

Portmoak Community Council

Notice of Meeting & Community Council AGM

Tuesday 13th October 1930 – 2100

Online meeting via Zoom

(request Zoom meeting details via email to Secretary@Portmoak.org)

AGENDA

1. **Attendance and apologies.** CCllrs: G Cox (Chair), S Davidson (Treasurer), S McGregor (Secretary), S Forde, A Cragoe, G Smith, D Morris; and WClIr W Robertson; and 2 members of the public.

2. **Approval of previous Minutes held on 10th September 2020.** Approved

3. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

Item 1 Community Resilience Planning: Storm Damage and impact from recent flooding

No further reports of flooding damage to property. Cllr D Morris had identified 8 different sites where there have been landslips on the Portmoak side of Bishop Hill. There should be concern about the stability of the hill and the possibility of water undermining the stability of soils and vegetation where the underlying rock strata are sloping downwards. It was agreed there may be a case for tree planting on the unstable areas perhaps with other remedial and preventative actions.

ACTION: Cllr D Morris to discuss with Scottish Forestry.

Item 2 Portmoak Cemetery

Cllr A Cragoe reported that, following the meeting on 29th Sep, she had received no update or report. Willie Greg is now on holiday. Cllr Cragoe had received no confirmation that letter has been sent to Mr Thompson.

WClIr W Robertson noted that PKC is back to its committee structure and many officers have been transferred to other duties. He commended Cllr Cragoe for the work she has done so far and suggested she should continue to liaise with Willie Greg.

ACTION: Cllr A Cragoe to continue with her work on this and contact W Robertson for support if feedback or further traction isn't forthcoming.

Item 3 Road Safety Action in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell

A date for the CC to meet with PKC for an onsite meeting was being arranged. A resident of Easter Balgedie was present and spoke strongly about the issue of poor road safety due to traffic travelling at excessive speed through Easter Balgedie. The issue had been reported to the police who attended one afternoon, though the real issues are felt to occur during the morning and evening commute times. WClIr W Robertson has asked the police to attend on site. Michelle Burns (Sergeant) has agreed to target areas that the CC report to the police. Cllr Robertson said he believed we need to raise the profile of speeding and the CC were unanimously in agreement with this. PKC had previously done analysis on the A911, showed the majority of people going through Portmoak are going between Glenrothes and Perth. Westfield developments may change the dynamic of the traffic along the A911 in the future. The 20mph speed limit was being implemented in Scotlandwell, though the VAS signs had not yet been adjusted to the new lower speed. The Chair proposed a 2-phase approach to focus on the widening of pavements at narrow points, and secondly the speed issues.

ACTION: WRobertson to send details of Police Sergeant to the Secretary who will circulate the contact details to the CC. **ACTION:** Secretary to ask PKC to adjust the Scotlandwell VAS signs as soon as possible.

Item 4 Glenlomond sewage: migration of responsibility to Scottish Water

Cllr A Davidson outlined the issues: following the 7th Aug storm and subsequent floods, Glenlomond sewage system was overwhelmed by floodwater and hit a critical condition requiring the Fire Service to attend. The sewage works is approx. 70yrs old and financed by the residents and now supports more sewage than it was ever

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intended to, with overflow a regular occurrence during periods of heavy rain. Scottish Water have refused to adopt the system unless it meets their current standards. Cost to upgrade will be prohibitive for the residents. Glenlomond need support from CC and Scottish Government to try to get Scottish Water to agree to adopt the system and maintain and upgrade it. There was discussion about whether a direct approach to Scottish Water, or PKC, or a political appeal via the area MSP would be the best route. The houses that have been built were given consent based on Scottish Water being in agreement with the suitability of the sewage system to support the builds. Scottish Water cannot expect the residents to pay to bring the plant up current specification. The CC confirmed its support for the use of public funds to resolve these sewage and public health problems in Glenlomond and recommended that residents should raise the matter with local MSP Roseanna Cunningham.

