

Portmoak Community Council

October Meeting

Tuesday 14 Oct 2025, 1930 – 2100hrs

Minutes

- 1. Attendance & Apologies:** Cllrs AMiller (Chair), ADavidson (Treasurer), SMcGregor (Secretary), AClark; KDonaldson, LHatch, JHornal; and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: DCuthbert; Police liaison. No WCllrs were present at the meeting.

- 2. Comments and Approval of previous Minutes from PCC September meeting on 09/09/25**

Proposed: AClark Seconded: ADavidson

Minutes from September meeting approved

- 3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

Item 1: Kinross-shire Committee update: Chair raised topic of redistribution of PCC monthly tasks among the PCC members, to try and share work, updates, and attendance at various committees.

Kinross-shire Committee: due to meet in October. One agenda item had been notified by Ward Councillors about the possibility trialling of average speed cameras within Perth & Kinross. PCC were in support of this option and believed it would be a positive introduction along the A911 to better control speed of traffic. An article had been published in the Courier. WRobertson had taken this forward after observing cars driving at excessive speeds in 20mph zones. It was hoped this would be positively received at KC and could be voted on under devolved powers of the Committee

Item 2: Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan: Secretary gave an update from Glenfarg Community Transport (GCT) about the on-demand pilot service which had been discussed at PCC meeting earlier in the year. The Secretary had reached out to GCT and a meeting was scheduled to take place to discuss the pilot of the 203 On demand service. The pilot so far had been fairly limited in its reach due to limited funding and resource. The limited pilot had been gathering information to put in a funding bid for a more comprehensive service. The Secretary was available to attend the next meeting and would feedback.

Item 3: Portmoak Travel Plan: no update additional from WCllrs regarding the Digital Core Path App that was currently in development.

Item 4: Road Safety Action Update: The Chair had already discussed the proposal for Average Speed Cameras along the A911 through Portmoak, which it was hoped would do much to improve road safety in terms of reducing speed. Speed Watch: WCllr WRoberson had been in communication with MOCC and Police Scotland but unfortunately there was still no update from either on this project which was disappointing. Scotlandwell-Leslie Road resurfacing: the resurfacing was completed and the traffic calming build-out nearer the junction on the Leslie Road had been moved to the opposite side of the road, as this had been considered more effective to reduce speed coming from the Leslie direction. The change seemed so far to have been well received anecdotally locally. GMarshall suggested that the speed tables be removed from Kinnesswood, particularly as they had originally been a temporary measure and also considering other more effective measures like average speed cameras were being proposed. The existing mitigation measures cost a lot of money to put in and maintain and they seem to provide minimal results. The Chair was in some agreement with this suggestion as existing measures to restrict speed seemed to be ineffective. The Secretary expressed reticence to remove existing speed mitigation measures before new measures were agreed and installed.

Item 5: Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: there was no update on the path project specifically, however, the Chair had had a meeting with Catriona Harnet who is Lead of Bereavement Services at PKC. The church path and extension to the cemetery were linked by an outline proposal, not an active planning application, that had been compiled by the landowner for development of the land from the church down to Scotlandwell. CHarnet will explore if there are any opportunities around the outline proposal. Chair expects to have another meeting with Catriona later in October and would report back.

Item 6: Portmoak Church – the future for the church and car park: no further updates at present. The GoFundMe fundraiser is still underway if any local people would like to contribute.

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Item 7: Adoption of road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell: WCllr WRobertson had chased up PKC about this. Chair had checked earlier in the week and at time of meeting the road had still not been adopted. Chair to follow up with the WCllrs and PKC.

Item 8: Buchan Avenue, proposed parking restrictions: Secretary had spoken with PKC about the proposals and had also been in contact with the Head at Portmoak Primary who had agreed to reach out to her predecessor and also to staff at the school to obtain more information, there had been no response prior to the October holidays. PKC had emailed PCC to ask that they provide representation of their views. The Secretary sought clarity on the response that PCC would provide in reply to PKC as there had been both support and opposition to the proposals. Agreement among PCC members for Secretary to draft a neutral response in support of the Consultation process itself with those individual residents and the Primary School who were directly affected.

