

Portmoak Community Council

Final Draft Minutes

Tuesday 11 April 2023, 1930 – 2100hrs
Meeting In-Person, at Portmoak Village Hall

1. **Attendance:** Cllrs AMiller (Chair), SMcGregor (Secretary), DPaterson, KDonaldson, and 1 member of the public.
Apologies: WCllrs WRobertson & DCuthbert, NFreshwater; Cllrs ADavidson (Treasurer) and DMorris (Vice-Chair)

2. **Comments and Approval of previous Minutes from meeting on 14/03/23:**

Proposed: DPaterson

Seconded: KDonaldson

3. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

Item 1: Kinross-shire Committee update: The Vice-Chair, DMorris, had had an interview with Ian Clark, assessor of the KLC, and it is expected the report will be available in a few weeks. It is hoped that the assessment will be positive and the KLC will be permitted to continue. The minuted item from PCC March 23 Meeting concerning Wind Turbines was considered an excellent example of an issue that is pertinent to the whole of Kinross-shire and should appear as an agenda item of the KLC. While the project will not be in Portmoak, it has significant potential impact both visually via sight lines and in respect of landscape amenity within the Ochils, affecting several CC areas. Obviously, the visual impact also requires to be considered in relation to the positive environmental contribution. PCC agreed these issues need to be debated cross-Kinross-shire and the views of six Community Councils via the KLC should have a greater amount of influence. A member of the public had highlighted the possibility of additional infrastructure possibly overhead pylons being required to carry the power from the turbines. Opinion suggested the Beaully-Denny energy line is likely to take the energy from the turbines.. The Chair talked again about the relevance of sight-line and visual impact maps that may be available and these may be of assistance when discussing at the KLC / Planning consultation.

Item 2: Road Safety Action Update: Correspondence had been received from DMcEown at PKC, confirming that the Bowhouse 40mph limit is in the current workload schedule, though no dates were confirmed. The Chair will follow up on this as it was considered reasonable to request confirmation of anticipated dates for implementation, given it has been 14months since the project had been voted for at the KLC. On the current list of road safety projects for prioritisation from PKC the Chair suggested the CC defer comment until the PCC 09/05/23 PCC meeting. It is understood there is a meeting scheduled on 24/05/23 between Roads Team and WCllrs. It was agreed that it may be beneficial to attempt to communicate with other Kinross-shire Community Councils and ratify the entire list for each CC area to create a comprehensive list of prioritised road projects for Kinross-shire. If this could be achieved and subsequently agreed with the WCllrs, then the comprehensive list could then be ratified and voted for at the KLC meeting. D McKeown also noted that the road priorities list also included schemes requested directly by members of the public. While it was agreed that these could indeed include projects of local benefit, it was suggested that any such direct representation to PKC should be referred to the relevant CC for discussion, rather than simply being added to the 'list'. ACTION: Secretary and Chair to work on list and contacting other CCs in Kinross-shire.

On the issue of road signage at Westfield site entrance: internal (on-site) signage has been completed. Hargreaves at Westfield need confirmation for external off-site signage from PKC and have stated they are prepared to pay for the signs once confirmation is received. ACTION: Correspond with PKC to see if can be added to priorities list.

Item 3: Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: No substantial updates regarding path. Issue over lack of space at the Orwell-Portmoak cemetery overlaps due to potential commonality of land ownership. ACTION: Chair to continue with communications with landowners on this item.

Item 4: Play facilities at Scotlandwell Green: No substantial update. Project is confirmed as being due, but no timescales provided yet for upgrade.

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Item 5: Phosphate addition to drinking water within Loch Leven catchment area: No substantial update. Agreement to retain on agenda item until next month.

Item 6: Loch Leven Half Marathon and Road Closures, Sunday 14 May: Some correspondence had been received at PCC via Kinross Road Runners and PKC criticising the closure of local roads for the race. The Secretary had had a useful discussion with Kinross Road Runners, who were helpful with information, and this had been circulated to PCC subscribers and posted to local social media to help people in planning ahead. Kinross Road Runners also were planning a mail drop throughout the affected communities, and posters will be put up. The PCC felt it was a reasonable road closure request and the road closure application had followed due process and in due time with the concerns of runner safety in mind. Access to the church is a valid query, but it is understood that discussions are going on amongst that community about contingencies for Sun 14/04/23. It was felt that while current speed limits are lower than they have ever been on the A911 it is questionable if the traffic speeds are lower and certainly the density of traffic is greater than in previous years. An attendee at the meeting commented that having run the road race a few years previously, he had received a glancing blow from a passing car and while anecdotal this seemed to affirm the decision to apply for road closure for the race. The assembled PCC members agreed with the road closure. Members of the community who would like to volunteer can contact Kinross Road Runners at E: krrpresident@gmail.com

[Post Meeting Note: Consultation between KRR & Portmoak/ Orwell advised there will be a joint service at Orwell Church at 11.30am. Access will be via Lochend and south side of the Loch per traffic management plan. Residents may also access St Pauls or St Johns in Kinross via same route.

