

Portmoak Community Council

April Meeting

Tuesday 08 Apr 2025, 1930 – 2100hrs

Meeting Online via Zoom

Minutes

Attendance: WCllrs WRobertson; Cllrs AMiller (Chair), ADavidson (Treasurer), AClark, KDonaldson, LHatch, JHornal; and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: WCllrs DCuthbert, NFreshwater, RWatters; Cllr SMcGregor (Secretary), and DPaterson.

1. Comments and Approval of previous Minutes from PCC March meeting on 11/03/25:

Proposed: AClark Seconded: Jo Hornal

Minutes from PCC March meeting approved

2. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

Item 1: Kinross-shire Committee update: The PCC representative for the KC has not yet been formalised. Chair promised to liaise with the necessary contacts to reassign the meeting invites. WCllr WRobertson and the Chair had no additional updates.

Item 2: Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan: no updates at this time

Item 3: Portmoak Travel Plan: no updates at this time

Item 4: Road Safety Action Update: Further to the March PCC meeting the Secretary had reached out to the Police Liaison to ask for information on the process of how to report incidences of speeding, as highlighted in the monthly Police report. The response from the police had been considered unsatisfactory, requiring a record of car number plates and/or make and model of car, information not necessarily easily identified or retained if for example speeding was observed while driving, walking or cycling. There was still some ambiguity around the use of the word “complaint”. WCllr WRobertson was more positive regarding responsiveness of the police to follow up on more general reports of speeding and offered to liaise with the police on any collated reports of regular observed speeding occurrences. PCC members agreed to share info. on regular speeding that they have observed and recorded. Regarding Speedwatch, WRobertson had been in contact with the Police Liaison Officer about the status or the project and is additionally waiting to hear from MOCC as to the dates they intend to commence Speedwatch, pending Police Scotland checks and vetting on volunteers. It has been a few months since the Portmoak meeting and so the Chair was eager to get a fix on the process and timelines.

Item 5: Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: The Chair had a meeting on the 17/04/25 with the landowner, and DStubbs or Community Greenspace, following an outreach from the landowner who does have aspirations to develop some parts of the land which are within the boundary of the Scotlandwell village envelope, and also other parts which are outside the envelope or development zone. These aspirations need to be pursued through the normal channels directly with PKC Planning. The Chair had been surprised that PKC Planning seem to have had lengthy discussions with the landowner about planning, but no pre-planning info. had been shared with PCC to this effect. PCC were looking to obtain a 5 metre zone from the edge of the existing pavement into the site. The landowner said he was willing to put the path in but only subject to planning acceptance to which the Chair had stated PCC could not agree to, as development planning permissions must go through the planning process with PKC. The Landowner is willing to allow the feasibility study, but not to accept a path without a contract agreement for planning permission to build on some of the land. Also discussed a wider extension to the cemetery to which the landowner was also agreeable but on the same contra-terms. The Chair felt it was a few steps forward and several back which was discouraging, but at least the landowner was now engaging with PCC.

The Chair had spoken to a representative of the Woodland Trust with regard to the feasibility study on the Northern section of the path, and hoped to hear back from the Woodland Trust that they were ok for the study to progress. WCllr WRobertson acknowledged that the Chair had proceeded the project by actually managing to engage with the landowner and felt this was a positive step forward.

Item 6: Play facilities at Scotlandwell Green: The new play park is looking great and is being well used by the local children. There had been a couple of snagging issues which were thought to now be resolved. Agreement to remove this item from the agenda.

Item 7: Portmoak Church – the future for the church and car park: no update at present

Item 8: Portmoak Gala Update: AClark gave an update and praised the committee for the work they were putting in with planning and organising. Raffle tickets were now available. Raffle prizes are still required if any businesses or individuals would like to donate. Volunteers still required for the set up and take down.

