

Portmoak Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of Community Council

Tuesday 14 December 2021, 1930 – 2100hrs

Online meeting via Zoom

- 1. Attendance:** WCllrs C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters; Cllrs: A Miller (Chair), D Morris (Vice-Chair), A Davidson (Treasurer), S McGregor (Secretary), and 1 member of the Public.
- 2. Apologies:** WCllr M Barnacle; Cllrs S Forde and D Patterson.
- 3. Comments and Approval of previous Minutes from meeting on 9 November 2021:** Approved. Ann Davidson Proposed, D Morris seconded.
- 4. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**
- 5. Item 1 Kinross-shire Committee**

The Chair had received feedback from the CC members on initial thoughts on priorities for the Kinross Committee (KC) and had communicated these back to C Purves. It is likely the Committee will convene for first meeting around the 19/20 Jan 22. There will be issues of commonality to be agreed across all PKC CCs e.g. Loch Leven water quality, Public Transport, Roads, Core Paths. KC expects to meet every 8 weeks. Recommendation is that issues discussed at KC, are then taken back to each CC and representation made at next KC meeting. Kinross Committee will have policy to address issues that are locale specific within Kinross-shire i.e. do not apply universally across PKC. WCllr C Purves has drafted 5 themes to present to committee as a starting point for discussions: roads and road maintenance; forward planning on local place plans opposition to sites being developed in principle; footpaths and connections between settlements; climate change and environmental initiatives; public / community transport working with local authority and other voluntary groups and private companies. Items and actions will be linked to budgets.

Item 2 Road Safety Action Update in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell

Speed Trial information had been received and circulated within PCC. The Chair outlined the results which showed that pre-20mph speed limit the 85th percentile speed was under 33mph, during the reduced trial speed limit 85th percentile was only reduced to 32mph, indicating only marginal compliance with the 20mph reduced speed limit. From this it appears the 20mph speed limit does very little for the villages. The conclusion would be that physical mitigation is necessary to reduce the speed of vehicles. Cllr D Morris agreed with The Chair's analysis of report and suggested the necessity for PKC to complete the A911 route plan asap. WRobertson agreed that the only way to really slow traffic is to put in physical measures. WCllr C Purves agreed this was a fair summation of the report, but indicated that there was limited staff resource at PKC to do this at present. Fife Council's analysis of speed trials suggested that the main benefit was that residents reported feeling safer with 20mph limits. PCC asked WCllrs what measures are available for physical mitigation. WCllrs reported that roads team have a backlog and with many requested items outstanding. PKC are currently unable to carry out requests, due to a shortage of contractors. WCllr WRobertson was pessimistic about responsiveness and has written to the Convener of the Services on the issue. WCllr R Watters agreed that it is hard to get a response even within the 3 week response window. There was agreement that speed mitigation speed bumps shouldn't be placed next to houses to avoid road noise. The Chair hoped that the KC with devolved powers should be able to resolve delays locally. C Purves noted that budgets would not be set until Feb/ Mar 2022. The WCllrs highlighted the issues at PKC with staffing and budget allocation and asked that PCC be understanding about the difficulties in the path of achieving the things they want to do. These served to highlight the importance of the KC to push items forward with a strong and united voice.

Item 3 Glenlomond sewage, and Water Supply to Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie: Cllr A Davidson reported that there had been no water outages recently. Sewage works are still being maintained by a group of residents which is not sustainable. The Residents' Association had approached another local company for quotes to get repairs done at a reasonable cost these had not yet been supplied. WCllr R Watters had contacted Jim Fairlie as actioned at Nov 21 PCC meeting but had not received a response.

ACTION: WCllr R Watters to contact Jim Fairlie again.

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Item 4 Portmoak Primary parking issues: no substantial update, subject to delayed works due to PKC difficulties as covered in Item 2

Item 5 Issue of local Affordable Housing: update from WCllrs: WCllr Mike Barnacle action from PCC Nov 21 meeting was to write to Chief Executive. WCllr C Purves was able to confirm M Barnacle had written and this letter had been published in the Kinross Newsletter.

Item 6: Proposed Changes to constituency boundaries: internal communication within CC and representation had been sent and confirmation received back.

6. New Matters arising:

Item 1: Co-option of Graham Smith: At the Oct 21 AGM Graham Smith had not been co-opted onto PCC. The CC agreed he would be co-opted again to the PCC. **ACTION:** Secretary to send Graham Smith co-option forms for processing with PKC.