4. New Matters arising: no additional matters were raised.

5. Reports:

a. Police Reports

- (1) Speedwatch update. The Secretary had reached out to previous volunteers to re-establish connection and will issue another request for more volunteers whilst also taking next steps to obtain necessary police checks for volunteers, including reaching out to Fossoway Speedwatch who may already have equipment that can be shared. It was suggested that the Westfield / Hargreaves community assistance fund could potentially be requested to assist with the cost of any required high visibility clothing.
- (2) Police reports: the recent police report had been circulated to subscribers. This had emphasized the lambing season and dog owners to be responsible and keep dogs on leads during this time. A dog attack in Blaringone had resulted in 14 lambs being killed on one farm, and this had reached national news. It cannot be overstated how important it is for dog owners to be responsible and keep their dogs on leads and under control in and around Portmoak and all other sheep grazing areas.

b. Planning

(1) New Applications: no new applications this month

(2) Existing Applications

(a) 22/01191/FLL | Erection of 16 dwellinghouses (3 with detached garages, one with detached garage/ancillary accommodation), formation of 6 plots for affordable dwellinghouses, formation of SUDS pond, landscaping and associated works Open for comment icon
Land 100 Metres South East Of Cragton Villa Rost Gardens Scotlandwell
Chair had been monitoring issues. SEPA had issued another holding objection on the basis that a competent flood risk assessment had not been completed. SEPA reiterated that they were unable to comment on peat as a Peat Management Plan had not been supplied.

(b) 22/01830/FLL: Construction of a swale plus associated measures, Lomond Inn site, Kinnesswood
At the Mar23 PCC meeting the members had agreed no comment. PCC had since become aware of an objection comment and had subsequently been approached by Mr & Mrs Sellars, owners of Plot 4 through which the swale was proposed, stating they had not been notified as owners of the plot. Cllr DMorris had confirmed that he had contacted PKC about due process not having been followed and

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requested an extension. PKC Planning had refused an extension and had confirmed a PCC comment will be treated as a late comment only. The issue had been thoroughly discussed amongst PCC members prior to this meeting.

The 20inch water main on Main St. Kinnesswood is owned by Scottish Water, it was felt that in the event the 20inch main burst, it would cause significant damage all along the Main St. irrespective of the mitigation requested by Scottish Water on the former Lomond Inn site. Further, flooding occurs all along the Main St. in Kinnesswood and this application doesn't absolve PKC or SW of regular upgrade and maintenance of the drains and floodwater mitigation all along the street and within other contributory connections elsewhere in Kinnesswood. Residents have commented that during the Aug2020 storm flood water seemed to be assisted to disperse through the former Lomond site, which was undeveloped. PCC members agreed that while the developer should not be responsible for flooding mitigation on Main Street, the current application does not seem to require or address any flood mitigation. PCC agreed to submit a late comment to align with the comments and discussions PCC have had with locals, with the Sellars, and among themselves. PKC Planning Dept will be requested to assess the application and PCC comments prior to determination. PCC appreciated that Mr Sellars attended the Apr meeting to discuss the application. ACTION: PCC to submit a late comment in support of the Sellars' objection and lack of due notification process by PKC. Similarly, the the absence of any mention of reasonable or proportionate flood mitigation would be brought to the attention of the Planners.

(3) Planning Decisions

- (a) Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee: Cllr KDonaldson updated on progress: the site signage on internal roads was completed about 3 weeks ago. The external signage is still in hands of PKC; Hargreaves are prepared to pay for external signage but need confirmation from PKC. On-site the civils are finished and cladding and construction will start shortly. 180 people are currently on site, but this may increase to 300 - 500 people in next few months, so the expectation is for larger amounts of traffic and heavy goods vehicles on nearby roads. The B9097 road surface is breaking up quite a lot. Other commercial plots are available on the site and it is reported there has been interest in these.
- (b) Westfield Paths Feasibility Study: Cllr DMorris had stated the external commission report is due, but there was no update. The Hargreaves fund for local projects is available for applications.

6. **Paths Group update:** There was no update this month. Volunteers would still be welcomed. Please contact Anne for more information 07547 457046 if interested in volunteering even on an occasional basis.
7. **Treasurer CC Accounts:** The Treasurer was not at the meeting but had advised no change since Mar 23 meeting.
8. **Ward Councillors' Reports:** There were no WCllrs present to provide reports. PCC would have appreciated the input from WCllrs on a number of items but will hopefully liaise with the relevant WCllrs for the May23 meeting.
9. **Matters notified to the Secretary:** Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee meeting on 23 May 2023: The Improvement Service are looking to identify engaged and effective community councils that the Scottish Parliament can get in touch with to take part in their Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee focussing on Community Councils in their 50th year, looking at their position in local democracy, their effectiveness, role in local governance etc. PCC will respond and confirm their willingness to participate in this committee meeting. ACTION: Secretary to confirm PCC willingness to participate, Cllr DMorris likely to attend.
10. **AOB:** No further items were raised.
11. **Next Meeting:** 1930-2100hrs, Tuesday, 9 May 2023, online via Zoom
12. **Chair closed meeting at 2035**

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