

Portmoak Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, August 10th 2010 in Portmoak Hall.

1. Attendance: Facilitator, S. Byford, CClr's J. Bird, R. Cairncross, J. Shepherd, S. Forde WClr's Robertson, Barnacle and Baird and 25 residents. Apologies: CClr Garvie, Weedon.

2. Previous minutes: were approved and signed.

3. Police Report. None tendered

4. Treasurers report. £557.61 in the bank account. £675.10 in MBW Account.

Presentation

Two representatives of The Gliding Centre attended the meeting and gave a presentation on Airfield Safeguarding policy as it stands now and the proposed changes the Gliding Centre has submitted to P&KC to be considered for the new Local Plan.

After the presentation there were a number of questions raised on the reasons why a change was thought necessary although the majority of points raised by local residents were problems that had been encountered over many years. It was clear that local residents were aware of many more 'incidents' involving gliders than the representatives from the Gliding Centre although it was accepted that an incident to a member of the public might not in fact be a reportable incident to the Gliding Centre. However, it was agreed that a more formalised method of reporting 'incidents' by the public to the Gliding Centre would be appropriate. The Gliding Centre would investigate/institute such a procedure.

It was also agreed that there was a need for a local liaison group with representatives from the Gliding Centre and the local Community and The Community Council would initiate the arrangement.

(Post Meeting Note: The presentation material is available on the CC website.)

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

1. Community Councillors

Although we have an additional member we still have places available for anyone interested in joining the Community Council.

2. Stephen's field.

Informed recently that the planning application had received consent so, once again, we can expect some movement on the ground given over for community use.

3. Balgedie Toll to Mawcarse Road.

We have a response from P&KC via Cllr Baird that most of the signing work has now been postponed until autumn/winter

4. Proposed Kinnesswood Bus shelter area. Following a question raised in AOB by a resident it was confirmed that any comments for or against the project should be directed to Kinnesswood in Bloom.

5. Hedge alongside playing ground, Kinnesswood.

The hedge at the top of the playing field prevents drivers of vehicles who are travelling up the road to have clear sight of anyone about to cross the road. The smaller the person coupled with the more the hedge grows creates a bigger problem. P&KC will meet this week on site to have a look at the problem. One possibility is to remove part of the hedge.

(Post Meeting Note: Following a site visit with P&KC it was suggested to leave the existing hedge and fence intact. Construct a new fence continuing from the end of the hedge to the top of the plot. At that point a staggered gate would be provided that stopped pedestrians running out and also designed to allow drivers to see any pedestrians at the gate.)

6. Subcommittee reports

Paths Group

Work on the path along the A911 will start on September 9th 2010.

Cllr Robertson said that Tracks would take on board the question of a pathway between the MBW and the Heritage Trail at Grahamstone.

Planning Group

Please see the Portmoak CC website for the rolling information on planning applications.

No comments would be made by the CC on the current pending applications:

1. 10/01293/FLL 61 Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood, Alterations and extension to house
2. 10/01237/FLL Butts, Leslie Road, Scotlandwell, Modification to existing consent
3. 10/00998/LBC & 10/00997/FLL Applegrove, Well Road, Scotlandwell Internal alterations and installation of oil tank in garden. There was some comment on the height of the tank above the fenceline but no objection in principle.
4. 10/00764/FLL Land 20 metres south of Weavers Cottage, erection of dwelling house

In April this year changes were made to the application for 2 houses on land at Kilmagadwood. Details of these changes had not been sent to the CC although they could be found on the P&KC planning website.

(Post Meeting Note: it is now understood that these changes require a formal method of advertising and the CC would be informed in due course)

Roads:

The CC Roads spokesman reported that the application of anti skid at Scotlandwell would be carried out during the schools October half term since the road would need to be shut for at least one day.

It was hoped that the movement of the build outs, one at the bottom of Gamekeepers in Kinnesswood and one at the entrance to Scotlandwell from Leslie would be carried out at the same time.

The mini round about planned for Scotlandwell was going to be a 'blob' of paint in the road type.

The question was raised if the 30 mph sign was going to be or should be moved.

7. Cllr reports

Cllr Robertson reported that it was estimated the Council budgets next year would be cut by 5-7% although there was quite a bit of time before the budget was set.