3. New Matters arising:

Item 1: Adoption of road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell: Chair had requested this item be re-added to the agenda as the adoption of Wellside Park had not yet taken place. Parking tickets had been issued to residents for parking on pavements but these had been challenged as the road is still not adopted. The SUDS pond had been deemed to be overgrown and had been blamed for the delay, but this has now been cleared. PKC Officers now need to attend at Wellside Park to inspect the site and move on the road adoption. The Chair asked WCllr WRobertson to ask the relevant officer at PKC if this could be escalated and WRobertson agreed to request this.

4. Reports:

a. **Police Reports:** circulated for Mar25. No specifics for the Portmoak area.

b. Planning

(1) New Applications:

PKC Application# and Description	Closing Date for Public Comment
a. 25/00410/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse Kilmagadwood Cottage Scotlandwell Kinross KY13 9HY	Fri 18 Apr 2025
b. 25/00295/FLL Alterations to dwellinghouse and installation of flue Kingsbank Leslie Road Scotlandwell Kinross KY13 9JE	Agreed no comment Fri 11 Apr 2025
	Agreed no comment

(2) Westfield Site Update

(a) Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee: The Chair had noticed a lot more incineration taking place. KDonaldson reported that there had been a turbine issue so currently no power was being generated. Liaison meeting in April which KDonaldson will attend. The Chair noted again the poor condition of the road surface on the B9097. WRobertson confirmed the roads engineer had inspected the road and agreed that it needed resurfacing.

(b) Westfield Paths Feasibility Study: no updates at present

6. Paths Group update: no updates at present. As always more volunteers were always welcome on the Paths Group who did fantastic ongoing work. It was hoped that the Paths group would be able to attend PCC meetings from time to time to update on planned work.

7. Treasurer CC Accounts:

Portmoak CC Account: £ 644.95

Michael Bruce way Account: £1273.33

8. Ward Councillors' Reports:

WCllr WRobertson: promised to circulate any local items to all PCC members if he was notified of any local items from residents. Complaint about number of accidents at the bend near Lochend Farm, WRobertson had raised this item to the relevant officer to assess the location. AClark asked about reducing the speed limit at this point to 40mph as there is a Core Path that also crosses near the corner. WRobertson thought some signage would be useful. There was a discussion about local signage (Speed signs etc.) that were currently damaged around Portmoak but WCllr Robertson indicated that these were considered by PKC to be low priority at present, but agreed to mention the signage at the next Roads meeting.

9. Matters notified to the Secretary

Item 1: Notice of Statutory Consultation: establishment of new Intensive Support Provisions for pupils with Additional Support Needs at Kinross High School: PCC encouraged residents to view the consultation if this was an area of interest to them AClark agreed to have a look at this item and report back.

Note: the Minutes of Council can be found on the Community Council website. www.portmoak.org

10. AOB: Reminder of the Kinross Half Marathon on Sunday on 11 May, when the A911 through Portmoak would be closed by official order from PKC. Emergency access was maintained.

Renewable Energy Event in Crook of Deveon: event flagged in April '24 PCC meeting, Cllr ADavidson had attended the event and had found it very useful, and flagged the The Heat Project in Blairgowrie, <https://theheatprojectscotland.org/> who offered free, professional energy advice to households in Perth & Kinross to help them become more energy efficient and reduce energy bills. At the event, they had discussed insulation, heat pumps, solar panels, and funding available to communities that were off the gas grid, like Portmoak. Cllr Davidson encouraged people to get in touch with the Heat Project, and emphasised they are not selling a product, and can give you good advice on how to improve the energy efficiency of their home.

The Well, Scotlandwell: Chair updated: Scotlandwell in Bloom are licensed as the custodians of the Well. A recent Engineers report had highlighted an extensive repair list and fund raising is now in progress. A lot of people use and take water from the Well, and a QR code was proposed for the locale to encourage donations. There is a quite a large fundraising journey ahead, and it is probable an official Well & Washhouse organisation needs to be created to separate the upkeep from the Scotlandwell in Bloom team.

11. May Meeting: to be held on Tue 13 May 2025, 1930 - 2100hrs. Details and Agenda to follow

Zoom Access Details for meeting on May 13 April 2025

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Time: May 13, 2025 07:30 PM London

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