Portmoak Community Council

September Meeting

Tuesday 8 September 2026, 1930 – 2100hrs

In-Person Meeting at Portmoak Village Hall

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** WCllr WRobertson, RWatters; Cllrs ADavidson (Treasurer), KDonaldson (Vice Chair), LHatch, GMarshall, SMcGregor (Secretary); and 1 member of the public
   Apologies: WCllr DCuthbert, NFreshwater; Cllrs AMiller, AClark and JHornal.
2. **Comments and Approval of previous Minutes from PCC August meeting on 11/08/26**

   Amendment: GMarshall recalled a request had been made at the Aug meeting but not recorded in the minutes for PCC to request Police for stats of how often they had attended within Portmoak, as the number of tickets / offences recorded was not representative of the efforts the Police were making to address speeding within the Portmoak areas.

   Proposed with amendment: LHatch Second: KDonaldson
   Final Draft Minutes from 11/08/26 approved

3. **Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

   Item 1: Kinross-shire Committee and other Committee updates
   The next meeting was due 17/09/26, Lynn Hatch to attend. Current agenda included an update from PKC Road Safety. An update on local buses and the withdrawal of X56 it was hoped Margaret Roy would attend and talk about the transport transformation project currently going through PKC including possibly 201 and #19. There would also be updates on Social Welfare, the Blaringone Primary School asset transfer. and an update on the PKC LDP3 current status.

   Item 2: Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan: The path resurfacing along the back of the Primary school between the Cobbles and play park had been completed.

   Item 3: Portmoak Travel Plan: further update pending the KC meeting on 17/09/26. The Chair had been communicating with Margaret Roy about extension of the #19 bus from Ballingry on through Portmoak to Kinross which it was felt would be valuable in connecting Portmoak with travel options onto Edinburgh.

   Item 4: Road Safety Action:
   BSamson Police Liaison had sent an update: the Police had sent out an email request to Speedwatch volunteers to submit their details for CBT checks and had received very few replies. There was doubt at the meeting about whether recipients had received the email, some people had received the email but not all who had expected to be kept updated. WRobertson expressed doubt about the project and the processes to get to a Police verified Speedwatch team. People felt that the original groundswell enthusiasm had been lost. WRobertson offered to raise the item again the MOCC meeting. Speedwatch was not on the agenda for the KC on 17/09/26.
   Traffic calming at entrance to South of Scotlandwell Causeway: WRobertson 2nd priority on PKC Roads list for traffic calming.
   Previous PCC meeting WRobertson suggestion to apply for Causeway to become a Green Route: It was thought this request may still be AClark but it wasn't clear if the request had been made yet. Add to agenda for October.
   Lochend Farm were asking for signage at the path crossing at the farm – WRobertson requested this in 2025, some actions were taken to improve the crossing signs but they had been since damaged by wind and so a further request was needed.
   EBalgedie traffic calming: a resident attended to query the status of traffic calming and speed limit reduction through EBalgedie. The dangers for both pedestrians and cars were highlighted due to blind summits and farm traffic crossing the A911. It was felt the hamlet had missed out on the Speed reduction TTRO roll-out of 20mph zones. The Secretary had made a formal request to PKC Roads to make the speed reduction. WRobertson

defended the Roads Team as they were still involved in the roll-out of 20pmh original program of TTROs. Additional zones would be added to the schedule. WRobertson promised to raise the item again at the KC meeting on 17/09/26..

Item 5: Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: no substantial update on new path plans. There was a discussion about the deterioration of the current path. WRobertson had asked for the edges of the pavement to be scraped back but this had not been actioned yet.

Item 6: Portmoak Church – future for the church and car park: no update

Item 7: Adoption of road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell: no update of confirmation

Item 8: Portmoak Moss – Peatland Restoration project: no update

Item 9: Portmoak Community Action Plan & Funding: PCC had received an update from EWilkins from Kinnesswood Development Trust. PKC had send an email of confirmation on 5th August confirming receipt of the funding application. The application submitted was an 'Expression of Interest', KDT were not aware of any further steps in the application process following the initial submission. The timeline outlined in the application was for the CAP to take place over 6 months, from August 2026 to February 2027, and for the funding to be allocated within the 2026/7 financial year. These details will need to be adjusted and depending on how long it takes to receive funding (should the application be successful) the project may run into the 2027/8 financial year.

