

Portmoak Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, April 13th 2010 in Portmoak Hall

1. Attendance: I. McGrattan, J. Bird, S. Garvie, R. Cairncross, C. Weedon, J. Shepherd, Cllr's Baird, Robertson, Barnacle, Miller and 10 residents.

2. Previous minutes: were approved and signed.

3. Police Report (given by telephone prior to meeting)

The local Community Policewoman had fallen and broken her wrist and the Police were unable to send an officer to the CC. Due to the absence of the Community Officer there is some doubt whether the mobile office will be in the area on 21.4.10. Incidents reported:

1. Overnight, 4/5 April, Leslie Road, Scotlandwell 3 thefts from cars and 1 from a caravan. 2 cars were insecure. Enquiries are ongoing, anything suspicious please report.

2. There has been a spate of counterfeit money, £10 and £20 notes, circulating in the Kinross area. Anyone receiving counterfeit money cannot get it exchanged.

3. At a recent Saturday Car boot sale at Kinross there were a number of offensive weapons which the Police confiscated.

4. Treasurers report. £1450.86 in the bank account. £525.00 in MBW Account.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

1. Community Councillors. There was still a requirement for residents to join the CC and anyone interested and wishing information should contact a Cllr.

2. Stephen's field.

Request in last month's minutes for anyone who wants to be involved with this to make contact with the CC.

3. Leaflet drop to all residents, putting together the words.

4. Balgedie Toll to Mawcarse road, Cllr Baird. Awaiting report.

5. Kinnesswood bus shelter, e mail from P&KC explaining that in principle they agreed. Further developments will be considered by Kinnesswood in Bloom.

6. Presentation by Portmoak Gliding Club and request by resident to discuss Policy 49 of the new development plan. Taken off the agenda last month, to be confirmed with resident and Gliding Club whether it is on next month's agenda.

7. It was reported by a resident at the close of the meeting that the problem with the drain cover in Kinnesswood park had now been repaired.

6. Subcommittee reports

Paths Group

The appeal for money for the upkeep of the Michael Bruce Way (MBW) has been a great success; we have raised more than our target of £500. This will give us enough to keep the grass cut and also a small reserve for any maintenance. Thanks to everybody who has donated but be warned we will be back next year to ask if you wish to renew your sponsorship.

The new information boards for the MBW will be ready in a few weeks, thanks to all the people in the community who joined in the consultation on the boards.

The long awaited new path along the A911 between Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell seems now to have left the hands of the solicitors. So we are hoping that a start can be made in the next few months.

Thanks also to Kinnesswood in Bloom who have been keeping the paths in Kinnesswood clear.

As all seems to be going well with the projects we decided to concentrate on this year, we want to have a Paths Group meeting to discuss 'What Now!' If you are interested in taking part, please get in touch through our website.

Planning Group

Cllr Cairncross explained the new form titled 'Rolling list of validated planning applications'. This would be kept up to date on the CC website and would be the easiest way for residents to remain in touch with the progress of a planning application within the Portmoak area.

From the form it was noted that there were 5 applications which had been validated or decided by P&KC since the last meeting. The CC had not objected to any of the applications still under consideration.

Following last month's meeting and a request to confirm the height of the new properties being built at Scotlandwell, a visit was made to P&KC planning dept. to check the drawings. It was confirmed that the new buildings are the same height as the submitted application and approved drawings.

The importance of making any comments/objections to planning applications during the allocated time for comments stage of the process was noted.

Some discussion took place about the difference between the times for comments available following a neighbourhood notification and that following a Council advertisement where there had been no neighbourhood notification. The latter was often shorter and the Community Council may not learn of the advertisement until it received the Council's

Weekly List some days later. By then there may be no more than 9 days for consultation. This issue would be taken up by the CC with P&KC."

There was also some discussion with P&KC Roads dept. regarding the proposed mini roundabout at the entrance of the Scotlandwell site. This had been agreed following the application a few years ago but since that date there had been two other applications in this particular area of Scotlandwell which may bring in to doubt the benefit of the mini roundabout. P&KC roads dept had agreed to 're-visit' the benefit of the mini roundabout and consider a build out in this area.

It was also noted that time was progressing on two major plans in the area, the Local Development Plan which will replace the current 6 Local Plans and the Tayplan which kicks off with a public information event explaining the main issues report at Loch Leven Community Campus, May 27th 2010 from 14.00 – 20.00 hrs.

Further details can be found at the following:-

www.pkc.gov.uk/Planning+and+the+environment/Planning/Development+plan/Development+plan.htm

Cllr Barnacle offered his services to hold a public meeting to discuss the issues surrounding these plans and the CC would consider the offer.

It was noted that a number of planning applications submitted throughout the Country (including P&KC) included computer generated modelling which gave a better view as to how new projects would sit within the present environment, however, it was not mandatory. Although the Development Control Committee presently used video for further visual explanation to assist in determining planning applications the idea of computer modelling was noted by the Cllrs present.

Cllr Robertson reminded the meeting that it was the Scottish Governments intention to speed up the process of planning applications.