Cllr Barnacle reminded the meeting that the Main Issues Report was now expected in October this year. The Council were still reviewing their policy on clusters of wind turbines.

9. AOCB

A resident asked whether the CC was against planning applications for wind turbines. The CC could not give an open ended answer and each application would be considered on its own merits.

(Post Meeting Note: To date there have been 5 applications for wind turbines in Portmoak. On four occasions the CC has not objected but has suggested some conditions that might be applied to any approval granted. On one occasion the CC did object but the objection was subject to certain conditions being taken into account.)

A resident raised the question of the sign to the Well at Scotlandwell had been removed. The CC had requested the removal of the sign because it was sited on private property and the owner had requested the removal. Recently a number of issues, questions and queries were being raised in this particular area of Scotlandwell and it was thought that all of these questions should be considered at the same time.

A question was raised by a resident regarding the proposed work at the Kinnesswood bus shelter. It was explained that this topic had been discussed at previous meetings and a presentation by Kinnesswood in Bloom had been carried out. This information was available to residents via the previous minutes and the website and details were attached to the Kinnesswood Notice Board.

A resident raised the validity of the CC sending a letter of support for The Gliding Centre in their application to increase the safeguarding zone in the new development plan with reference to the following paragraph,

“Recent applications have also reminded us of the importance of the Airfield Safeguarding Policy (49) within the KALP and we would ask that this is retained and preferably strengthened. It would be absurd if a small housing development or business expansion close to the airfield were allowed to jeopardise the Scottish Gliding Centre, which has been here for many decades and in no small measure puts Portmoak on the national map.”

There followed some discussion regarding the issue raised;

1. The fact that the CC supports a strengthening of the present safeguarding policy does not mean that it supports the actual submission by the Gliding Centre. The actual submission by the Gliding Centre has not been discussed by the CC.
2. Constitutionally it is the CC’s responsibility to make decisions on behalf of Portmoak community and not solely on behalf of one or a minority group of residents within the community. It is accepted and respected that some decisions may seem inappropriate to those who are closely involved with a situation.
3. Information was given to the meeting that the recent break in electricity supply was due to a bird strike at Milnathort which had brought down a cable and needed repair.
4. Congratulations were extended to Mr and Mrs McNair, Kinnesswood, who were celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary this month.

9. Communications

Correspondence June 9th to August 10th 2010.

4.8.10 Local Development Plan Consultation

3.8.10 Weekly List of Planning applications

31.7.10 Development Plan courses for Cllrs

29.7.10 P&K Heritage Trust 2 day conference, 10/11 September 2010

28.7.10 Weekly List etc

21.7.10 Weekly List etc

17.7.10 Voluntary Action Perthshire mapping forms No stamp

16.7.10 P&KC Development Rights for microgeneration equipment

14.7.10 P&KC Equality Act consultation

13.7.10 Weekly List etc

13.7.10 Funding for Rural Broadband

11.7.10 Convention of CC’s website

11.7.10 Convention of CC’s AGM minutes

8.7.10 P&KC Transport Fund

7.7.10 P&KC Loch Leven Heritage Trail Scooters

7.7.10 P&KC Scottish Parliament event in Perth

6.7.10 Weekly List etc

5.7.10 P&KC Big Lottery Fund now open

5.7.10 P&KC Temporary changes to recycling services

2.7.10 A&J Stephen, received planning consent for the 9 houses, Whitecraigs

2.7.10 P&KC Community Transport Fund, forms for bids

1.7.10 P&KC Minutes of meetings

29.6.10 Weekly List etc

22.6.10 Weekly List etc

22.6.10 E mail Cllr Barnacle, flyers and notes re presentation

20.6.10 Convention of CC's AGM

17.6.10 P&KC Implementation of Scottish Gov proposals on CC's

15.6.10 Weekly List etc

14.6.10 E mail of thanks from Margaret Wilson, Head teacher

11.6.10 P&KC School let changes

10.6.10 Weekly list etc

10. 6.10 Letter from Scottish Government re letter sent by CC re access

9.6.10 P&KC Positive action awards

The facilitator was thanked for attending the meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Primary School on September 14th 2010 at 7.00 p.m.