

# Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017

at Portmoak Primary School, Kinnesswood

- 1. Attendance:** CCLrs: M Strang Steel (Chairman); R Cairncross (Secretary); B Calderwood (Treasurer); S Forde; D Morris; A Robertson; and WCLrs: M Barnacle; and D Cuthbert; and 11 members of the public and PC Atholl Spalding of Police Scotland.

**Apologies:** CCLrs: T Smith and C Vlasto; and WCLrs W Robertson and J Giacobazzi.

The CC sent its best wishes for a speedy recovery to CCLr Chris Vlasto who had recently undergone surgery.

- 2. Approval of previous Minutes:** The draft Minute of the meeting held in January 2017 was approved.

- 3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.**

*Para 3 Our Community Kinross and Earn Partnership.* Funding application forms are now available to access the “participatory budget” of £10,000 available for Kinross-shire. The deadline was 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is a pilot project and as yet there is no commitment for recurrent funding. The primary function is to tackle inequalities facing residents and to help services and communities to work together.

*Para 7.3 Arrangements at Whitecraigs and Stephen’s Field.* Following discussions with Bishopshire Golf Club and local residents the Chairman had now written to A & J Stephen setting out the conditions for the CC taking responsibility for the path leading from the A911 at the Golf clubhouse up to Stehens Field. He had also sought a report on progress in resolving the arrangements for maintaining redundant plots of land across Whitecraigs and on submitting a proposal for a development on the retained plot of land at Stephens Field.

- 4. Place Standard Survey for Portmoak: to consider a report on the results to date.**

In September 2016 Portmoak CC decided to review local priorities using the Place Standard, devised by NHS Health Scotland, The Scottish Government and Architecture and Design Scotland. This was a simple framework where groups were asked to rate each of 14 factors on a scale of 1-7. Responses were received from a range of groups which represented a range of ages and interests, each of which was made up of 4-6 representatives, plus a large Brownie pack and one individual response. The Pupil Council at the Primary School also completed the exercise. The Table presented reflected a fairly high rate of consistency for most items (Moving around; Streets and spaces; Natural spaces; Play and recreation; Work and local economy; Housing and community; Identity and belonging; Feeling safe; Care and maintenance) and a greater range of responses for others (Public transport; Traffic and parking; Facilities and amenities; Influence and sense of control). The two most highly rated factors were Natural spaces and Feeling safe and the two lowest rated factors were Public transport Influence and Sense of Control. The CC recognised that this provided invaluable information not only to it but to planners in

Perth and Kinross Council and other groups. Once the final version has been confirmed it will be shared with PKC and other groups and used to support the CC's case for improving Portmoak. The report will be filed in due course on the CC's website. The CC wished to thank all who participated in the survey and who made it possible.

## 5. Kinnesswood:

1. *Re-siting the recycling provision in light of the closure of the Lomond Inn facility.* In preparation for a meeting with interested parties WCllr M Barnacle had confirmed that there were significant reservations about re-siting this facility near to or within car park area close to the School. The preferred way ahead was for a Cllr to join with PKC officers as they examined further options for a site around Kinnesswood. The CC would contact PKC and recommend that Cllr D Morris participate in this visit.
2. *Car parking in the immediate vicinity of the school.* Prior to a formal consultation on the matter the CC had been asked by PKC for its thoughts on proposals to limit parking on the access roads to and in the immediate vicinity of the school. It confirmed that:
  - a) the proposed solution should be permanent and not just for an hour when the school opens and closes (large and emergency vehicles require access at all times); and that
  - b) restricted parking areas must include the stretch on the left hand side of Buchan Avenue approaching the School and immediately opposite the sharp right hand turn leading to the car park.

WCllr Barnacle was thanked for his help. The CC would write to PKC confirming these views.

