

MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

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Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the 31st Session of Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House, Kirkmichael on November 26th 2007.

PRESENT

D McIntyre, I Rimmer, A Duncan, D Michie, A Stewart and six members of public.

APOLOGIES

P Drysdale, M Purdie, Cllr Shiers, Cllr Grant, Cllr Ellis, A Barrie, S Carruthers.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Proposed by A Stewart and seconded by A Duncan.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

Work on Kirkmichael School's new annex building has now finished and it is being used.

Car park on Bannerfield can now be started.

Mary van der Veldt has offered a site at the Village Shop for an interpretation board for the Cateran trail.

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

The Chairman apologised for appearing biased in relation to a subject at the last meeting.

He has phoned around and has found that the local planning office is responsible for ensuring that the builders of the wind-farm adhere to any conditions added to the planning permission. He had also spoken to someone from the Roads Dept in Blairgowrie who seemed to be well aware of the problems around the Drumderg site.

Some concerns were raised at the last meeting over the legality of the voting system for the representatives to the Community Advisory Panel for the Drumderg Community Benefit Fund. Mr N Addington from Scottish Community Foundation was contacted and confirmed that he was happy with the system. J Wilson, Chair of Blairgowrie CC, helped count votes. There were 122 returned. Thanks to Bridge of Cally and Kirkmichael Post Offices for collecting the voting forms.

REPORT FROM TREASURER/ SECRETARY

Postwatch Scotland are carrying out a mail delivery survey and need 300 people nationally, anyone interested should contact Doreen.

We received a letter from the Council re gritting services. The Council are considering publicising this information on their own website, which could in turn be linked to our local The-Glens website. The Scottish Community Foundation suggested to the CC that it could hold an amount of money for applications under £250. Initially, both Alyth and Mount Blair Community Councils will receive £1000 for this purpose.

POLICE REPORT

No-one from Police present.

Cllr GRANT REPORT

Was going to invite the head of the new road project (the Craighall bypass) to outline plans and timescales for the work, but he said it would be more pertinent if he came to the next meeting.

Cllr Grant has contacted "the Comfort Scheme" re publicly available toilets in the area. There is apparently a long waiting list.

The car park at Bannerfield in Kirkmichael can be started when the new school building is finished and a meeting of Council and local community representatives should be taking place soon.

The electricity pole outside the Kirkmichael Shop caused problems again recently - a lengthy blockage of the road by a low loader. Scottish and Southern Energy claim that this is not their responsibility, but this matter cannot be allowed to rest and representations will be made to the company.

The blind summit on the A93 is to be marked.

Cllr SHIERS REPORT

Arranged meeting with coordinator of Angus Transport Forum to see how we take forward a project to look at public transport issues in Blairgowrie and the Glens. Invitation also to someone from CC to attend (13th Dec 10.30a.m. Angus Hotel Blairgowrie)

DRUMDERG COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND UPDATE

Since the committee was elected there have been two briefing meetings. Monies should be in place in January 2008 and also energy from the energy production bonus in October 2009. The fund is to be launched in early December, Scottish Community Foundation (SCF) to do press release.

Different sizes of grants will need different application forms depending on the amount applied for. The first review of applications will be held in February 2008.

Small non constituted groups should be able to apply through a larger constituted one.

Application forms should be available from the SCF web-site

(www.scottishcommunityfoundation.com) or anyone on the local Advisory Panel.

QUESTION FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

At least seven children now have to cross the Main Street in Kirkmichael to go to and from the shop and the nursery. Would it be possible to have a 20-mph limit or something to slow vehicles down? Cllr Grant to be asked to look into this.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Anne Bailey is investigating prices for bus services on Saturdays (once in the morning and once in the evening) to take local young people to / from Blairgowrie.

J SMALL MEMORIAL

J Manning received an e-mail from Perth & Kinross Council saying that they would now take responsibility for and pay for the reinstatement of the Monument. It may also be possible to list it. There was some discussion as to the possibilities of preventing it happening again, and input will be sought from the Community Policeman.

THE STRATHARDLE PROJECT

Held a meeting on the 19th of September. There are a number of projects underway and hope to have another meeting before Christmas when an update on projects will be available.

Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust are also interested in input to new car park

AREA REPORTS

STRALOCH

Water Supply - Scottish Water has said that water should be available from mid April.

KIRKMICHAEL

In Sillerburn Road there are lots of cars parked at the far end. This has traditionally been used as a turning circle but now turning can only be done very rarely and regularly cars have to reverse the whole length of the road and residents sometimes can't park. Discussion followed.

The lights at the new school building are too bright, dazzling drivers and are on well into the evening.

Kilry Hall are to host a Scottish Community Household Renewables Initiative event. This should be of interest if we are looking for a new hall as Kilry Hall have some innovative energy saving devices.

The parapet on the bridge is starting to move. S Carruthers has agreed to raise this with the Council.

The A924 Wester Bleaton Quarry, wondered if any conditions had been applied to planning permission as there was concern at the time that lorries shouldn't use the Kirkmichael to Pitlochry road. Apparently the Council cannot put a condition prohibiting the use of quarry lorries on the A924, because it is an A road. Discussion followed re the road's classification, whether it is possible to downgrade a road, and the implications of this.

GLENSHEE

Concerns from last meeting were forwarded to the relevant parties and as a result of this and other representations the welcome signage on the A93 will welcome visitors "to Glenshee".

AOCB

None.

NEXT MEETING

To be held in the Session House 7.30 p.m. on the 25th February 2008.