

Portmoak Community Council

November Meeting

Tuesday 11 Nov 2025, 1930 – 2100hrs
Meeting In-Person at Portmoak Village Hall

Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** WCllrs WRobertson; Cllrs AMiller (Chair), ADavidson (Treasurer), SMcGregor (Secretary), AClark, KDonaldson, LHatch, JHornal, GMarshall; and 1 member of the public
Apologies: WCllrs DCuthbert and RWatters
- 2. Comments and Approval of previous Final Draft Minutes from PCC October meeting on 14/10/25**
Proposed: LHatch Seconded: JHornal
Minutes from PCC October meeting approved
- 3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**
 - Item 1: Kinross-shire Committee and other Committee updates:** KC meets on 20/11/25 LHatch to attend, meeting in-person at Community Campus. The Chair didn't have details of specific Agenda items to report. WRobertson noted that CC members can claim travel expenses to travel. The Chair noted that online meetings help to reduce those extraneous costs. WCllr WRobertson updated on status of implementation of average speed cameras (ASC) along A911, he hoped that this item would be on the agenda for the KC meeting on 20/11/25. PCC were all in agreement that Portmoak would be keen to accept a trial for the A911 strip. It was not expected that the ASCs would affect the existing speeds as they were set variously along the A911 Request will come from KC and PKC Roads. There was a view that ASC would ultimately save money as they would remove the need for other more expensive signage and physical speed mitigation measures.

There was a short discussion about the relative benefits of online vs. in-person meetings. It was felt there were pros and cons to both models and a general commitment to continue to do online meetings of PCC, with approx. 1 in 3 meetings to be held in-person.
 - Item 2: Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan:** Secretary gave an update on the recent Glenfarg Community Transport meeting, particularly regarding the Pilot On-demand service. The meeting had been very interesting, not least to see the enthusiasm, commitment and positivity from the team behind GCT. The Pilot had been operating in the Muckhart and Fossoway areas and a number of pilot users were able to provide feedback on the service and the booking App. The pilot has not been rolled out around Portmoak yet, due to funding. GCT intend to make applications to a number of Motobility funds to be able to run additional buses. The pilot had also been run with electric buses and there were some limitations on range and distance. It is likely that funding for additional buses will be for electric vehicles. It is hoped to run the pilot until end of 2025. A similar service for Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, and Glenlomond would be bookable. The pilot buses must not clash with the existing 201 services. Forthcoming changes may allow for some flexibility more around the A911 route.
(Secretary note: since the Nov meeting it is understood that the pilot has been extended to enable users in Glenlomond to access and book the bus service)
 - Item 3: Portmoak Travel Plan – update:** Digital Core Path App, no update on this. The CC had discussed and agreed allocation of topics across members to absorb the administrative burden. JHornal and AClark were keen to take the reins on the local Path Network and updates from Paths Group. JHornal and AClark had recently had great success on items related to the local paths around Levenmouth, which the Chair noted with thanks. On Findatie Path the surface had now been replaced on both legs of the access down to the LLHT. GMarshall enquired about the likelihood of creating a path to link Lochend Farm Shop to Scotlandwell, and there was some discussion about possible routes via existing paths. The Silveras were amenable to facilitating a path along their land but there were obstacles around other properties. WRobertson said TRACKS will be looking for new projects going forward and suggested that PCC connect with Nick Mainprize and highlight any potential projects. JHornal and AClark agreed to reach out to Lochend Farm and connect with TRACKS to discuss what might be possible by way of path creation between Scotlandwell and Lochend.

Item 4: Road Safety Action Update: Chair had sent communication re: Leslie Rd regarding resurfacing and the relocation of the traffic calming to the other side of the road. Concerns had been raised that there was now a blind spot on moving west round the traffic calming. WRobertson agreed to follow up the Chair's email with PKC roads.

The Chair reminded locals that if they observed speeding and could make note of vehicle registration numbers then they can report items directly to the police. Please email taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk, visit the Police Scotland contact us page or phone 101 to provide full details.

The Secretary had contacted PKC Roads to report the issue of the poor surface on the B9097 requesting time lines for resurfacing, as raised at the October meeting, but had not yet received a response.

Item 5: Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: no update at this point

Item 6: Portmoak Church – the future for the church and car park: KDT continue to manage this project. The Chair had attended a meeting with KDT. There was a question around the future and potential use of the church building. KDT presented a development document to outline converting the church into a bunk house with a Community space on the ground floor. A wider discussion with the Community is necessary.

