

Portmoak Community Council

Aug Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 12 Aug 2025, 1930 – 2100hrs

- 1. Attendance:** WCllr RWatters; Cllrs AMiller (Chair), ADavidson (Treasurer), SMcGregor (Secretary), KDonaldson, JHornal, LHatch; and 3 members of the public.
Apologies: WCllrs DCuthbert and WRobertson
- 2. Comments and Approval of previous Minutes from PCC July meeting on 08/07/25**
Proposed: KDonaldson Seconded: ADavidson
Minutes from July meeting approved.
- 3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**
 - Item 1: Kinross-shire Committee update:** next meeting is in middle of September so currently no updates. LHatch had agreed to attend these meetings.
 - Item 2: Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan:** RWatters provided an update on the Core Paths mapping app in development which PKC are planning to create a mobile 'phone mapping App to show all the footpaths within Kinross-shire and Glenfarg. Perthshire have also followed suit to create their active Travel Plan for projects going forward. For the first time PKC are applying for Tier2 funding from Transport Scotland for 2 projects in Kinross, it has not been confirmed yet if funding application has been successful. PCC agreed a Core paths mapping app would be welcomed for both residents and tourists and wished PKC all success with funding and the project.
 - Item 3: Portmoak Travel Plan:** The July meeting had been attended by DSmart from Glenfarg Community Transport who had talked about the initiative for a pilot for a bookable, on-demand travel service. Transport Community Forum on 28/08/25 to be held at Kinross Community Campus to discuss the pilot and App. PCC have an obligation to try and get as many people as possible to use such a service which would be a fantastic opportunity for the Portmoak Community. Any people who are current users of the bus service, or non-drivers, who would be prepared to test the digital, on-demand service, particularly wheelchair users or people with pushchairs who would be keen to test the system and provide valuable feedback should reach out to Portmoak CC at Secretary@Portmoak.org or via Portmoak CC on Facebook.
 - Item 4: Road Safety Action Update:** Chair had tried to obtain an update from MOCC about Speedwatch project, but had not managed to speak to Alan MacLean in time for meeting. It had been almost a year since the original Speedwatch meeting. There was increasing concern about heavy vehicles and lorries travelling at speed on Portmoak roads. ADavidson noted that there had been complaints from residents in Glenlomond about speeding on the Dryside Road and was keen to ensure that it was not just the A911 that was being monitored by the police for speeding. PCC noted that if there were "usual suspects" and residents could provide a vehicle registration plate no. and times speeding had occurred these details could be reported to Police Scotland for investigation.
 - Item 5: Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path:** The Chair had circulated to PCC and WCllrs 2 proposals provided by the landowner for the zoned field adjacent to the proposed path route. Proposals were part of the PKC Call for Sites for the Local Development Plan (LDP). The proposals had been circulated to Ward Councillors also with the intention of keeping all parties appraised of the intent. At this time, the proposals are not active Planning Applications with PKC and so are not in front of PCC for discussion as active applications at this stage. Information will be in the public domain as part of the LDP proposals if the sites are to be included as potential zoned areas for development.
 - Item 6: Portmoak Church – the future for the church and car park:** There had been another appeal for contributions to the GoFundMe appeal to raise money to secure the Church carpark for Community use. https://www.gofundme.com/f/community-purchase-of-portmoak-church-car-park/donate?attribution_id=sl:61899a16-1f27-4c0a-bd2f-1c7176064b1b&lang=en_GB&ts=1749386023&utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_content=amp13_c-amp14_c&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=whatsapp&v=amp14_c&source=btn_donate&fbclid=IwVERTS-AMsSqRleHRuA2FibQjxMAABHvjR3tr2IJ4GrCeAKcUfsdvhZ6IUfhKlCyhL_O9LFTTddL4GU8awhT9Y8B_aem_Tezb_OUYstHflUMhNzvD10g
PCC asked that Residents could support this cause if at all possible to secure the car park for the future use of the Portmoak Community. KDT are providing the vehicle for the official purchase of the carpark.

Item 8: Adoption of road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell: no update at present from PKC. SUDS pond has been cleared. The inspection was imminent. WRobertson was not available at the meeting to provide more information. PCC would try to have an update for the Sep meeting.

Item 9: Restoration of Well at Scotlandwell: requesting. Seeking considerable funding but also expressions of interest from various independent trades. Project is moving in the background.

