

# Portmoak Community Council

## September Meeting

Tuesday 09 Sep 2025, 1930 – 2100hrs

### Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** WCllr WRobertson; Cllr AMiller, ADavidson, SMcGregor, JHornal, LHatch, AClark; and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: WCllrs RWatters, DCuthbert, NFreshwater

- 2. Comments and Approval of previous Minutes from PCC August meeting on 12/08/25**

**Proposed:** ADavidson **Seconded:** LHatch

Minutes from September meeting approved

- 3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

**Item 1: Kinross-shire Committee update:** Chair expressed his thought that it would be a good idea to have an update of all the Kinross-shire committees, for which meetings took place every month, including the KC update, as there were a number of different local committees and topics which overlapped.

Health & Social Care Partnership meeting on 19/08/25: LHatch had been scheduled to attend this but it had been cancelled. Kinross and Glenfarg Stronger Communities meeting on 26/08/25: LHatch had attended this meeting. It was understood PKC were wanting the Community to take back running the meetings of the Community Engagement Team, but there was no information on how future meetings would be run or financed. The Representative from Broke not Broken expressed willingness to take over running Community Engagement meetings. Agreed that more information was needed before the next KGSC meeting on 18/11/25. On the topic of transport another Kinross-shire CC had acquired a Community mini bus, and it was noted that extensive paperwork was required for this process, the CC representative had offered to assist with similar applications from other CCs if required. On use of Glenfarg Community Bus the RidePingo App was flagged for booking the service, available to all for download from [www.ridepingo.com](http://www.ridepingo.com). The KGSC meeting also included an interesting presentation from the Kinross Trishaws Charity.

Regarding the extension of the Glenfarg Community Bus for pilot of an on demand bookable service around the loch road there was no update at this stage. PCC were keen to promote the pilot in Portmoak. WRobertson promised to speak with other WCllrs re: the pilot service and thought the Glenfarg Transport Group were currently working on this item. There was apparently capacity to offer this service but there are some difficulties ensuring that the on-demand service would not conflict with the 201 service that currently operates along the A911. Update for the October meeting.

**Item 2: Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan:** There was no further update since August meeting. RWatter had given an update in Aug on the Core Path Mapping App being developed by PKC.

**Item 3: Portmoak Travel Plan:** as addressed in Item 1

**Item 4: Road Safety Action Update:** Speedwatch – The Chair had chased MOCC this month but had not had a response yet. Speeding and 20mph restrictions: AClark had highlighted the need for a speed restriction along the from Scotlandwell along the Causeway to Lochend Farm to reduce the speed from 60mph, especially as there was now an access across the Causeway from Lochend to the LLHT. WRobertson had attended a meeting on site at Lochend following a series of incidents of cars going too fast and leaving the road at the Lochend bend. WRobertson favoured a speed restriction at this point and encouraged PCC to write to DMcEown at PKC to request speed restriction signage at this spot. There was opinion as to the efficacy of speed restrictions unless there were physical restrictions as well e.g. road tables. A resident asked about speed mitigation through Easter Balgedie, PCC had put in a request to PKC asking to include Easter Balgedie in the roll out of 20mph temporary traffic road orders (TTROs) that were happening locally, but at time of meeting PKC had not yet received a response on this request.

**Item 5: Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path:** no further update since August meeting. Chair intends to engage with the PKC Officers who were involved with the project and identify the next steps. The Cemetery extension is being discussed as a separate item.

**Item 6: Portmoak Church – the future for the church and car park:** fundraising and negotiations are ongoing for this Community Right to Buy project. The fence along the lower side of the carpark is quite dilapidated and may

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need repair in time as an issue of safety. WRobertson has suggested that PKC would be best placed to take over stewardship of the carpark for maintenance and insurance purposes.

**Item 7: Adoption of road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell:** Chair confirmed that at time of meeting the adoption has still not happened. WRobertson updated on the work that remains to be done, the latest from PKC is there are still some works to be done. PKC are using the Bond paid by the developer in order to do the last of the work, after which the road will be adopted.

#### 4. New Matters arising:

**Item 1: 2025 Community Council Elections:** Nominations to join PKC Community Councils were invited to be submitted by 4pm Thu 25 Sep 2025: The secretary had posted to FB and circulated to PCC subscribers. All current members need to submit nomination forms for the Elections. Any other members of the Community are also able to apply by sending in a form. On the PCC AGM, it was advised by PKC that AGMs should be held in October, but in 2024 PCC had held over the AGM to November. Secretary to check with PKC if AGM is ok to defer until Nov for the 11/11/25 meeting.