4. New Matters arising:

Item 1: Portmoak CC AGM, 13/10/26: the AGM and October meeting would be in-person. 2026 was not an Election year.

5. Reports:

a. Police Reports: Speedwatch AMiller list for. 8 calls to Police Scotland from Portmoak. Police had done some Community outreach with pupils at Portmoak Primary to discourage vandalism and encourage care within the Community.
SM to contact Police asking to resend Speedwatch email. Check with AMiller if PCC have uptodate list of Speedwatch respondents.

b. Planning

(1) New Planning Applications:

PKC Ref#	**Address & details**	**Closing Date for Public Comment**
26/01251/FLL	Erection of a polytunnel|West Feal Barn Auchmuirbridge Leslie Glenrothes KY6 3JL	Fri 25 Sep 2026 No comment

(2) **PKC Call for Sites – Local Development Plan (LDP3) –** update to LDP3 due for discussion at KC meeting 17/09/26. GMarshall had done some research into sustainable housing in advance of LDP3 next stages

(3) Westfield Site Community Liaison Committee: KDonaldson had attended a Liaison meeting in August. No further developments with relation to power and heat. The Solar Farm on the North side of the the site is supposed to be proceeding at the end of 2026 and into early 2027.

(4) Sustainability Group: update: RWatters spoke. Discussions with regard to community benefit. Could be a substantial value per year. The model for distribution is still to be decided but benefits may be shared equally around. Important to move forward with Memorandum of Agreement. There had been a discussion about the need for the involved CCs to evolve their position with regard to Development Trusts in their area with regard to management of benefit funds. Secretary to engage with KDT in this respect. The model for this would need to be decided. The timelines or the project were long-term. The Sustainability Group were hoping to get Ayrshire Group in to have a meeting and share information on participation of Foundation Scotland to handle fiscal responsibility.

(5) Green Knowes Wind Farm Repowering App Case#: ECU00006364 at Scot Gov Energy Consents:
WRobertson confirmed no update

6. **Paths Group update:** person who was contact with PKC was understood to be moving from the area so a new contact would need to be established.

7. **Treasurer CC Accounts:**

CC Account:	£ 173.86
Michael Bruce Account:	£1587.04

Treasurer had completed the Accounts for both PCC and MBW in preparation for the forthcoming AGM
PCC top up grant had not come through, but Treasurer had resolved the issue and it was expected the top-up grant would be paid before end of 2026.
Treasurer was concerned that the MBW Account balance was increasing without any invoices being paid.

Secretary to chase Graham Smith for any accounts / receipts

8. **Ward Councillors' Reports:**
WRobertson: no additional items
RWatters: notified of the Green Living Fund active just now for environmental projects within Portmoak.
Perth Visitor Levy Consultation, dates in Kinross Community Campus, potentially could raise £6-10M for PKC for spending within P&K. Ringfenced charge for spending only for tourist enhancements. Not allowed to use it for the core funding of PKC services.
GrowWild: planting of wild flower seeds. 2027 planting plans. There had been 60 sites in 2026, 60 were planned for 2027 and 2028 both. Prepared to work with In-Bloom or other organisations. Grow Wild survey
https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/97a9478013b44b43964d7512c0dcce99
If you would like to get involved please visit the PKC Grow Wild webpage:
https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/15239/Encouraging-wildlife-and-biodiversity-in-parks-and-open-spaces

9. **AOB:**
B9097 upgrade to A road status. NFreshwater had put in a formal request for the upgrade.

GMarshall asked WRobertson if he had any info about the possibility of Kinross-shire being subsumed into Fife Council area as part of ScotGov restructuring. There has been no indication of this being likely to happen and is considered to be speculative following Paliamentary boundary reviews. Both WCllrs WRobertson and RWatters expressed doubt that this was likely to happen.

The Chair convened the meeting at 2045hrs

10. **PCC AGM and October Meeting: to be held on 13/10/26, 1930 – 2100hrs, location and Agendas for both meetings to be confirmed.**