4. New Matters arising: none

5. Reports:

- a. Police Reports:** circulated for end Jul'25. The Secretary had received an update from the Police Liaison Officer. Since 8th July 2025 (last report) there have been approximately 16 calls to Police from the Portmoak area and 7 crimes recorded on Police systems. 6 of these are speeding offences with 4 speeding tickerts issued and 2 charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. To make Police aware of regular speeding issues, please email taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk, visit the contact us page or phone 101 to provide full details, including car registration no.s and times speeding has occurred.

The Chair thanked the local Police for their patrols and was pleased to hear that speeding was being tackled.

b. Planning

(1) New Applications:

Scottish Forestry Ref# FPA-12762	Location: West Feal, Scotlandwell	Felling permission application https://casebook.forestry.scot/w/webpage/prhome Removal of circa 8000cbm of Sitka Spruce that has been blown down in recent storms. Plan to replant with native slow growing trees. PCC comment that during the felling that has gone on in area of recent times the timber lorries do drive very fast through local villages. Secretary to respond to Planning with No Comment on this item, but a request to remind haulage company to drive responsibly and preferably along the B9097 to join the motorway at Junction 5. There was a question about the possibility to move items at night? JHornal asked about wildlife impact – The secretary highlighted there was a section the application about habitat regulations that the Forestry commission have to adhere to. GMarshall enquired if the timber haulage company have any requirement to provide a levy back to the council for road repair. WCllr RWatters commented on a bond that was taken out for the B9097 for the Westfield lorry traffic but nothing specifically for other minor roads. Application for forestry does not come in front of PKC Planning. RWatters will email PKC Roads Officers to enquire about any consultation with PKC Planning. Chair to draft email to Forestry Commission.
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(2) Westfield Site Update

- (a) Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee:** no significant update. KDonaldson provided a brief update on his observations. Next meeting in September
- (b) Westfield Paths Feasibility Study:** no update

- 6. Paths Group update:** The paths group have been busy cutting back the incredible growth on all the entrances onto the Michael Bruce Way, from the village. Following the recent storms, branches and debris on the path up from the Cobbles have been removed. The Ranger from PKC has helped with arranging a plan with the landowner to lay some chips/ consolidate on a short boggy section of the Michael Bruce Way next to the bench - details on timing/costs still to be confirmed. PKC will provide Paths Group with additional batteries to support the group's strimming efforts. The Community Council have been asked to invoice PKC for the £150 grant for the Path's Group.

- 7. Treasurer CC Accounts:** no change from July update
MBW Account: £1276.50

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

CC Account: £ 562.54

Treasurer was preparing to collate the annual accounts in advance of the PCC AGM.

Paths Group need to notify of any invoices due that can be cleared before the financial year end.

- 8. Ward Councillors' Reports: WCIlr RWatters** Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) for Wester Balgedie up to Glenlmond to reduce the speed limit to 20mph. The order is temporary to allow PKC to move quickly to put the speed restrictions in place for up to 18months when the change can be made permanent.
Funding Opportunities: local Community groups are encouraged to look at the Grants and Funding pages at PKC website <https://www.pkclimateaction.co.uk/funding-and-grants> at the many funds available, to see if they can apply for funding for equipment, building improvements, and other projects and Green Initiatives. Weighting for projects will apply where certain areas of focus will be favourably looked at. PKC Officers can help local groups with their applications to try to meet these weighting criteria.
- 9. Matters notified to the Secretary:** nothing additional
- 10. AOB:** Portmoak Gala: AClark updated that £1013 had been raised at Gala, the day was stymied by rain midway through and due to the smaller crowd in the evening not as much money had been raised at the bar. A **Family Race Day, with Pizzas from Pizza Via was being held at the Village Hall on Friday 19 September '25**, to use up leftover supplies from the Gala Bar and raise some more funds for the Gala Committee.
Easter Balgedie Speeding: a local Easter Balgedie resident spoke about the continued speeding through the hamlet and the difficulties this caused for less able residents and wheelchair users to cross the road to the pavements and bus stops. Other villages in Portmoak were being moved to a 20mph speed limit through TTROs and EBalgedie should be included in this. WCIlr RWatters advised that PCC could request that EBalgedie could be added to the list of TTROs in Portmoak. Secretary to email request to include EBalgedie in the 20mph TTRO to the PKC Roads team.
- 11. PCC September Meeting: to be held on 09/09/25, 1930 – 2100hrs. Agenda & details to be confirmed.**
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