

# Portmoak Community Council

## Notice of Meeting & Community Council

Tuesday 13 July 2021, 1930 – 2100hrs

Online meeting via Zoom

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

### AGENDA

- 1. Attendance:** WCllrC Purves, Cllrs A Davidson (Treasurer & Acting Chair), S McGregor (Secretary), D Morris, S Forde, K Donaldson, and 9 members of the public.

**Apologies:** WCllrRWatters, W Robertson, Cllr G Smith

- 2. Approval of previous Minutes held on 8 June 2021:**

Cllr DMorris: requested a procedural item to circulate final draft minutes to CC Members as they are sent to Kinross newsletter. Also, request to circulate previous month's draft minutes with the agenda for the next month's meeting.

Cllr A Davidson: flagged a correction. Minutes from 08/06/21 stated there was not a fire hydrant in Glen Lomond, when in fact there are fire hydrants but the hydrant require the water supply to function.

- 3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

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

WCllr Purves gave an update:

**Easter Balgedie:** Road safety team had responded to confirm that the 30mph limit will be introduced. Drawings being for this, which will be forwarded to roads committee for approval. Likely implementation later this financial year. Other speed mitigation measures in Easter Balgedie could be introduced but should be considered carefully. An E Balgedie Resident commented that they thought this would be well received and offered to assist with garnering support for further speed mitigation measures.

**WBalgedie:** WCllrCPurves will pick up on the issues previous highlighted so they are not forgotten about.

**Scotlandwell:** speed bumps being potentially moved from Kinnesswood will be highlighted.

**Golf course / Grahamstone:** PKC road team had refused 20mph limit.

**Speed limit trial across PKC:** D McKeown at PKC had promised to feedback trial results once it was completed.

**Scotlandwell:** 20mph sign reorientation: a repair order had been raised and this should be completed quite soon.

**Scotlandwell-Auchmuir bridge (and Bowhouse):** representation had been made from residents about the possibility of better signage and speed limit lowering to 40mph limits, as was present on other sections and in Fife. The Road Safety team did not think there was a significant amount of development along the Bowhouse stretch to argue for this. WCllr C Purves was not in agreement with the policy that had led to this decision and planned to proceed this with the Road Safety team and Directors to see if the policy can be changed. The precedent on the rest of the stretch has been set and there is no real reason not to reduce the speed along the Bowhouse stretch.

**A911 Road Safety Plan:** Still pushing to get the route action plan, to assess and plan the whole strip holistically.

The CC highlighted the need for cutting back of hedge along A911 from E Balgedie to Kinnesswood, and verges from Portmoak Hall to Scotlandwell. Vegetation growth is making pavements extremely narrow.

**ACTION:** WCllr C Purves to progress road safety issues and flag hedge trimming along highlighted sections

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

Cllr A Davidson gave an update: Specialist team were due to assess sewage system this week. Scottish Water had as yet not responded. The issue had been raised with local MSPS and local MP. Glenlomond sewage system needs to be adopted by Scottish Water. There had been an overnight water outage again in the last month but water had been restored by 0730hrs. The Fire Service is aware of the issue and had confirmed that if there was an incident they would ensure they brought a tender full of water in case of outage.

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**Item 3 Construction of hill track, Bishop Hill, Kinnesswood: drainage, gorse clearing, electric fencing:** Cllr D Morris confirmed no further developments on this item. Recent heavy rain and run-off is still a serious problem possibly exacerbated by areas of dead vegetation due to bracken spraying. Cllr S Forde highlighted ragwort growing on the path up to the Bishop Hill at Scotlandwell. WCllr C Purves suggested that he could raise the subject to PKC possibly to Environmental Health as the plant can be poisonous to animals and livestock. Farmers and residents should be aware of the potential hazard and act accordingly.

**Item 4 Portmoak Primary parking issues** no further progress on this.

**ACTION:** Cllr D Morris to approach D McKeown at PKC about this during school holidays.

**Item 5 Friar Place, Scotlandwell: hedge height reducing visibility:** Cllr S Forde outlined the ongoing issue. WCllr C Purves confirmed that council can compel resident to cut back hedge or complete the work and bill resident back for work. Gary McConnell from PKC had been on site and did not report a problem.

