

# Portmoak Community Council

## Notice of Meeting & Community Council

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 1930 – 2100hrs

Online meeting via Zoom

(request Zoom meeting details via email to [Secretary@Portmoak.org](mailto:Secretary@Portmoak.org))

### AGENDA

- 1. Attendance and apologies:** Cllrs A Davidson (Treasurer), S McGregor (Secretary), D Morris, K Donaldson, G Smith, W Cllr R Watters, and 2 Members of the Public.

**Apologies:** W Cllrs C Purves & W Robertson

- 2. Approval of previous Minutes held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021:** Approved

- 3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

**Item 1 Road Safety Action in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell**

The CC confirmed that the road safety actions applied right along the A911, including Easter Balgedie, following the strong turn out of residents at the May 21 CC meeting. The CC will update the future agenda to reflect this. Willie Robertson had followed up his actions points, but he was not available to update on these. An attending resident of Easter Balgedie made a suggestion to install traffic lights at Easter Balgedie, for safe crossing and to encourage drivers to use the B9097. There was another suggestion for installation of average speed cameras. The CC commented that the A911 is an A-road, and PKC seemed reluctant to put physical barriers in to reduce speed, compared to other local authorities. The CC called again for the A911 route plan as agreed in PKC meeting with PCC in Nov 20. W Cllr R Watters suggested policy from Scottish Government was to create paths and off-road routes with road furniture that may create safer routes in locations like Easter Balgedie and Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell where the pavements are very narrow, but that finances were always an issue. The CC commented that PKC road officers had not completed work that had been promised for many years, and that as a CC they would support any work the W Cllrs needed to achieve their goals.

ACTION: Secretary to report twisted 20mph sign to PKC.

**Item 2 Glenlomond sewage, and Water Supply to Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie**

Cllr A Davidson updated: a specialist had assessed the sewage works and will carry out repairs which will solve problem. As far as water supplies for fire fighting are implicated by water outages, it has been confirmed there is no fire hydrant in Glenlomond so the Fire Services are dealing with that separately. There are also implications for the upper part of Wester Balgedie which also share the same water main.

**Item 3 Construction of hill track, Bishop Hill, Kinnesswood: drainage, gorse clearing, electric fencing:** Cllrs D Morris and G Smith had been out to view the lower hillside along the length of the path. There were concerns that the drainage pattern appeared to have changed as a result of the track construction work that was carried out by the land owner in the autumn. Cllr Smith explained this included increased water flow into the top of the Cobbles with the risk this could then exacerbate existing flooding problems along the Main Street. The Cllrs also expressed concern about the scale of the gorse clearing and how far this might extend across the hillside, with implications for amenity, wildlife and water flow off the hillside. This was an issue which would also involve NatureScot. The CC noted that the landowner already recognised the need to examine the drainage pattern following the autumn works. W Cllr R Watters related another situation which has been referred to the PKC flooding team and engineering consultants had been giving advice. Cllr D Morris suggested that in the Loch Leven area advice from land use consultants rather than engineers was probably the greater priority and referred to previous discussions and meetings in the 1990s regarding the pollution of Loch Leven by chemicals and silt blown or washed off the fields. The CC agreed that it might be beneficial to have a general discussion later in the summer about land use as a whole in the area, especially in relation to climate change and biodiversity needs, along with flooding issues, and to examine whether different land use patterns were desirable.

**Item 4 Portmoak Primary parking issues:** Cllr D Morris had met with Paula Woods, the Acting Headteacher at Portmoak Primary. The changes that the school would like to see are the same as those discussed at PCC some

**Note:** the Minutes of Council can be seen in the file kept in the Kinnesswood Village Shop or on the Hall noticeboard or found on the Community Council website. [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

years ago and agreed with PKC, but not actioned. **ACTION:** DMorris to raise with PKC the need to complete the agreed works asap.

**Item 5 Friar Place, Scotlandwell: hedge height reducing visibility:** SForde advised the hedge is now approx. 8ft tall. **ACTION:** SForde to email PKC officers again.