7. Reports:

a. **Police Reports:** no police liaison was present at the meeting

- a. Community Speed watch program: The Secretary had posted an update to local social media to update interested members of the community as actioned in last meeting. WCllr WRobertson asked the CC to identify areas of concern for risk assessment by the police. Cllr D Morris raised the concern that local people might be asked to Speedwatch in other areas away from their own, and WCllr WRobertson agreed to raise this issue for clarification with Police Liaison officer A Mitchinson. **ACTION:** PCC to identify local areas for risk assessment

b. Planning

(1) New Applications:

- a. 21/01777/FLL: Applerigg Leslie Road Scotlandwell Kinross KY13 9JE. Alterations to dwellinghouse. No Comment

(2) Existing Applications:

- (a) 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. **ACTION:** keep on agenda for further developments

(b) Planning Decisions

- (a) Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee
Cllr K Donaldson had some information from the last liaison meeting. **ACTION:** Secretary to obtain update and circulate to CC Members.

6. Paths Group update: Paths Group had provided an update. The group would break from weekly maintenance work for the Winter so minimal activity over the past month. The group will use break to reflect on priorities, and welcomed feedback from PCC and local people to help shape our work programme for 2022. Over the past year efforts have focussed on the following: Maintaining local Core Paths including Michael Bruce Way (not including the sections that fall within remit of Portmoak Woodland Group); Dryside Road Path from Easter Balgedie to Springfield Farm; Maintaining the informal path network within Stephens Field; Installation of the 'Portmoak Paths Network' information board at the car park in Kinnesswood and identifying other improvements in terms of signage. A number of projects have already been identified by PCC and these have not progressed including: Path connecting Heritage Trail to Lochend Farm Shop (already included in the Portmoak Paths Network Information Board as advised by George Lawrie); Off road path linking Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood (safe walking/cycling route to school); Off road path linking Easter Balgedie and Kinnesswood (safe walking/cycling route to school - behind the hedge); Design work completed for a Portmoak Paths Network leaflet but the PCC application for PKC funding was unsuccessful. The Portmoak Paths Group budget sits within the PCC budget and is currently in excess of £1000. WCllr WRobertson commented on the path from Findatie to LLHT which had been washed away by bad weather. The path had been restored by Local landowner, with costs shared between the landowner, Nature Scotland and

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PKC. A local landowner had complained again about problems walkers' dogs worrying sheep and had taken action to lock gates. New self closing gate needed - PKC D Stubbs was to meet with the landowner in the next week. Cllr D Morris suggested that PKC should place more emphasis of urgency on requests from a CC as these indicate representation, not a single individual complaint. PKC required multiple complaints before taking action WClIrWRobertson again cited issues with overwork causing delays. The WClIrs asked that issues with paths be additionally raised to them for escalation within PKC.

Cllr D Morris raised issue of Core Path between Orwell and Arlary (ancient coffin route) which was routinely ploughed and planted over, plus locked gate at Arlary end. WClIr W Robertson agreed to escalate this issue.

7. Treasurer CC Accounts:

General PCC Account: £700.00 MB Acc: £1,522.82

£200.03 grant received from PKC

Credit Union: require copy of constitution. Identification documents. Formal minute that the CC agrees the intention to open a Credit Union account. **ACTION:** Secretary to send Treasurer a copy of the CC constitution.

8. Ward Councillors' Reports

WRobertson has reported the bad pot holes along A911. Residents are requested to be careful and try to avoid these if travelling by car or bicycle

CPurves: nothing else to add

RWatters: nothing else to add.

9. Matters notified to the Secretary:

Item 1: Community Investment Fund: a second round of funding available in Jan 2022: Cut-off is the 18/02/22. Secretary to review the applications in Portmoak area. The Portmoak Village hall were likely to put in an application to augment their recent successful Crowdfunding initiative. Interested local groups can view more information at <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/cif>. There is £12,395 available for Kinross-shire groups.

Item 2: Development of PKC LDP3: The Chair invited comment from the WClIrs. WClIr W Robertson talked briefly about Local Place plans. There was no guidance from ScotGov on these as yet, so the scope and purpose was still ambiguous. WClIr Robertson encouraged Portmoak to submit one when the guidance was published. WClIr R Watters suggested that any group could identify as a community and send in a place plan.

Item 3: Perth and Kinross Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund: PKAVS Third Sector Interface (TSI) and Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership (PKHSCP) have launched the Perth and Kinross Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. Administered by the TSI, on behalf of the Scottish Government, this fund recognises the significance of early intervention and preventative mental health and wellbeing support that is anchored in local communities. £412,861.80 has been allocated to promote and support the conditions for good mental health and wellbeing across Perth and Kinross by March 31st 2022. More details on this are available via the following link: <https://www.pkavs.org.uk/CMHWF>

Item 4: Core Paths & livestock worrying: covered earlier in meeting

10. AOB: nothing further

11. Next Meeting: PCC agreed to keep the next meeting online **7.30pm Tuesday, 11 Jan 2022, Online**

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