

Portmoak Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12th 2011 in Portmoak Hall.

1. Attendance and apologies: CClr's M. Parkin (Chairman) J. Bird, R. Williamson, R. Cairncross, S. Forde, M. Strang Steel, T. Smith, WClr's Barnacle, Baird, Robertson and 10 residents. (The Chairman had previously given notice of the resignation of CClr Margaret Wilson at the AGM)

2. Previous minutes: were approved and signed.

3. Police Report

(A verbal report had been given to the Secretary earlier in the day.)

The Community Policeman sent his apologies for non-attendance as he was required elsewhere for operational reasons.

There were no reported incidents in the last month.

Two people had been detained following the recent theft from a car in Bishop Terrace.

Car parking which was causing a problem to other road users, was being targeted by the Police in a number of areas of Portmoak.

4. Treasurers report: Balance of funds at end of financial year was £555.64

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

1. Stephen's Field, Kinnesswood

The CC still awaits confirmation of builders / planners decisions to proceed with the proposed development, without which arrangements for the Field cannot be concluded. From a conversation with the builders, it is probable that the new houses will not be started until the latter part of this year.

2. Balgedie Toll to Mawcarse Road.

Signing work which was knocked over in the winter has still to be replaced. There was also a problem at the bottom of the slope in the vicinity of Kay Trailers, where there was considerable water run-off. Discussion then centred on the ditch that has been dug in the field alongside the A911, beside the Balgedie Toll, to take the strain of the water running from the higher ground, and flooding property and the A911, as reported last month.

3. Hedge alongside playing field, Kinnesswood.

Work had been completed, although road signs had yet to be uplifted. This was a satisfactory outcome.

4. Kinnesswood Bus Shelter area.

The CC would judge the feelings of the community to decide whether there was sufficient interest to make changes to this area, to enhance the centre of the village. It was noted that there would be considerable interest, and it was up to the CC to find a solution. The poor state of the asbestos roof of the present bus shelter could require something to be done sooner rather than later. A resident suggested that the website could be used to gather opinions on the matter.

5. Meeting with Gliding Centre

Two CCLrs had attended a safety presentation at the Gliding Centre. It was organised and designed primarily for pilots. The Chairman had a recent contact with the Gliding Centre and reported that there had not been any potential incidents reported to the Gliding Centre by members of the public. Communication between the Gliding Centre and the CC was now established.

6. Build Outs

The major work on the build outs has now been completed at the Leslie end of Scotlandwell and the Easter Balgedie end of Kinnesswood.

7. Vane Farm Road

WCllr K Baird reported that improvements would be made to this road during 2011.

8. Snow clearance and gritting of roads during last winter

This report has been completed in draft and will be finalised and submitted to Perth and Kinross Council shortly.

9. Water run-off in vicinity of Balgedie Toll. (See 2 above.)

10. Water level in Loch Leven.

There were a number of issues discussed following last month's suggestion that the water level was being kept high, resulting in path flooding. The Chairman had contacted the River Leven Trustees and had also spoken to a number of local sources for information. Nothing conclusive could be ascertained, and it was decided to ask the River Leven Trustees to provide a clearer explanation of how the level of the Loch was decided.

11. The Convention of Perth and Kinross Community Councils

The Convention was having a problem attracting CC membership and support. A meeting was planned for 20th April to ascertain if the Convention should be dissolved, and the Chairman was given a mandate to agree to that decision should an alternative way forward for the Convention not be found.

WCIlr Barnacle suggested that it might be preferable to have a Convention for Kinross-shire Community Councils only, since the Convention in its current form seemed too large to be workable.

6. Subcommittee reports

Paths, Pavements and Roads

CCLlr Smith reported that grass cutting had been organised this year for the Michael Bruce Way. There were three contractors in Portmoak who carried out grass cutting services and all three had been invited to quote for the work. It was noted that further maintenance work is required on the MBW.

Work on the new path alongside the A911, from Woodmarch to the Church, was almost complete. A resident raised the issue of the appearance of the wall which had been built as part of the access to Portmoak Hall. Two new accesses had been provided to allow access to both the Hall and the Church. Their design supported mothers with children and prams as well as disabled persons. The appearance of the access at the Hall was considered by some residents to be out of keeping with the local surroundings. WCIlr Baird had discussed this issue with P&KC who had carried out the work, at a cost of £57000, and she reported that the nature of the work had been agreed by the CC at a site meeting. This was disputed by the CC. It was suggested that a P&KC engineer could be invited to the site to review the position, and WCIlr Baird agreed to progress this.