Post Meeting Note: All planning applications can be checked online at :-

www.pkc.gov.uk/Planning+and+the+environment/Planning/Planning+-+applications+and+certificates/

or check out the information on the CC website, www.portmoak.org

Management Group

Nothing to report which hadn't been reported under other headings.

7. Cllr reports

Cllr Robertson explained that the facilities available during Development Control meetings at P&KC had recently proved inadequate and alternative accommodation would be made available.

Cllr Baird reported that she was still awaiting information regarding the Balgedie Toll to Mawcarse road.

Cllr Barnacle queried the inference of the recent e mail regarding the Kinnesswood bus shelter and the CC had taken it as an agreement that the bus shelter could be replaced.

There was further discussion on Tayplan and the effect of an early or later consultation process such as a public meeting.

A resident requested that 'links' could be placed in the minutes for these issues.

8. AOCB

The TRACKS representative gave an update on the progress made.

1. There were two projects currently under review at Crook of Devon and Glenfarg.
2. Maintenance was still being carried out on the LLHT and the rest of the route around the Loch was still under negotiation with RSPB and SNH.
3. Present funds would be used to upgrade the piece of the Trail between the Pier and Mill.
4. Access to the Trail in the Levenmouth area was still required.
5. The Sunday 'round the Loch bus' was back in operation, times would be made available.
6. A study would be undertaken following a report that some of the Brown signs in Kinross-shire were out of date or misleading.
7. A webpage, Walk in Kinross-shire, would be linked to the www.kinross.org and a facility available to download the details of the walks available in the area.

A suggestion was made by a CCllr to have a walk around Portmoak which included all the businesses in the area which included 8 eating establishments. It was planned to have a connection from the Loch Leven Heritage Trail website to all businesses near to the Trail.

9. Communications

The following correspondence had been received by the Secretary:-

Community Capacity Building Group meeting, April 26th 2010 Loch Leven Community Campus

The Community Waste and Fly tipping scheme to be launched

Kinnesswood in Bloom, various e mails re village centre scheme

Weekly planning lists

3.4.10 Establishing Campus partnership groups

2.4.10 E mail from (Moray Fraser) P&KC re bus shelter

1.4.10 AGM and 62nd meeting of convention of Perth and Kinross CC's May 12th 2010.

1.4.10 Letter from Convention of P&K CC 's re Planning Forum

31.3.10, Copy of P&KCT newsletter.

30.3.10 E mail re booking hall dates

26.3.10 E mail from Civic Trust to P&KC Planning, re height of houses at Scotlandwell

26.3.2010 Invoice for hire of school.

23.3.10 Agenda for CLD Group meeting, March 29th 2010

19.3.2010, Letter from P&KC planning, Community Engagement in the Planning Process

17.3.2010 E mail re Mobile Post Van

15.3.2010 E mail from Stephens setting out requirements from P&KC legal eagles

13.3.2010 E mail re training courses.

12.3.2010 E mail re Community Learning and Development Partnership meeting

12.3.2010 E mail with presentation at the traing event held by Planning Aid

11.3.2010 E mail from resident of Fossoyay re their new website.

8.3.2010 Letter from APRS re annual subscription

9.3.2010 Letter from Elizabeth Smith MP asking if we would like to visit the Scottish Parliament

Letter from Portmoak Gala Fund asking for sponsorship by extending our insurance cover.

The meeting finished at approximately 20.15 hrs

Please note minutes are Draft until confirmed at next CC meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Primary School on May 11th 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, April 13th 2010 in Portmoak Hall

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3. Chairman's Report

The purpose of this meeting is to receive a report of the activities of the council over the last year; to receive the audited statement of accounts and to elect office bearers for the coming year.

The objectives of the CC are to promote the well being of the community residents and to express its views to the local authority.

My intention is to highlight just some of the more important issues we have been involved in over the past year, a number of which my colleagues will comment on in more detail in the general meeting.

Early on in our year we had the introduction of the new Single Plan. Most of us were new to the CC but we recognised the very important significance of this plan and how it could affect our future. We have put in place, as far as possible at this stage, procedures which will keep us informed of the progress of this plan and how we should be consulted.

The other main issue we have inherited from the previous year was the traffic calming scheme. This led to some lively debate among the residents and at our meeting and love it or hate it, it is there, although modifications and monitoring is ongoing.

A significant event was the establishment of Scotlandwell as a conservation area. This reminded us of the importance of preservation and the regulations around this.

Significant improvements were put in place in our paths network.

The establishment of an active website was also an important step forward and as you will have seen is currently being improved.

Despite John's efforts we still have not resolved the problem of the post box, but we aim to win in the end.

We have spent a lot of time on planning issues. We have tried to be impartial; fair and to apply the rules and regulations as well as possible.

I would finally like to thank my colleagues on the CC for all their hard work throughout the year.

4. Treasurers report. £1450.86 in the bank account. £525.00 in MBW Account.

5. Appointment of Officers

The present office bearers have agreed to stand for another session.

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

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