KDT were keen to organise a general public meeting to invite the many organisations active in Portmoak to allow them to engage with each other and the public, to share ideas and invite discussion. PCC considered the church an important asset within the community and it would be a shame to allow it to fall into disrepair.

Item 7: Adoption of road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell: The Chair understood the SUDS area had been cleared out. WRobertson confirmed that the Bond is still available, despite rumours to the contrary. Also that PKC would maintain the road, by way of lighting, surfacing etc. the adoption is the formality. Parking enforcement officers had ticketed residents in Wellside Park for parking on the pavement and this had been challenged on basis that road was not adopted, WCllr WRobertson confirmed that even on unadopted roads people parking their vehicles on pavements can be subject to fines.

4. New Matters arising:

Item 1: PCC Extra General Meeting for Election of Office Bearers

PCC had fixed the date for the Extra General Meeting to elect Office Bearers for Portmoak Community Council. The meeting would be held on 25/10/25 at 7pm online. The Secretary had circulated details to subscribers and to Portmoak Community Facebook Page. WCllr WRobertson had kindly called the meeting, and was available to attend.

5. Reports:

a. **Police Reports:** circulated for 5 Nov '25. JHornal took the reins and highlighted there had been approx. 10 calls to the police, with zero crimes recorded. The Police report also commented on the Portmoak Airfield Crash. There had been reports of speeding, which the Police had added to their speeding matrix and would continue to monitor problematic areas. The Police had also been monitoring the situation of dangerous parking around the Bruce Road – Main St. junction as requested by PCC on behalf of residents.

b. Planning

(1) New Planning Applications: none

(2) Craighead Wind Farm: update. PCC had received notice that the windfarm at Craighead had been approved, by the ScotGov reporter, not PKC. PCC felt there were elements of disappointment, given the objection that PCC and other Kinross-shire CCs had submitted. GMarshall commented that the CC objections had been largely ignored. Strong representations had been ignored completely. The application at Brunthill was still under consideration.

(3) Westfield Site Update

(a) **Westfield Community Liaison Committee:** no substantial update. A solar farm was proposed in the locale. Traffic appeared to be at max. level as the plant was at full capacity. WRobertson asked if Portmoak were eligible to apply for funding through the Westfield Community Fund and the Chair confirmed this was the case. A number of local organisations had benefitted from the Community Fund, up to £2000 per organisation was available.

6. **Paths Group update:** no update on recent work. Secretary to connect AClark and JHornal with the Paths Group contact.

7. **Treasurer CC Accounts:** These had been finalised as per the AGM

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8. Ward Councillors' Reports: WCllr WRobertson raised concerns about local speeding, and the changes in speed limits. Drivers were being harassed by impatient drivers behind them and speed limits were causing issues with bus timetables. There was a discussion around the 20mph zones as a disincentive to speeding. Some of the areas of 20mph were introduced as temporary traffic orders, it was unclear if these would ultimately be moved to permanent 20mph zones.

9. AOB:

GMarshall: notified on the Scottish airspace modernisation programme. In effect should not affect Portmoak as an area. Portmoak Airfield were going to be requesting some modifications. Request to come to the December meeting to present their views on the impact of the modifications and seek support from PKC. PCC were in agreement for this to be added to the agenda.

School bus stops on the Main St in Scotlandwell. A resident had objected to the cars parking on the opposite side of the road so that when the school bus stopped in the morning it effectively blocked the road until all the children had boarded the bus. The resident suggested double yellow lines along the stretch of road to stop cars parking in the locale. The bus stop is a formal bus stop for the school bus, and it seemed cars were not parking illegally. There was discussion about the time imposition that the school bus caused drivers while waiting until children had boarded the bus and this was not thought to be considerable. The Chair offered to go and view the situation and WCllr WRobertson offered to raise the item with PKC Roads for assessment.

Kinross High School Pupils Parliament had requested to attend the December meeting. PCC were in agreement and welcomed the participation of young people at PCC meetings.

10. PCC December Meeting: to be held on 09/12/25, 1930 – 2100hrs

Zoom Access details for the December PCC Meeting

Topic: Portmoak CC Decmber Meeting 09/12/25

Time: Dec 9, 2025 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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