WCIlr Baird also agreed to follow up the replacement of the Kilmagadwood sign.

Although there had been reports of pot-holes and sunken roadside drains, it was not known whether these had been reported to Clarence. CCLlr Smith was asked to make a list of these problems, as notified to him, and report to Clarence for attention. WCIlr Robertson indicated that P&K Council would provide a record of each such report as their normal procedure.

Planning

Following the CC meeting on 8th March with P&KC Legal Department, it was reported that the issues discussed will be addressed by P&K Council officers at a meeting on April 26th. WCllr Baird will monitor progress.

Three planning applications at Loch Leven Larder (11/00139/FLL; 11/00353/FLL; 11/00354/FLL) had been received. These include extensions to the main building, a multi function room, larger car park, and an improved drainage system. The CC had not objected to these proposals, but had asked for landscaping work to be effected.

An application for an extension to a house in Scotlandwell had been received (11/00388/FLL.) This would be considered shortly.

A resident had previously contacted the CC asking if the siting of a static caravan at the Cattery at Scotlandwell required planning permission. After some discussion, a resident confirmed that a planning application had in fact been submitted for the approval of this static caravan.

7. Ward Cllr reports

WCllr Robertson reported that following a speed limit report throughout Kinross-shire it was agreed to make an area either side of Auchmuirbridge 40mph, and the road from Pittendriech to Kinnesswood 40 mph.

It was also noted that a 20mph restriction would be introduced in certain areas.

WCllr Barnacle commented on the wider issues that he felt surrounded the recent Kilmagadwood planning decision made by the P&KC Development Control Committee, and he would be forwarding his concerns to WCllr Baird, the Convenor of the Council's Scrutiny Committee.

A resident also raised two other points which he felt should be raised regarding the Kilmagadwood decision. The first was to ask how many times the Convenor of the Council's Development Control Committee had voted in favour of a developer, and how many times against a developer; and the second was to ask the CC to write regarding the need to change the Kilmagadwood village settlement boundary, to prevent further westward development along the A911. WCllr Baird agreed to ask the first question, and the CC agreed to write regarding the Kilmagadwood boundary.

8. AOCB

There was no other new business.

9. Communications since last meeting

T in the Park Local Community Forum reportApr 08 2011

Tayscreen, screen office for P&KC UK Govt plans for Local TV... Apr 08 2011,

E mail from resident asking about planning for static caravan at cattery, Scotlandwell

Close the Convention? Your call..... Apr 06 2011,

Weekly List..... Apr 05 2011,

Weekly Decision ListApr 04 2011,

Perth & Kinross Outdoor Access Open meeting 10th May... Apr 04 2011,

Weekly List Of Planning Decisions... Mar 30 2011,

Weekly Planning List Mar 30 2011,

Community capacity Building - Satisfaction survey..... Mar 29 2011,

Community Engagement in the Planning process, waste training... Mar 28 2011,

Planning Weekly ListMar 23 2011,

Dissolution of Convention of P&KC community councils..... Mar 22 2011,

Loch Leven Community Campus Partnership..... Mar 16 2011,

Briefing, Tayplan strategic development planning,St Andrews, May Mar 14 2011,

Planning Process TrainingMar 10 2011,

Planning Aid for Scotland - Fr... Mar 09 2011,

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 10th 2011 in the Primary School at 7.00pm

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, April 12th 2011 in Portmoak Hall

1. Attendance: CCLRs: M. Parkin (Chairman) J. Bird, R. Cairncross, D. Williamson, S. Forde, T. Smith, M. Strang Steel, WCLlr's Baird, Robertson, Barnacle, and 10 residents.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a letter of resignation from CCLr Margaret Wilson because she would be moving out of the area shortly. The Chairman reported that he had written to CCLr Wilson to thank her for her considerable work as a Portmoak Community Councillor.

2. Previous minutes: were approved and signed.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave his report, finishing with a statement of optimism for the future, and expressed his thanks to the residents for their interest and involvement with the work of Portmoak CC.

4. Treasurers report. The treasurer gave his report and made available copies of the Audited Accounts, which showed that there was a balance of funds amounting to £555.64

5. Appointment of Officers

The present Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer had agreed to stand for a further period and were duly elected.

The meeting closed at 7.13 p.m.