#### 4. New Matters arising:

Item 1 *20mph traffic sign Scotlandwell reorientation:* This item was discussed previously under Road Safety, and Secretary has action.

#### 5.Reports:

##### a.Police Reports

- (1) The Local Police Report: no police liaison was in attendance at the meeting. A new Police Sergeant had reached out to the Secretary to introduce himself. The CC appreciated this and had responded.

##### b.Planning

- (1) New Applications:

- (a) 21/00580/FLL | Erection of a dwellinghouse | Land 20 Metres North Of Bonaly Cottage Main Street Kinnesswood– public comments now extended up to 15<sup>th</sup> June following the developer's late submission of a Design and Access Statement.  
Cllr DMorris reminded the meeting that the CC had already objected to this application. The CC agreed that this Design and Access Statement makes no difference to the basis for the previous CC objections with regard to the height, scale and bulk of the proposed house, its impact on the Conservation Area and its non contribution to affordable housing requirements. The CC will write to PKC to reinforce its existing objections. Cllr DMorris has confirmed with PKC that existing representations from members of the public remain valid but further comment, or new representations, can still be made up until 15 June **ACTION:** CC to make further representation to PKC and reinforce the objection to the replacement of the original planning approval with this much larger house. Secretary and DMorris to action.
- (b) 21/00909/FLL | Extension to dwelling house and formation of balcony | 5 Bishop Terrace Kinnesswood Kinross KY13 9JW. No comment
- (c) 21/00357/FLL West Feal application approval: The CC noted that this had been approved without any reference in the planning officer's report to the committee, or in the planning conditions, to the PCC's recommendation that vehicles using the narrow access road, which was also a Core Path, should be required to move in forward gear and not reverse, due to the risk of collision with non-motorised users.

- (2) Planning Decisions

- (a) Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee  
KDonaldson reported the ongoing works in Westfield over the last month. The water bodies have all been fenced off and there has been clearance work in connection with access roads within the site. The original Company chosen to build the Energy From Waste Plant has pulled out and a new company is in the process of being contracted. Ground works are now scheduled to begin towards the end of Jul to beginning of August.

- c. **Paths Group:** to note progress: The Paths Group had supplied a report for the CC meeting. Activities over the last month included: clearing vegetation on trails in Stephens Field; clearing vegetation along Peat Loan section of MBW from Grahamstone track to Portmoak Moss, with PKC Ranger assistance. The 'Explore Portmoak Paths' indicator board had now been installed at car park by Portmoak School - providing map and detailed information on 7 different circular walks around Portmoak. The immediate priorities for ongoing work include: improving the MBW section from top of the Cobbles at Napix to the gate onto the hill; Strimming Dryside Road path; Clearing vegetation as required on MBW and on paths in Stephens Field.  
The Paths Group continue to work on longstanding priorities that needed action by PCC/TRACKS/PKC. These are:1. Safe off road path Easter Balgedie to Kinnesswood; 2. Safe off road path Kinnesswood to Scotlandwell; 3. Completion of the link from the Heritage Trail to Lochend Farm Shop (TRACKS project)

**Note:**the Minutes of Council can be seen in the file kept in the Kinnesswood Village Shop or on the Hall noticeboard or found on the Community Council website. [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

The Group would like to hear from local residents on any other priorities for local path improvements. New volunteers would be made very welcome, contact details can be supplied by contacting [Secretary@Portmoak.org](mailto:Secretary@Portmoak.org)

- d. **Treasurer CC Accounts:** no movement on the accounts over last month. Payment coming through for the Paths notice board. Also charges for Zoom subscription need to be reimbursed to Secretary. Treasurer will continue to work with former Treasurer to move accounts from Royal Bank of Scotland to the Kinross Credit Union.

## 6. Ward Councillors' Reports

RWatters: nothing additional to add.

7. **Matters notified to the Secretary:** nothing additional

8. **AOB: nothing further**

9. **Next Meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July2021**