

Portmoak Community Council

February Meeting

Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** WCllr WRobertson; Cllrs AMiller (Chair), KDonaldson (Vice-Chair), ADavidson (Treasurer), SMcGregor (Secretary), AClark, LHatch, JHornal, GMarshall; and 9 members of the public. Represented at meeting: KDT, Portmoak Woodland Group, Portmoak Moss Action Group.

Apologies: WCllrs DCuthbert, NFreshwater, RWatters. Police Scotland Liaison

- 2. Comments and Approval of previous Minutes from PCC December meeting on 09/12/25**

Proposed: KDonaldson Seconded: AClark

Minutes of the December meeting approved.

- 3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

Item 1: Kinross-shire Committee and other Committee updates: Due to meet in February, LHatch would be attending. PKC Roads Officer DMcKeown confirmed plans to extend traffic calming in Scotlandwell out beyond village. These will most likely be speed cushions, and speed limits may be reduced also. Speed limit reductions likely to be under a TTRO in the meantime to allow this change to happen quickly. Chair asked that any traffic calming be roadside to roadside for effectiveness and less road noise for residents. Also that the project for Average Speed Cameras continue to be pursued. AClark asked about possibility of a road crossing at LochEnd, WRobertson was not positive that this last project could be added at this stage of the budgeting year

Community Engagement Group cancelled till March. LHatch to attend.

Item 2: Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan: no update. More info. hopefully after the KC meeting for March.

Item 3: Portmoak Travel Plan - no substantive update. Potential for bringing in Glenfarg Community Transport (GCT) on an on-demand service. Funding is an issue. Hope for more funding and developments through 2026.

Item 4: Road Safety Action Update: Chair outlined 2 main items: proposed the implementation of crossing points designated as stripes painted directly on the road to denote pedestrian crossing points. Seems like a cheap and cheerful way to denote road crossing points, particularly within 20mph zones. Chair proposed to speak to DMcKeown at PKC Roads to see if there is an option to roll out this cheap option within Portmoak which could give pedestrians right of way. Chair asked for support to make this proposal to PKC Roads, PCC members in agreement for Chair to pursue this line of enquiry.

Member of public asked about Speedwatch. Chair reiterated the note from December meeting that the organiser at MOCC has now left and a new person is picking up the process. WRobertson confirmed that MOCC are actively picking up the Speedwatch item again, equipment has been purchased. PCC will reach out again for more interested volunteers. Interested residents can email at Secretary@Portmoak.org . Or via the Portmoak Speedwatch Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558727684719>

Item 5: Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: no update. Chair to communicate with PKC re: Draft LDP3 with regard to the land package and land needed for path and for extension to cemetery. The CC have no influence on whether land is identified or not by PKC for inclusion in the Draft LDP3

Item 6: Portmoak Church – future for the church and car park: Recent communication by KDT that monies had been transferred for the purchase of the car park. KDT representative confirmed sale is about ready to go through. Liability insurance is being organised. Quotes have been received for fence repair and potholes. Looking at EV chargers installation. WRobertson expressed nervousness about KDT owning and maintaining car park. Suggested a meeting onsite with KDT, PCC and PKC to discuss this option. It is a public amenity and should be properly maintained. Also looking at options for Portmoak Church building. The Chair queried that PKC should perhaps pick up the repairs and liability insurance that are currently necessary for the car park. WRobertson said he would raise this item quickly with PKC to get repairs done and feed back to the KDT. Community right to buy has not yet been exercised on the Church building, but KDT are keen to hear from the Community as to what options may be available and of interest for the use of the church building.

Item 7: Adoption of road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell: PKC have been onsite and cleared vegetation and the SUDS pond is now functioning and flowing correctly. Residents were reported to be pleased with this work. At this stage it looks like PKC should be able to move soon to ratify the road adoption.

Item 8: Portmoak Moss – Peatland Restoration project: The Chair, Woodland Trust, Woodland Group, and PKC WCllrs had meeting onsite at the Moss. WCllrs. PCC put in a holding objection. The Woodland Trust may not have been expecting the level of public opposition. The feedback that PCC are receiving is that people are generally happy that the plans are being discussed and challenged in order to keep the Community Asset. However, there was an issue accepted by all the meeting attendees that the commercial trees need to be managed at Portmoak Moss and cannot remain in their current state. There are obstacles within current legislation that restrict the replanting of trees into the peat. A workshop meeting has been arranged in the next 2-3 weeks, date tbc. This will not be an open meeting but representatives from all groups can discuss what can be achieved. Because of level of interest a public meeting will be organised by the Woodland Trust, probably at the Community Campus, at a date to be arranged in the Spring 2026. Chair felt there was a lack of scientific back up to some of the plans. Good to step back, have discussions at the workshop and then present amended plans. A Woodland Group rep spoke about the workshop and thought it may push into March, with the Community meeting now more likely in April '26. The work has been halted pending further discussion. A member of the Save Portmoak Moss Campaign commented that though the timetable is long, in fact it should have been long in the first place to allow sufficient engagement with the Community and all parties involved. The Chair agreed that all the facts have to be presented to allow all invested people the time and chance to understand the facts on all sides and find commonality that will ultimately drive an action plan to maintain and manage Portmoak Moss that is acceptable to all.