**ACTION:** SForde: to write to Chief Exec. at PKC to highlight the concerns

**Item 6 20mph traffic sign reorientation in Scotlandwell:** Secretary had reported this to PKC. As confirmed by WCllr C Purves a repair order had been raised and this should be completed in due course.

#### 4. New Matters arising:

**Item 1: Portmoak Community Council By-Election, Thursday 12 August 2021 to elect 5 members**

The by-election is scheduled for Thursday 12 August 2021 to elect 5 members. Persons wishing to represent their community council must be 16 years of age, reside in the community council area and be named on the electoral register for the community council area in which they are standing. A candidate's proposer and seconder must also be named on the electoral register and reside in the same community council area.

To stand as a candidate a completed nomination form, together with a supporting 50 word statement, must be submitted to the Returning Officer at the address below or by email to [communitycouncils@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:communitycouncils@pkc.gov.uk) by 4pm on Thursday 22 July 2021.

Nomination forms and copies of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils can be downloaded from the Council's website, [www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncils) or from the Returning Officer at 2 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH, tel: 01738 475004 or email [communitycouncils@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:communitycouncils@pkc.gov.uk)

**Item 2: Potential for reclassification of the A911 and B9097 roads:** This item had been suggested by WCllr W Robertson and a number of local residents. The impetus was to reduce the use of the A911 by large lorries. Previous iterations of PCC had campaigned to the Road Haulage Association to have satnav on trucks reclassified so A911 could be flagged as not suitable for large vehicles.

**ACTION:** PCC will investigate options to re-highlight the issue to RHA and other relevant organisations

**Item 3: Grahamstone Road signage for no vehicle access to LLHT and speed limit:** WCllr W Robertson and residents in the Grahamstone area had highlighted the issue of vehicles travelling at speed down Grahamstone Farm track at speed expecting to access the LLHT. Google maps recommend this as a route for vehicular access to Loch Leven. This however is a private road with no public vehicular access or parking and only limited turning space. Public access is only for non motorised users, as per the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. WCllr C Purves highlighted that being a private road, Grahamstone residents would be primarily responsible for signage.

**ACTION:** Secretary to discuss with WCllr W Robertson, and try to approach Google maps for assistance.

**Item 4: Portmoak Cemetery maintenance:** The Secretary had received complaints from residents of poor maintenance of the cemetery. An approach to PKC had received a positive and quick response from the Burials team who manage maintenance. While under pressure from delays resulting from COVID situation, the team usually aim to mow grass every 2 weeks and strim undergrowth every 4 weeks. The team at PKC had confirmed the strimming had been completed and had provided photos.

#### 5. Reports:

**a. Police Reports:** PCC were pleased to welcome the Police liaison team to the meeting. PC A Mitchinson gave an overview of the last month, there were fortunately not many incidents. Lochend Farm shop was broken into on 30/08/21 some forensic evidence was found but no suspects as yet. On 10/07/21: 2 males seen to be harassing

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campers at Burleigh Sands. They were traced walking along road and given a warning. No crimes committed. 13/07/21: 2 young people broke into Portmoak Primary. Additionally there had been approx. 11 road traffic incidents. Cllr K Donaldson highlighted car abandoned in Westfield area on Wed 07/07/21 at about 2am, this had been reported to the Police Scotland.

A resident asked the Police about the issue of overtaking along 20mph section on the A911 with the suggestion that some unmarked vehicles would be useful. The CC agreed there is a lot of high-speed overtaking in speed restricted areas. The Police confirmed they are aware of the issue and try to include this info into their response. Only Traffic Police have access to the unmarked vehicles. Pop-up policemen may become available for trouble spots.

The CC highlighted speeding along the Causeway and also at Golf Course and Woodmarch. These problems were supposed to have been flagged up to D McKeown during the A911 survey in 2020. Woodmarch remains problematic, a promised build out or other solution has never been built. The CC flagged this up again to PKC. The Head Teacher at Portmoak Primary is also concerned about this Woodmarch pinch point with its dangerous narrow pavement, with special care having to be taken on school trips along to Portmoak Village Hall.

