6.2. Youngs Moss.

The applicant answered some of the points that he thought might be raised by the Council.

6.3 Single Plan

The CC wants to be pro-actively involved in this plan and will ask questions and make suggestions. The onus is on P&KC to ensure proper communications with the CC.

At the moment there are a number of differing interpretations as to how the plan will affect Portmoak especially in terms of number of housing units that will be required/permitted but there are other important aspects within the plan which could affect the area.

Cllrs Robertson and Barnacle identified their differing views of how the plan could affect the area especially the figure of 480 extra housing units planned for Kinross-shire.

Cllr Barnacle spoke on the previously sent information (discussed at the Management meeting) on how Fossoway were going to use a questionnaire to gather information.

The timetable for stages in the plan was noted, Stage 2 end of June 09 and Stage 3 is April 2010. There are also Stages 4/5/ and 6.

It was noted that Scotlandwell had seen an increase of housing by 22% over recent years but there was still a lack of affordable housing.

The CC had not agreed a method of consultation.

Action: Peter Marshall had agreed to attend the CC in September 2009.

6.4 Bee hives in Kinnesswood

The Local Ranger had been asked to assess the access arrangements to the land containing the beehives. There did not appear to be any formal access to the property.

Action: The CC would continue to seek answers relating to responsibility and access.

7. Subcommittee reports

Paths Group

It was hoped the information boards for the Michael Bruce Way would be completed within 2/3 weeks.

Water damage had still to be repaired on the Way and it was hoped to receive some financial assistance. Consideration for grants was being discussed with Quality of Life Trust.

George Lawrie introduced himself to the meeting as the 'new' projects officer with TRACKS and hoped to attend the CC meeting every 6 months.

Tracks had 2 new projects this year, a bridle way at Crook of Devon and a new route between Burleigh Castle and Hattonburn Road, Milnathort.

It was also hoped to start the 3rd and final phase for the access route around Loch Leven which was between the RSPB at Vane Farm and Kinross.

Planning Group

Applications discussed at the meeting:-

09/00696/FUL Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works, Wester Balgedie Farm, Wester Balgedie, Kinross KY13 9HE

The difference between this and previous submitted plans were detailed by a resident but did not alter the problems which formed the basis of the previous objection by the CC.

Action: CC to make an objection

09/00720/FUL Erection of a dwellinghouse Mid Bowhouse, Leslie, Glenrothes KY6 3JH

Action: no comment

09/00701/FUL Erection of a single 15kw wind turbine, Glenvale Kinross KY13 9HG

09/00833/FUL Erection of a wind turbine, Newlands Farm House, Milnathort, Kinross KY13 9SL

09/00835/FUL Erection of 3 wind turbines Newlands Farm House, Milnathort, Kinross KY13 9SL

There were a number of general questions still to be answered on wind turbines. The Management Group had highlighted the intention of the Scottish Government for more sustainable power but this could be contrary to the Councils perceived attitude to wind farms and crofts. The Chairman asked the Cllrs to comment and advise the CC.

It was stated that there had been a more relaxed approach to turbine applications at local council level especially on farms.

The applicant for the single turbine explained that his property had been designed and built to run on the electricity which could be supplied by a single turbine although figures quoted were contested by the CC.

The applicant for the three turbines explained that it was his intention to build one turbine initially to check on power outage before continuing with the other two. The applicant agreed to give this information to the CC for future reference.

There was a concern that crofts could become farms.

A map had been obtained from Defence Estates detailing the standards required to safe guard the Met Office Bishop's Ball.

Action: In view of all the above information it was decided not to comment on any of these applications.

09/00641/FUL Erection of buildings ancillary to horticultural operations and formation of above ground septic tank (in retrospect) Land At Youngs Moss Scotlandwell

Action: No comment

Management Group

1. Areas of responsibility: It was decided to identify Cllrs with areas. This would assist residents in each area to more easily identify and associate the same name and face and would also give Cllrs the opportunity to voice concerns within that area. Robin Cairncross would be the representative for the Balgedies, Charles Weedon, Kinnesswood, Jim

Shepherd, Scotlandwell, Mike Hally would continue to look after planning applications and Stuart Garvie the Paths Group.

2. Kinross-shire Fund: The Chairman had attended a meeting and conveyed information to both Bloom committees. A meeting had taken place with T in the Park representatives.

3. Stephens' Field: Following a request to the residents some time ago, names were recorded who volunteered to serve on an advisory group to report back to the CC. It may be pertinent to activate the advisory group sooner rather than later.

4. Community Campus: Events are required to celebrate the opening of the new campus. It was suggested that information would be sort on the provision of a community radio station including initial cost, involvement with the campus including courses etc.

5. It was proposed and agreed to start future CC meetings at 7.00 p.m.

8. Report from Cllrs

Cllr Robertson highlighted the free Kinross-shire from plastic bags campaign.

- He informed the meeting that the Countryside Trust was looking for Board members and anyone interested should contact himself.

- Traffic calming, he had received a number of complaints about the build outs which were passed to the Roads dept.

- The Round the Loch bus, operated by Stagecoach, would be running each Sunday until the end of November. Times were in the Newsletter and signposted on the walk.

Cllr Barnacle also reported a number of issues regarding the traffic calming which were passed to the Roads dept.

-He reminded the meeting of the proposed changes to the bin collection system.

-The proposed development at Wester Balgedie would be presented to the Building Control Committee, either at the June or July meeting.

- Scotlandwell would shortly be gaining its Conservation status.

9. AOCB

Fife Coast and Countryside Trust were seeking information from anyone who used the Lomond Hills Regional Park. It was decided to use Kinnesswood shop and the Newsletter to advertise what information was required.

Following the notification that the Conservation area at Scotlandwell would be approved on Friday, June 12th 2009 it was decided to ask a P&KC Conservation Officer to be present at the July meeting of the Council to give a short presentation.

(Post Meeting Note: Rachel Haworth has agreed to attend)

The Secretary gave details of communication he had received/holding since the last meeting including.

1. Minutes of meetings held at P&KC 11.2.09-21.4.09
2. P&K Community Transport Group AGM
3. Kinross-shire Plastic Bag Free Campaign
4. Enquire – Additional support for learning
5. Information on new rules to Council House allocation

The meeting closed at approx 21.10 hrs.

The next meeting will be held in Portmoak Village Hall at **7.00 p.m.**