Item 9: “Portmoak: Perfect place to live”, 28 Feb, 1600 – 1800hrs, Community event at Portmoak Village Hall: PCC would be available to attend this idea sharing event that is being managed by the KDT. Community inspired event to get local voluntary groups in a room with local people to ask questions and explore the Community’s thoughts on the future for the Portmoak area. Initial date on 28/02/26. 100 tickets available. PCC felt this this was excellent initiative. WSneddon from KDT talked about the event. Questions around exploring extending the KDT out to be a Portmoak Development Trust. Great community with a lot to offer, lots of skills and knowledge. KinrossCC had done a survey on the Perfect place to live. KDT thought this might be an opportunity for Portmoak to do the same. PCC were agreeable to helping. SMcGregor, ADavidson and JHornal were available to attend the event on the 28th.

4. New Matters arising:

Item 1: SEPA Consultation on Flood Risk Management [Flood Risk Management Plans 2028–2034 consultation hub.](#) SEPA has requested that PCC could assist to circulate the consultation hub to the Community, and also provide representation and reply on behalf of the Community. The Secretary had sent the link out to subscribers and circulated the info. on Portmoak Community facebook. The Consultation is open until 22/04/26 for individuals to complete the survey. PCC invited Portmoak residents to communicate any concerns on Flood Risk to PCC

Item 2: Wester Balgedie: Right of Way being blocked by rubble from building site: Right of Way from opposite side of road from Toll Tavern up to Wester Balgedie Village. The RoW was being blocked by rubble that had been dumped from the adjacent development site onto the line of the RoW. A PCC member had walked up the RoW to have a look and observed the rubble was substantial outfill from the development site over the RoW. The Secretary had reported the issue to Planning Dept. at PKC, to the Landowner, and to PKC Community Greenspace. PCC members agreed that it would be great if the RoW could be restored and then kept maintained for use by local residents.

Item 3: Loch Leven Half Marathon, Sunday 10/05/26 and temporary road closure of A911, B920 and B9097: Road closure was planned for the event as in previous years. Agreement at meeting that the event had gone very well in previous years with minimal disruption.

5. Reports:

a. **Police Reports:** circulated for 2 Feb '26. No items specific to the Portmoak area.

b. **Planning**

(1) New Planning Applications:

PKC Ref#	Address & details	Closing Date for Public Comment
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25/01752/FLL	5 The Crescent Scotlandwell Kinross KY13 9JG Installation of solar panels and air source heat pump	Fri 20 Feb 2026 Retrospective. Conservation area. PCC agreed no comment
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(2) PKC Call for Sites – Local Development Plan (LDP3) – update: no update on the Draft LDP3 from PKC at time of the meeting. Chair commented on the Scotlandwell sites that extended along the Causeway that were peat lands and likely to be contentious. The Kinross-shire Civic Trust had objected to a number of site across Kinross-shire and all but one potential site within Portmoak. Secretary to circulate the Kinross-shire Civic Trust objection letter to subscribers.

(3) Westfield Site Update

(a) Westfield Community Liaison Committee: update 25/02/26 next meeting. Westfield Plant had submitted a request for a variation to allow them to transport in refuse loads to be on Sundays and Bank Holidays. KDonaldson will attend the next meeting.

Resurfacing is still desperately needing done all along the B9097. Some potholes had undergone emergency repair. WRobertson said he had reported the issue on several occasions and had received verbal confirmation that the road would be resurfaced in the next financial year.

6. Paths Group update: AClark and JHornal were due to meet up with NMainprize re: path from Grahamstone corner up side of field drain to the Moss. PCC to speak to Paths Group and landowner to have a site meeting. WRobertson has suggested this would be an ideal path for TRACKS to take on. The Chair confirmed that the request had been communicated to TRACKS.

7. Treasurer CC Accounts:

PCC: £ 326.89

Paths Group: £1432.50

Outstanding invoice for Portmoak Hall hire for Feb26.

8. Ward Councillors' Reports: WCllr WRobertson acknowledged that roads in P&K are in a terrible state following the Winter. WRobertson had requested the path from Scotlandwell to Kinneston to be cleared. On Social Care Funding: there was a £8M shortfall in social care budget, growing aging population also with serious care needs. Eric Drysdale, leader of the council had a meeting with Fiona Robinson in the previous week to get more funding as PKC are not funded for this. PKC budget at the end of February '26. Social care was difficult and expensive to provide. Chair expected that there would be more info after the KC meeting.

9. AOB: GMarshall had been contacted by a resident commenting on the volumes of traffic are now at an A-road level. A-roads have certain standards with regard to markings and as a B-road the road is very dangerous in the dark. The road surface has also deteriorated. Suggestion made that the Road should be upgraded to an A-Road to improve road surface maintenance and road markings in the interest of safety. Residents would like this to be a campaign with PKC. WRobertson suggested that we should revisit this item and try to get the B9097 elevated to an A-road.

Kinnesswood: Scottish Water / Developers had left a bad road surface in centre of Kinnesswood, outside the old Lomond Country Inn site. WRobertson asked for resident to email him directly to raise the items.

10. PCC March Meeting: to be held on 10/03/26, 1930 – 2100hrs, online via Zoom. Agenda & details to be confirmed