Item 5 *Friar Place hedges blocking sight lines and requiring maintenance*

Hedges have still not been cut back.

ACTION: WRobertson to follow up with PKC

Item 6 *potential co-option of member of farming community to the CC*

The CC will look for ways to engage with the farming community and encourage farmers to play a more active part in the CC business, attending meetings if possible.

Reserve items: no substantial updates

Item 8 *Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church, Hall and beyond.*

Item 9 *Rural Transport*

Item 10 *Loch Leven water quality*

Item 11 *SEPA / Scottish Enterprise River Leven Catchment Project*

4. New Matters arising:

1. CC website & server hosting changes & costs

The CC Website and server hosting had been maintained on a voluntary basis by a generous local resident and with no charge to the CC for many years, but due to changes in circumstance the CC will need to pay for the hosting costs going forward. The CC was in agreement with this.

6. Reports:

a. Police Reports

- (1) The Local Police Report: no police in attendance. The CC were in agreement that they would like to see their local police liaison officer at an occasional meeting, as it had been well over 18 months since this had last happened. WCllr Robertson highlighted the pressure under which the police currently were having to function.

b. Planning

- (1) New Applications:
- i. 20/01342/FLL | Alterations and extension to visitor centre, installation of solar arrays, erection of a workshop, alterations and extension to car park and installation of 6 vehicle charging points | Vane Farm Nature Centre Kinross KY13 9LX Vane Farm
The CC were in agreement that the developments appeared to be a laudable enterprise: ethical, and encouraging to see the right thing being done. The CC agreed no comment.
- (2) Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee:
Westfield path network project is underway, and details will be reported in the Kinross Newsletter in due course.
- (3) Update on 20/01039/FLL: Alterations to garage at Shanthi Wester Balgedie KY13 9HE
The Secretary had followed up on the query from the September minutes as requested, and had received acknowledgment from PKC stating the owner of the property had advised he had carried out some works to the building that were urgently required, but he would not complete the reroofing of the building in the absence of planning permission. The urgent works had been completed prior to planning application and, as such, the Council as Planning Authority did not give any permission or consent for the works to be undertaken prior to the determination of the application. Upon the determination of the application, PKC will assess whether any further enforcement action is required.

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- c. **Paths Group:** to note progress.

Cllr Morris reported that there was now no difficulty in accessing the Michael Bruce Way despite the recent storm damage. PKC rangers are going to bring the flail back to cut the vegetation along the Peat Loan and Dryside Road . The Secretary reported that a planning permission application had been made for the new Paths Group noticeboard in the Buchan Avenue carpark in Kinnesswood.

- d. **Treasurer CC Accounts:** The Treasurer reported that these had been audited with support from Roy Walker, Auditor. The previous Treasurer, Bruce Calderwood, had assisted with the auditing for 2019/20. Therefore, at the year-end 31st August 2020 there was: £662.80 in the General Account; and £1,427.95 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £2090.75. In the No3 Holding account there was £0. The accounts for the year to 31st August 2020 had been subject to independent examination and as such submitted for approval by the Community Council prior to their submission to Perth & Kinross Council. The accounts were duly approved by the CC and the Treasurer instructed to submit them to Perth and Kinross Council and to obtain the funding grant for the forthcoming financial year.

5. **Ward Councillors' Reports**

WCllr Robertson indicated that the meeting had already covered the issues that he had on his list. The Chair thanked CllrRobertson and the other Ward Councillors for their hard work and input. WCllr Robertson responded that he appreciated the input of the CC in representing the Community, with the CC meetings providing a very good forum for WCllrs to hear the local community views on a wide range of issues.

6. **Matters notified to the Secretary:** no additional items at the time of meeting

7. **AOB:**

Newletter info. update: **ACTION:** Secretary to contact Kinross Newsletter to update the names and contact details of all the PCC Councillors on page 108 (Oct issue).

The Chair closed meeting at 2057hrs

8. **Next Meeting:** 7.30pm Tuesday, 10th November 2020, via Zoom

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