

Portmoak Community Council

Draft minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, January 11th 2011 at 7.00pm in the Portmoak Primary School.

1. **Attendance and apologies:** C.Cllrs M. Wilson, D. Williamson, R. Cairncross, S. Forde and M. Strang Steel; Wrd. Cllr. M.Barnacle; and 25 residents. Apologies: Wrd Cllrs, K Baird and W Robertson; and C. Cllrs, M Parkin, J Bird and T Smith.
2. **Previous minutes:** approved and signed.
3. **Police Report:** deferred.
4. **Treasurers report:** Funds on hand at 31st December 2010, £731.35.
5. **Matters arising**
 - a) *Stephen's field.* A member of the public raised the current position of Stephen's Field: its legal status and plans for its development. The matter would be reported on at the next meeting of the Council.
 - b) *Snow Blower.* Further information on a possible local snow blower had been obtained and would be reviewed in due course. Typical cost approx. £2000
 - c) *Grit bins.* Policy concerning the availability and maintenance of grit bins remains to be clarified.

6. 7. Subcommittee reports

Planning Group:

Local Development Plan and Main Issues Report (MIR). The Council intends to make a submission on the MIR to Perth and Kinross Council by mid February.

Recent Planning Applications. The Council made no comment on the following applications:

10/01593/FLL: demolition existing cottage and replacement with new, 1 Channel of Pittendreich;

10/02037/FLL: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, Arnot Tower;

10/02047/FLL: Erection of a conservatory, 56 Whitecraigs Kinnesswood;

10/02125/FLL: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, Boherduff, Pittendreich

The Council sought further information on:

10/02051/FLL: Erection of a garage, Arnot Tower.

Paths Group:

There was no report

7. Ward Cllr reports

Wrd. Cllr Barnacle reported that:

- Refuse collections should be returning to normal;

- Snow clearance had gone well given the availability of resources. In discussion it was not always clear whether the policy on clearing priority roads first was always followed. School access roads could be forgotten. The Council should pursue this matter with PKC Roads Department.
- The recent decision by the Reporter to refuse planning permission for a development at Wester Balgedie was coupled with PKC being made liable for expenses as they had been seen to act in an unreasonable manner. It was not that the Council's decisions were wrong but rather that the Council's representatives at the hearing failed to make the Council's case to the Reporter.

8. AOCB

A member of the public from Kilmagadwood sought the support of the Council and the wider community in opposing a third application for development on the same site. Two previous applications together with appeals had been dismissed. The CC had objected to all three applications.

Presentation by McRae and McRae Ltd (Chartered surveyors, Estate Agents, Planners and valuers). The Council and the public heard a presentation of proposals to develop a site identified within the Main Issues Report at Wester Balgedie for some 20 – 30 houses. Amongst the points made were a potential planning gain if the junction at the Balgedie Toll was improved, improved drainage if the site were to be connected to the mains drainage at Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood and a possible gift of land for a community facility. In discussion, points made included that improvement to the junction could be handled in different ways and that there was little support for the particular option offered by McRae and McRae. There was uncertainty about the size and nature of the proposed houses and how the affordable housing obligation would be met and, given the current growth in Portmoak, whether the school could accommodate such an expansion. McRae and McRae gave an assurance that there was no intention to lay a planning application in advance of the new Local Development Plan.

11. Communications

The following communications had been received following the December meeting.

10.1.11 P&KC information on Better Place to Live Fair, 2011

7.1.11 Scotlandwell Wash House letter of support

7.1.11 Association of Scottish Community Councils, Area representatives

7.1.11 E mail from McRae and McRae re presentation at CC meeting

7.1.11 Breadalbane Community Council planning applications at Community Campus

6.1.11 Loch Leven Community Campus Partnership meeting

5.1.11 E mail, Tayside Police Community Engagement

5.1.11 Public Art Project, Loch Leven Community Campus

26.12.10 Convention of Perth and Kinross community Councils, January 19th 2011

16.12.10 Extension of MIR consultation period

16.12.10 P&KC Council minutes

The meeting finished at approx. 8.30 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm in Portmoak Primary School on Tuesday 8th February 2011.

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