## 6. Reports

6.1 **Police:** The CC welcomed PC Atholl Spalding. New community policing arrangements had been introduced. The Kinross Community Team is led by Community Sergeant Nichola Forrester along with Constables Dougie Stapleton and Atholl Spalding. This arrangement will allow locally based community officers to be visible in the area and to engage with the community. The Team had had a wealth experience of community policing and knew the Kinross-shire area well. They had a number of responsibilities focussed on activities within the community. They can be contacted direct by telephoning 101 or via their email as [taysidekinross-shireCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:taysidekinross-shireCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk). While there was no front desk provision the Kinross police station was manned 24/7. A recent search for a missing person had drawn on the local knowledge of the Team. Agricultural related incidents including sheep worrying and the theft of quad bikes were a concern. There would shortly be one of several rural crime events to explore preventive strategies. The problems of linking intelligence on road traffic incidents to road safety planning had yet to be resolved. PC Spalding was thanked for his helpful presentation. The CC also noted that the Local Policing Plan (2017-2020) had just been released for early comment. The Area Commander Bulletins of 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> February were noted.

6.2 **Treasurer:** The General Account at the end of January was £389.27 while the Michael Bruce Way account was £739.62 giving a total of funds on hand of £1,128.89.

### 6.3 Planning:

1. *New applications:*

[www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

- c) 16/02228/FLL RSPB Vane Farm Nature Centre: Construction of an underpass. The CC would write in support of this proposal.
- d) 16/02204 FLL Carraigen by Leslie, Change of use of garage to dwelling house. No comment.
- e) 16/02243/FLL Scottish Gliding Union, Erection of a staff facility building. No comment.
- f) 17/00188/PN Vane Farm, Proposed use of land for Kinross Agricultural Show. No comment.
- g) 17/00028/FLL Learig Sandy Lane Scotlandwell, Installation of flue. No comment.
- h) 17/00142/FLL Land at Chalet, Lochend Farm, Erection of a dwelling house. No comment.

The CC had been advised of a Proposal of Application Notice: Erection of Holiday Park, Visitor Centre (Ancillary Café/Restaurant with commercial space) and supporting recreational infrastructure, Land at Burleigh Sands. It would respond in due course.

## 2. Progress with Developments:

- a) *Westfield Restoration and Regeneration Project, Fife (16/03661/EIA)*. The CC had submitted a response to Fife Council which could be seen on the CC website. It noted a supportive response from PKC which could be viewed on the Fife Council website. It thanked our four ward councillors for enabling a joint meeting with the senior planning officers from both Fife and PKC. Although details were not known Fife Council had signalled that a further consultation was planned.
- b) *Former Lomond Inn*. Formal consent for this development to proceed awaited preparation and settlement of the related Section 75 order.
- c) *Glenlomond*. No progress to note. Formal consent for this development to proceed was awaited.

6.4 **Roads:** The CC had just received a formal response to its letter of 7<sup>th</sup> December to Jim Valentine, PKC Deputy Chief Executive, concerning traffic flows through Portmoak. The CC will now consider the response and the comments made on the low cost specific solutions it had presented.

6.5 **Paths:** No report.

7. **P&KC Ward Cllr Reports:** WCllrs reported that, following additional funding from the Scottish Government, budgets for the forthcoming year were being reviewed and should be finalised on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. WCllrs had sought further support for the hard pressed Road Safety Team. Current consultation on the Future of the Scottish Planning System was noted and the CC's commitment to respond confirmed. Although CC speed restrictions on the B9097 had been refused by PKC WCllr Barnacle would pursue the matter further. It was understood that the matter of the disputed visibility splay at Kilmagadwood had been resolved.

## 8. **Matters previously notified to the Secretary plus matters raised from the floor:**

- 1. *Devil's Burden Race*. The Chairman with CCllrs A Robertson and D Morris will meet shortly with representatives of Fife Athletic to discuss toilet and car parking provisions and specific routing on the approach to Kinnesswood.
- 2. *Airspace change programme at Edinburgh Airport*. The CC had noted that in a second consultation the descent pathway would be routed away from the Loch Leven area.

3. *Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)*. The Chairman had received a response from the Deputy Chair of SNH welcoming his recent approach and confirming the Loch Leven Reserve Plan would be finalised by the end of March. SNH valued strong links with Portmoak and had a strong commitment to community empowerment and involvement.

9. **AOCB:** None.

10. **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at **7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Portmoak Primary School**. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the Meeting closed at 8.34pm.