Concern re: parking within the 10m no parking zone at the Junction of Main Street - Bruce Road. The Secretary had raised this concern to PKC Roads Team as a separate matter and had additionally asked the Local Police Liaison team if the locale could be monitored during their local rounds. The Police had advised that members of the public could report potential parking violations within the 10m zone directly to the police and encouraged people to do so, providing photos and registration plate numbers in their report. Contact the Police by calling 101 or email on taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk and ask for Constable Samson or Duncan and they will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Item 9: PCC AGM on 11/11/25: in -Person at Portmoak Village Hall: AGM would commence at 1930hrs, and the November PCC meeting would follow on immediately after, once the Chair had closed the AGM business.

Item 10.2025 Community Council Elections all people who submitted Nomination forms have been accepted. All 8 people have been accepted and there is a full complement of Members for Portmoak.

4. New Matters arising:

Item 1: Deterioration of the B9097 and C50 road surface to Fife border: KDonaldson had raised this item, with concern that the whole road is breaking up and surface is corrugated. Water main damage had also exacerbated the problem with flooding. Need to press WCllrs about when the road will be seriously upgraded. We know that this road is needing full repair and any current repairs are cosmetic. The deterioration on the road is significant. PKC would ideally renegotiate their position with Fife Council to obtain additional funding additional to the original insufficient amount agreed. The increase of traffic has increased due to Westfield and will continue to increase due to building; also more traffic is travelling along the road due to speed restrictions along the A911. Secretary to ask PKC Roads when a full resurface is scheduled.

5. Reports:

a. **Police Reports:** circulated for 1 Oct '25. No reportable crimes. 12 phonecalls to the Police from Portmoak. The police are aware of ongoing concerns around speeding. Also they would add the Bruce Road parking issue to their observation matrix during their rounds.

b. Planning

(1) New Applications: none

(2) Brunthill Wind Farm: next meeting of the Sustainability Group in Jan 26. Portmoak CC to field a representative.

(3) Westfield Site Update

(a) **Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee:** KDonaldson had attended a recent meeting and had also had a tour of the plant which he described as impressive and very clean. There was a lot of residual waste such as rubble and metal that cannot be burned approx. 3 lorry loads a week of this type of waste goes to be recycled. Capacity is at maximum.

(b) **Westfield Paths Feasibility Study:** Item had gone quiet. PCC to request more information from TRACKS and WCllr RWatters who may have more visibility on progress and funding applications

6. **Paths Group update:** The Paths Group had supplied a brief overview of recent work, major clearing work has been completed along the Dryside Way from Easter Balgedie to Springfield, also the path to Portmoak Moss. Recent conversations at the September meeting had highlighted a need for a more accessible gate at Levenmouth, JHornal and AClark had reached out to the landowner who had agreed to a new gate so this item would proceed. Also the

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access friendly path at Findatie had been confirmed by PKC to be resurfaced. The Chair expressed thanks to JHornal and AClark for raising these items and moving them on to completion so quickly.

7. Treasurer CC Accounts:

MBW Account: £ 1429.80 The grant of £150 from PKC has now been paid. Dividend payment of £3.30

CC Account: £ 326.27 A Dividend payment of £1.18 had been paid.

Treasurer has prepared the accounts for the AGM.

8. Ward Councillors' Reports: none in attendance

9. AOB:

Repairs to Well at Scotlandwell: have received a grant that enables them to put out a tender to appoint an Architect for the repair work.

Bishopshire is Best Event: suggestion from KDT to hold a local community group event, dates and details to be agreed. PCC were enthusiastic to participate and thought it would be useful. Lots of cross-over and opportunities to work together. Opportunity also for local residents to engage with the Community Council. More information to follow.

10. Chair closed the meeting at 2057hrs