## **b.Planning**

### (1) New Applications:

(a) 21/00818/FLL: Erection of a dwellinghouse at Land 30 Metres North East Of Arkle Cottage Leslie Road Scotlandwell. Comments by: 17 July 2021  
No comment

(b) 21/00878/FLL: Formation of a footpath and associated works at Land 90 Metres South West Of Lochend Farmhouse Scotlandwell. Comments Date is past on 6 July 2021.  
Approved by council. Application previously approved by CC.

(c) 21/00997/FLL | Erection of 22 dwellinghouses, 3 garages and a garage with ancillary accommodation, formation of SUDS pond, landscaping and associated works (LDP site H54) | Land 100 Metres South East Of Cragton Villa Rost Gardens Scotlandwell. Comments by: Fri 30 Jul 2021

The CC had only received notification of the planning application on the 12/07/21, one day prior to the PCC public monthly meeting. There was representations from residents with concerns about more houses and no infrastructure. There appears to be no affordable houses in the plan. Opinion from public highlighted concerns that the development will not contribute positively to the amenity of Scotlandwell. No amenity planned for children. Concerns about flooding on this piece of land. 22 homes correlates to a likely large increase in cars while there are still existing road traffic issues and limited public transport.

**ACTION:** Secretary to request an extension to the close date.

### (2) Planning Decisions

(a) Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee  
Cllr K Donaldson reported that work at the site was limited, but test drills were proceeding.

c. **Paths Group:** The Paths Group had been busy over the past month. Humid, warm weather has left many paths very overgrown. The Dryside Road path from Easter Balgedie to Springfield Farm has been strimmed and cleared, there is also a new fence, which is very useful, as it separates livestock from the path at Springfield Farm. Peat Loan has recently been flailed by PKC Community Greenspace and had soon become overgrown but the Paths Group had been working to clear it again. Also clearing of some of the informal paths in Stephens Field. Volunteers or extra help at this busy time would be appreciated: contact Alison on 07943 881181 or Anne on 07547 457046 for more info.

## **6. Treasurer CC Accounts:**

Main account: £662.80

Michael Bruce account: £1372.65

Treasurer is still having to get previous Treasurer to assist with transactions, prior to moving accounts to the Kinross Credit Union

Invoices for Zoom and for Hosting for the CC website are being processed.

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7. **Ward Councillors' Reports:**WCllr C Purves: nothing substantive. On local Kinnesswood speed trials Cllr Purves asked for feedback about whether the CC and residents felt they should be continued? The CC agreed that they believed them to be useful.

**8. Matters notified to the Secretary:**

**Item 1:Electoral Commission Annual Canvass in 2021:** The annual electoral registration canvass of households in Angus and Perth & Kinross commences with forms being sent to all addresses in August 2021. Electors for whose e-mail addresses are held by the Electoral Registration Office will have an opportunity to respond to an email asking for confirmation that the information held is correct, or to provide details of any changes. These emails should be sent out from week commencing Monday 5 July 2021.

Any queries, contact [ero@tayside-vjb.gov.uk](mailto:ero@tayside-vjb.gov.uk) and your query will be dealt with.

If you're not currently registered, the easiest way is online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

Info about registering to vote can be found at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter)

Any residents who have any questions can contact their local registration team at Perth & Kinross on 01738 630303

**Item 2:Public Consultation on The Fireworks (Scotland) Miscellaneous Amendments Reg.s 2021:** Consultation website at: <https://consult.gov.scot/justice/use-and-sale-of-fireworks-in-scotland> should you wish to give your views. The consultation will close on Sunday 15 August.

**Item 3: Public Consultation on Draft Licensing Policy Statement - Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues:** Consultation website at: <https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/corporate-democratic-services/sev-policy-statement/> should you wish to give your views. The closing date is 26 July 2021

9. **AOB:** nothing further raised

10. **Next Meeting:** 7.30pm Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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