

# Portmoak Community Council

## November Meeting

Tuesday 12 November 2024, 1930 – 2100hrs  
Meeting In-Person at the Portmoak Village Hall

### Minutes

- 1. Attendance & Apologies:** WCllr Richard Watters; Cllr AMiller (Chair), ADavidson (Treasurer), SMcGregor (Secretary), KDonaldson and DPaterson, plus 4 members of the public.  
Apologies: WCllr WRobertson and NFreshwater
- 2. Comments and Approval of previous Minutes from PCC September meeting on 10/09/24:** no comments  
Proposed: KDonaldson; Seconded: DPaterson  
The Minutes from PCC September meeting were approved.
- 3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**
  - Item 1: Kinross-shire Committee update:** To date these meetings had been attended by Dave Morris, who had recently moved away from the Portmoak area and consequently left PCC, so it was necessary to appoint a new person to attend these meetings. The Chair commented that DMorris had been a fantastic advocate for Portmoak and many of the issues arising at meetings. Meetings run to approx. 2hrs. AMiller will continue to with the next meetings until another PCC member is appointed.  
RWatters spoke on the current situation, and forthcoming meeting on 21/11/24, at Campus. Updates were expected as follows: NMainprize from TRACKS regarding upgrades on LLHT and other planned work; an update on the Community Investment Fund; Sean Head on Major Developments at PKC; PKC Tourism Strategy, reviving from pre-COVID period and plans for the future; William Greg would update on cemetery expansions in P&K; Infrastructure adoption with regard to roads and greenspaces and how the council adopts these; and finally a Core Path update.
  - Item 2: Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan:** The Chair noted some crossover on this subject with Kinross Transport Forum. There had been some major and minor developments. Glenfarg Community Transport has been fantastic for Glenfarg, winning awards. In Portmoak there are minimum services in a day and the service is not convenient. Connects only with Kinross or Glenrothes. It was felt there needed to be a drive within Portmoak to look at a community led scheme and gauge enthusiasm before pushing for a Community Bus Service and have it underused as currently happens with the existing 201 service. Chair has agreed to look at the situation with input from CC. A vehicle has been offered by PKC but need people to organise. In meantime, it was proposed to try to engage with Glenfarg as they expand service and see if Portmoak can capitalise on that service.  
WCllr RWatters Commented that existing bus contracts are signed and still have some years to run (e.g. the 201). PKC had paused on sending council minibuses to auction and instead offered them to Community Groups to use as they see fit. PKC have a paper coming thru council in December regarding delivery of rural bus services.  
WCllr RWatters talked about Active Travel within P&K: PKC needed to catch up and this was a challenge to get mechanisms in place. PKC Officers were to spend time on active travel routes. PKC now looking at doing a master plan for Perth & Kinross. WCllr Watters had met with officers to see what parts Kinross Committee can take forward e.g. a mobile app for routes etc. It is expected that PKC will in time do a masterplan and full strategy with priorities for climate and sustainability. P&K Climate Change Commission had identified active travel as a main priority. Transport Scotland funding was going into Active Travel and PKC need to reach position to being ready for funding that may become available for projects.
  - Item 3: Road Safety Action Update:** A meeting for Speedwatch project was held on 10/11/24 in Scotlandwell Inn. Alan Macrae from MOCC. 17 people attended. Need to identify 4 or 5 locations around Portmoak where Speedwatch can be approved by Police Scotland. Information is available from Alan Macrae to pass on to individuals who were unable to attend the meeting. Looking still at maybe 6 months to take this project forward. Data gathering by Speedwatch would also aid calls to PKC for local speed mitigation measures. Cllr DPaterson identified problems of racing cars in the evening. AMiller highlighted that Speedwatch cannot take place at night for safety reasons. KDonaldson noted that on recent police reports there had been no reports of speeding contrary to local anecdotal reports.

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**Item 4: Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path:** The Chair updated there had been a shift in policy by PKC, in which previously they had been reluctant to use compulsory purchase orders. However, PKC have written to the landowners with a PCO Path Order and the threat of compulsory purchase. At this moment PCC are only looking to gain agreement and acceptance that we can move forward with the feasibility study on the land. Hoped that that the landowners would engage on this front. The Chair will continue to press on this item.

