

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on November 12th 2013 at Portmoak Primary School

- 1. Attendance:** Cllrs: Malcolm Strang Steel (Chair); Robin Cairncross (Secretary); Richard Williamson (Treasurer); Bruce Calderwood (Deputy Chair); Susan Forde; and Tom Smith. WClrs: M Barnacle; W Robertson; and D Cuthbert; a member of the Police; and 9 members of the public.

Apologies: WClr J Giacomazzi:

- 2. Invitation for New Members:** The Council would welcome interest from any resident of Portmoak over the age of 18 years who might wish to join the Council. Interest in the position of Minute Secretary would also be welcome. Please contact the Secretary or any member of the Council.
- 3. Previous minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held in October 2013 were approved.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- 4.1 Stephen's Field: No further progress to report.
- 4.2 Footpath between Easter and Wester Balgedie: WClr W Robertson confirmed that progress had been made towards agreeing arrangements with landowners but he was, as yet, unable to report a decision.

5. Reports

- 5.1 Police: PC Sadie Allan had succeeded PC Victoria Riches and presented the Police Report. She stated that: there had been no significant crime in the past month in the Portmoak area; speed checks on arterial routes in Kinross-shire were continuing; and that diesel thefts had occurred elsewhere in Kinross-shire. Owners of stored diesel were asked to be vigilant.

Consultation on the reduction or removal of counter services at police station across Scotland had concluded and it was likely that the service at the station in Kinross would closed from January 2014, although the station itself would remain fully operational. For non emergency services the public was asked to telephone 101.

The new Rural Watch service had been successfully commissioned.

The police agreed to consider a request from a resident to review the risk to safety at The Kilmagadwood junction with the A911.

- 5.2 Treasurer: The Treasurer reported a balance of £1,496.00 in the General Account as at the end of October 2013.

- 5.3 Planning: The CC considered the following planning applications made to P&KC and agreed to object to:

13/01858/FLL Land East of Causeway Cottage, Scotlandwell, Erection of a dwellinghouse and garage.

As presented this application for a new dwellinghouse did not comply with current P&KC planning guidance, "Housing in the Countryside". However, the CC had received in writing and orally at the meeting supplementary information from the applicant and her representatives which, in its view, constituted significant material change to the application. The applicant was advised to communicate this direct to P&KC so that it may be put in the public domain and the application modified, as necessary, to take this into account. The CC agreed to refer without comment to the receipt of representations in its letter of objection.

The CC considered the following planning application and agreed not to object to:

13/01976/FLL Land North of Kilmagadwood Cottage, Scotlandwell Variation of condition 8 of planning permission 10/00134/FLL.

This plan for a revised road junction signalled that progress was at last being made towards securing a safe junction at Kilmagadwood. There was, however, some way to go before improvements could be assured. WCllr M Barnacle would hold a site meeting shortly with P&KC officials and local residents to pursue an expedient outcome.

These decisions were unanimous.

The CC noted the following decisions by P&KC:

13/01482/FLL Removal of conditions 2 and 3 (use of building and external storage) planning consent, 3 Middleburn Cottages, Kirkness Cardenden. Consent Refused

13/01543/FLL Erection of dwelling house - modification of (08/01803/FLL) change of house type, Balneathill House, Easter Balgedie. Consent granted.

Local Development Plan: The CC is considering the decisions of the Government Reporters made in respect of the Draft Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan. It was focussing on implications for Portmoak.

Developer contributions: Progress has been slow in securing the £400 due for trees at The Green in Scotlandwell but a positive outcome now seemed likely. WCllr D Cuthbert agreed to explore: a potential hold up in the recent educational contribution for Portmoak Primary School; and the loss of developer contribution support for post-excavation archaeological work on 23 Bronze Age urns retrieved at the development site at Kilmagadwood.

- 5.4 Roads: CCllr Bruce Calderwood presented a "*Summary Road Report*" for Portmoak. The Report provided an excellent tool for monitoring progress with some 16 different areas of required work across the Portmoak road network. It would be taken forward by Ward Councillors and discussed at a meeting with P&KC road officials to be held shortly. Of note were: notification of specific areas for additional grass cutting; and progress in installing blind summit signs on the B9097 - the south loch road.

The CC was concerned that it had not been possible to recruit local farmers as third party contractors to support snow clearing within Portmoak in adverse conditions. Access to Glenlmond could prove a particular challenge. The CC would contact the

P&KC officers concerned to explore what further could be done to ensure support in difficult conditions.

Following recent accidents in the vicinity of the entrance to RSPB Vane Farm from the B9097 - the south loch road, the CC noted a request from RSPB Vane Farm for a reduced speed limit around the entrance. The CC was pleased to support that request. The matter was being taken forward by WCllr W Robertson as part of work to improve access to Vane Farm to and from the Heritage Trail.

- 5.5 Paths: CCllr Tom Smith proposed that a “*Paths Sub-group*” of the Council should be formed to consider and take forward matters concerning the maintenance and administration of paths across Portmoak - including core paths and the Michael Bruce Way. The Council warmly welcomed this initiative and, as membership is open to anyone, asks that those interested in supporting the Sub-group contact Tom Smith on 0159 284 1160.

6. Donation of Trees from the Scottish Woodland Trust

Arrangements were in hand to distribute the trees across Portmoak. Anyone interested in securing trees should contact Tom Smith on 0159 284 1160.

7. Renewal of Annual Insurance: Employers and Public Liability

The provision of annual insurance was noted and would be drawn to the attention of local residents.

8. Kinross-shire Community Council Network

A meeting of the Forum would be held on 20 November with representation from Portmoak CC. Its agenda would include landscape designation, planning procedures in the Loch Leven catchment area, and fracking.

9. Ward Cllr Reports

WCllr Barnacle: Reported progress with the Local Development Plan and of plans to hold a meeting of the Kinross-shire Community Council Network. Consultation was now underway on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill with the closing date for responses 24th January 2014.

WCllr D Cuthbert reminded the CC about events in the forthcoming Winter festival

10. Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor.

No matters notified.

11. AOCB

The CC welcomed John Ross, Chairman of Kinross-shire Cricket Club. Mr Ross reported on a very active year in the Club’s history as it moved to establish its new base at Loch Leven’s Larder. Both senior and junior parts of the club had had a very busy and successful year. More than 120 children from across Kinross-shire and beyond were involved each week during the season in club activities. The Club had been successful in achieving its funding goals and with planning consent now secured, a pavilion with car parking would be built in the spring. The Club would make the pavilion available for

other societies when not in use for cricket and several groups had already confirmed their interest. The CC congratulated the Club on its success.

A Portmoak resident had sought advice from the CC in establishing a memorial bench on the Michael Bruce Way. CClr Tom Smith would liaise with the resident and the local land owner to seek an acceptable outcome.

12. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at **7.00pm, on Tuesday 10th December 2013**, at Portmoak Primary School.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and the Meeting closed at 09.00 pm.

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