

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, December 13th 2011 at the Primary School.

1. Attendance: CCLrs M. Parkin (Chairman) J. Bird, R. Cairncross, T. Smith,

D. Williamson, M Strang Steel, WCLlr Barnacle, 2 residents and 2 speakers.

Apologies: were received from CCLlr Forde, WCLlr Miller and WCLlr Baird.

2. Previous minutes: were approved and signed.

3. Police Report

There had been two incidents reported during the last month:-

22.11.11 – Wester Balgedie – suspicious male selling items – person traced, all in order.

19.11.11 – Loch Leven Larder – theft by shoplifting of quantity of cashmere – under enquiry.

There was no report of the fireworks that had been let off at 4.30 am at Kinnesswood on November 13th 2011.

The Chairman thanked the police for their attendance at the meeting.

Presentation by Kinross Cricket Club

Mr John Ross, a committee member of Kinross Cricket Club, gave details of plans for a new cricket club venue at a position between Loch Leven's Larder and the Loch side.

Mr Ross gave an insight into the history of the Club from its beginnings in the 1850s to the present day, including the many awards that the Club had achieved. There was a current membership of over 200.

The Club had been at Kinross House since 2007 and the present owners of Kinross House intend to keep the cricket pitch and clubhouse. However, due to the popularity and number of teams presently playing under the name of Kinross Cricket Club it was necessary to move to premises which had a larger wicket area. There had been an unsuccessful attempt to move to Milnathort and it was thought imperative that local Portmoak opinion would be sought before a planning application was lodged with P&KC for the proposed Loch Leven's Larder site. Therefore Portmoak residents would be given an opportunity to attend an open meeting to hear about the proposed arrangements, and this will be held at Loch Leven's Larder on January 10th 2012 at 7pm.

The new access to the site, together with car parking for approximately 20 cars, would be in the area between the present entrance to Loch Leven's Larder and Channel Bend, where there is an existing entrance to the farm.

It was not anticipated that walkers would be at risk from cricket balls, and there would not be any night time activity at the clubhouse, and no floodlighting.

Following a question from WCIlr Barnacle it was indicated that the future name of the Club might be changed to Kinross-shire County Cricket Club.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ross for attending the meeting, and after some discussion it was agreed that the CC supports the idea of the new Cricket Club ground at Loch Leven's Larder.

4. Treasurers report:

There was a total of £1243.09 in the account.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

1. Stephens Field: No further update.

2. Build Outs:

Following a meeting with Jillian Robinson, P&KC Principal Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety, new bollards would be ordered with the earliest delivery date of 19 December 2011.

These bollards will be a different make, and have reflective material and keep right/keep left arrows on both sides. They will not be lit by an external source, but will have internal illumination of some parts. They are scheduled for installation at the end of January 2011.

The proposed build-out and bollard on the B920 at the south end of Scotlandwell has been added to the 2012/13 list of works with a view to installing this early in the new financial year.

3. Speed Limit changes:

With regard to the extension of the 30mph speed limit on the B920 at Scotlandwell, this was to be done as part of the housing development proposals. However this development is progressing slowly and for the sake of safety in this particular area the matter will be progressed and a report is being prepared for the next P&KC Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee meeting on 25 January 2012. Once Committee approval is given the statutory consultation process will commence. This is a lengthy process.

As part of these proposals it is proposed to remove the countdown signs on the Causeway on the approach to Scotlandwell, as the policy for the use of these signs has changed in that they will only be erected where visibility of the speed limit ahead is restricted.

4. Kinnesswood Bus Shelter:

The Chairman had met with P&KC on site. There was no capital budget available although it was agreed to carry out some maintenance work.

5. Bus Stop at Scotlandwell:

The bus stop would be moved to a position where there was more pavement room for passengers waiting for buses.

The idea of the bus stopping on the B920 in the area around Wellside Motors was not feasible due to problems with reversing.

6. Formula for the Regulation of Water Level in Loch Leven:

No further progress.

7. Gritting and Snow Clearing :

There had still not been any response from P&KC re the report submitted by the CC in April 2011. It was also noted that there had not been a response to last year's submission.

There was some discussion on what were considered priority routes within Portmoak and on what basis they should be determined.

8. A dog waste bin had been requested to be sited at the top of the Grahamstone track.

Mr George Lawrie attended the meeting to give an update on TRACKS projects

There were ongoing discussions with the landowners for the completion of the Loch Leven route although agreement had been reached for a route through the RSPB grounds. Funding was in place to complete the route.

There were ongoing discussions with Sustrans to join the Loch Trail in the Channel Farm area and a planning application had just been submitted to P&KC although this was not known to the CC at the time.

There was much discussion on the proposed A911 pedestrian route between Loch Leven's Larder, Wester Balgedie and Easter Balgedie. There were a number of issues discussed and it was appreciated that there were various good and bad points for both routes. It was suggested that the CC could be the vehicle for receiving suggestions from the residents on the comments discussed.

Negotiations were ongoing with Grahamstone for a path alongside the water course to the Moss from the Heritage Trail.

The funding for maintenance of the walkways will be a continual problem.

There has been a partnership agreement signed with Fife Countryside Trust for a path from the top of the Lomond Hills towards the trail, and a meeting is planned for January 16th 2012 to discuss possible routes.

CCLr Cairncross asked if proper landscaping plans and car parking arrangements had been made for the future Sustrans project at Channel Farm since the CC were not aware of this project at this stage.

Although Dryside Road is impassable with overgrown hedges and fences, it is still considered to be a core path.

It was agreed to put a TRACKS update on the March 2012 agenda.

CCLr Strang Steel informed the meeting that the core path plan has received agreement from the Government, although it is not known what changes have been made. It will now need approval by P&KC at a meeting on January 25th 2012. Further details should be available online shortly.

6. Reports

Roads and Paths

Work was still required on the MBW culvert as previously stated. This is in hand with CCLr Tom Smith.

Planning

Three applications had been considered since the last meeting. The CC had recommended two for approval. 11/01936/FLL (rear extension at Bishop Terrace Kinnesswood) and 11/01764/FLL (alterations at Bankfoot Cottage Scotlandwell) and one for objection - a new house at Easter Balgedie - 11/01780/FLL.

The Council was considering an application for a house and associated buildings at the Livery Stable, Scotlandwell (11/01917/FLL).

11/00922/IPL Colzie House, Easter Balgedie, erection of a dwelling-house in principle. This application had been refused by PKC, but has now been taken to appeal with the Local Review Body.

Full details of all applications and decisions can be found on the Portmoak CC website.

Ongoing discussions with P&KC planning and legal departments, as detailed previously, are progressing.

7. Ward Councillor Reports.

WCllr Barnacle informed the meeting that he had read the proposed Local Plan although was not able to discuss the contents at present, but a meeting to discuss the contents has been moved to January 10th 2012.

It was his understanding that the requested 30 mph extension at Kilmagadwood would now take place.

8. AOCB

CCLlr Smith informed the meeting that Kinnesswood in Bloom had ordered the new Notice Board for the bus shelter.

9. Communications since last meeting

The Secretary has a list of communications received since the last meeting.

New subjects received are raised under AOCB.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting finished at 9.10 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday January 10th 2012 in the Primary School.

Please note: If a CC meeting has to be cancelled, for whatever reason, every effort is made to have this information placed on the CC website: www.portmoak.org