**Item 5: Play facilities at Scotlandwell Green:** The Chair had gone back to the Greenspace coordinator and had been advised of further delay. Tenders due back on 14/11/24. PKC seem to have had issues with procurement, but have now found different ways to procure equipment so projects are moving again. At Scotlandwell Green there had previously been issues with water logged ground at beginning of the year so it was hoped the weather would cause similar issues in 2025. Secondly the Gala Committee have asked if they will have access to the Green for the Gala event in the Summer, and want to avoid costs of relocating the gala again as in 2024.

**Item 6: Portmoak Church – the future for the church and car park:** no update

**Item 7: Renewables Sustainability Group update:**

PCC agreement to circulate the minutes of the sustainability Group to the PCC distribution list, as they become available to appraise the Portmoak Community of these discussions.

#### 4. New Matters arising:

**Item 1: PKC Local Development Plan (LDP3) – next round of consultation:** PCC had been informed of the next stages of the Consultation for LDP3.

**Item 2: New Rules about pavement parking** <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/24281/Pavement-parking-FAQ-s>  
**New legislation to be enforced in Jan, but warning notices would be issued from Dec.**

**Item 3: Cycle Parking at Kinross Park & Ride – initial consultation:** PCC had been appraised of a potential new bike store proposed for Kinross P&R and at the centre of Kinross. £100K from TACTRAN for this project. Blair Watt is Active Travel Officer, incredibly busy. Proposed was sheltered bus-stops, a mobility hub, and bike storage. The proposals were not yet at stage of public consultation. Initial feedback had been requested from Community Councils.

#### 5. Reports:

a. **Police Reports:** not much in the last report. Chair will contact Police Liaison with regard to Speedwatch locations.

##### b. Planning

(1) New Applications:

	<b>PKC Application# and Description</b>	<b>Closing Date for Public Comment</b>
a.	<b>24/01556/FLL</b>   Installation of solar panels The Cottage Leslie Road Scotlandwell Kinross KY13 9JE	Fri 15 Nov 2024 CC agreed no objection.
b.	<b>24/01611/FLL:</b> Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse and installation of flue. Langskaill Dryside Road Glenlomond Kinross KY13 9ND	Fri 29 Nov 2024 CC agreed no comment.

(2) Planning Decisions

(a) Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee: plants have been doing tests. KDonaldson has seen evidence of incineration tests, with plant coming online in Feb25. Contractors have been in doing work on paths at site, however, paths to link up with Heritage Trail are under the auspice of PKC and suggest these may need CPO with regard to land, so. Next meeting in Dec24.

(b) Westfield Paths Feasibility Study: no update

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- 6. Paths Group update:** As DMorris had now left Portmoak, it was identified that a new person was needed within Paths Group to report on any activities. Secretary to reach out to the Paths Group to identify a new contact.
- 7. Treasurer CC Accounts:**  
MBW Account £1266.19  
PCC Acc: £265.86
- 8. Ward Councillors' Reports:** WCllr RWatters warned on the cuts coming to PKC in 2025, and felt it was very sobering within the council, trying to protect budgets for delivery of services. WCllr Watters did not feel positive on this front. There were good news stories as well: the bin collections have been a success story with reduced contamination of recyclables where previously there were considerable fines for contamination. Grey bins for plastic were doing incredibly well. Cardboard selling rate to recycling was high and PKC get money back on the return sales. The Chair flagged that bin straps are available at the Library at the Community Campus in Kinross, which keep the bins closed if they blow over.
- 9. Matters notified to the Secretary:**  
*Item 1:* provision of services to new build houses on Land 40 Metres North West Of Bonaly Cottage Main Street Kinnesswood (former Lomond Inn Site): The owners of one of the plots had reached out to PCC to ask if there was any support that PCC could give to their situation. The matter was briefly discussed, but it was considered a private matter between Homeowners and the Developer. It was hoped the homeowners were liaising with the other neighbours to move on the project for provision of services to the former Lomond site. It was agreed that there was nothing that the CC could do by way of intervention.
- 10. AOB:**  
DPaterson: noted that the CC had supported planting of woodland. There is felling occurring behind Scotlandwell and large lorries are moving through the village. Chairs suggested there was a route access plan (RAMS) for egress and access. Chair to follow up.

**11. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held online via Zoom, on Tue 14 Jan 1930 - 2100hrs, agenda will follow.**

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**12. Chair closed meeting at 2105**

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