**Item 2: Buchan Avenue, Kinnesswood: proposed parking restrictions:** PKC had raised a Road Order consultation to put in double yellow lines around the entrance to Portmoak Primary School to stop parked cars blocking the entrance to the school for school buses, emergency vehicles and bin lorries. The request had been raised approx. 6yrs previously by the then Head Teacher Portmoak Primary School and in 2023 had subsequently been prioritised at public meeting by PCC in response to a request by PKC to rationalise a large list of road requests across Portmoak. Comments to PCC from Kinnesswood residents had been largely not in favour of the proposals in Buchan Avenue, particularly from Buchan Avenue residents, though there had been a few comments in favour of the proposals also. There was a feeling that another Kinnesswood location at the bottom of Bruce Rd at the junction with Main St was a more important place to impose parking restrictions, however, Bruce Rd was not the item under discussion under this proposal. The Secretary had reached out to the Head Teacher at Portmoak Primary School but had not yet had a response. WCllr WRobertson advised that affected residents will be notified directly with PKC, allowing direct objections to be made to PKC. While PCC were asked to provide comment they were only the conduit for providing representation of a community view. There was discussion about the possibility of suggesting limited parking restrictions, for example restrictions only during school hours, though this posed difficulty for residents too. It was noted that Glenfarg Primary School has a school exclusion zone to provide safety for children going to school. JHornal commented that it was unfortunate that residents would suffer some restriction in parking and was sympathetic to the inconvenience this could cause, but to present a balanced view on the issue the access to the school for buses and emergency vehicles was an issue that affected the children and parents in the whole of Portmoak and that safety around the school for children was a clear priority. A resident of Kinnesswood commented that of the two locations the Bruce Road location was the more important and that to put double yellow lines outside houses on Buchan Av would have a significant effect on the residents particularly the residents at 1, 3 and 5 Buchan Av.

#### 5. Reports:

a. **Police Reports:** A Police Report had been supplied by Liaison Officer. Of note were 6 offences of Speeding that had been committed within Portmoak. The Police highlighted that to make them aware of regular speeding issues, please email [taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk](mailto:taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk), or phone 101 to provide full details. There was also an update on Community Activities that had taken place through July and August.

##### b. Planning

(1) New Applications: none

(2) Brunthill Wind Farm: update: WRobertson had provided an update on the Brunthill Windfarm from PKC Planning Officer notifying of why the planning decision was delayed. Historic Environment Scotland had opposed the Brunt Hill proposal on the basis of the impact it would have on Kinross House. Following discussion between the Applicant and HES it was agreed that the development could be amended to reduce the visual impacts of the wind farm on Kinross House and its Garden and Designed Landscape. PKC Planning had agreed to withhold their consultation response to the development until the amended scheme was submitted, and this was the reason for requesting the extension of time that was previously agreed with the applicant and the ECU.

The Chair expressed dissatisfaction with the HES objection on the basis that Kinross House was a privately owned residence and a business and other relevant objections from other local businesses had been submitted but had been ignored. The Scottish Gliding Centre had put in a very succinct report on the impact the proposal would have on the Gliding Centre's future business and

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gliding flying access routes over the Ochils to the North of Scotland, this appeared to have been disregarded entirely. WRobertson agreed that the situation was galling and out of balance but Historic Environment Scotland were a consultee in the planning process to which the Planning Authority were obliged to consider. The Secretary pointed out that Kinross House and its landscaped gardens were A-listed and that an objection from Historic Scotland in the context of the historic building itself was relevant, while also agreeing with WRobertson and the Chair that it was disappointing that the Scottish Gliding Clubs objection had been ignored. It was felt that the Planning process was flawed in its process where a private residence held more sway over the planning authority than a business that had more influence and involvement in the community and surrounding area.

### **(3) Westfield Site Update**

**(a) Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee :** KDonaldson had been intending to attend the Liaison meeting but was not in attendance. Update in October.

**(b) Westfield Paths Feasibility Study:**

- 6. Paths Group update:** The group had been out three times through August trimming back the burgeoning summer growth in bracken and gorse along the MB Way and Stephen' field. Upcoming plans included working with PKC to clear the Dryside Way and the path to the Moss by deployment of the PKC flail. The Paths Group has acquired some new volunteers and now has 6 active participants, which is great news. New volunteers are always welcomed.
- 7. Treasurer CC Accounts:**  
PCC Account: £325.09  
MB Way: £ 1276.50 - no change since August  
PKC had tried to pay in a grant for the Paths Group but there had been an issue with bank account details, and the payment had not been actioned. This payment should take place in September
- 8. Ward Councillors' Reports:** WCllr WRobertson gave an update. The A911 through Scotlandwell was to close through first 2 weeks in October for 2 weeks. Road is undergoing a full resurface. Diversion will be via Auchmuir Bridge. PKC Tracks had secured grants of £100K to upgrade paths. It was intended that the zig-zag path down from Findatie car park to the LLHT would be resurfaced with a new more resilient material to resist being washed away. WRobertson encouraged PCC to suggest that the Paths Group try to purchase their own equipment such as a flail to help them carry out their work. Milnathort Paths Group had done this, and WRobertson can help with connecting Portmoak Paths Group to the Milnathort contact.

#### **AOB:**

1. Race NIGHT on Friday 19/09/25: Family friendly games, bar and pizzas
2. Picking up on paths JHornal commented on the alternative long sloping path at Findatie which was better access for wheelchair users and bikes could also do with resurfacing in the same way. Also, the gate at Levenmouth was also not very accessible as it was a wooden gate with a bolt on the other side which would be difficult for wheelchair users to negotiate. WRobertson offered to investigate adding the other Findatie path also for repair and a new surface, and to get a new accessible gate opening mechanism.
3. The Treasurer asked WRobertson to pass on thanks to the drain clearing team for drains cleared in Glenlmond

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### **9. PCC October Meeting: to be held on 14/10/25, 1930 – 2100hrs: online via Zoom**

**Topic: Portmoak CC October meeting 14/10/25**

**Time: Oct 14, 2025 07:30 PM London**

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