

# MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

Draft Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 34th Session of  
Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House,  
Kirkmichael on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Present:** Doreen MacIntyre; Michael Purdie; Donald Michie; Andrew Duncan; Susan Scott; Cllr Bob Ellis; PC. W. Johnston and 5 members of the public.

1. D. MacIntyre welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** had been received from PC. R. Humphrey (Tayside Police); Fiona Calvin; Cllrs Shiers and Grant.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Proposed by M. Purdie and seconded by A. Duncan that the draft Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.
4. **New Member** Two nominations for the new member for the Bridge of Cally area were received, and following a vote by members of the community council Sally Fenner was duly appointed.
5. **Matters Arising:**  
Indications are that the James Small Memorial work is due to start imminently.  
The Police are expected to hold a meeting at the Bridge of Cally Hall, organized by Inspector Grant on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, regarding the issues of motorbikes in the area. (Note: the meeting has been postponed.)  
No dog bins are available in the Kirkmichael Car park and the general bins should be used.  
Walk way improvements are to be done at Bridge of Cally.
6. **Report from the Chair:** BT has informed us the the phone box at Enochdhu is to be repaired. Council members are going to investigate whether the other phone boxes in the area are working.
7. **Secretary's Report:** The following correspondence has been received:  
Invitation to Perth and Kinross Community Transport Group Annual Meeting  
TAYplan consultation  
TAYplan Main Issues Report: Options for Scotland's SusTAYnable Region and Environmental Report  
Landscape-led Natural Play Design with Record RSS  
P&K Council Minutes of Meeting from 9 December 2009 to 10 February 2010  
Letter from P&K re: relocation of monument and repair of cross at James Small Memorial  
SNH - Review of Sites of Special Scientific Interest - Bein A'Ghlo Caenlochan SSSI  
SNH - Review of Sites of Special Scientific Interest - Forest of Clunie SSSI  
Letter from P&K re: BT scheme for communities to adopt their red telephone boxes and removal of payphone service: update and next steps  
Tracking PKCT (Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust's quarterly newsletter)  
Convention of Perth and Kinross Community Councils - Planning Users Forum and Next Convention Meeting
8. **Treasurers report.** Full reports available to the members. Community Council fund stands at £966.27 Drumderg Micro Fund £338.39  
As it is required, additional funding will be requested to support the Drumderg fund. The accounts have been realigned in keeping with the change in date of the AGM.

**9. Report from Community Police.** PC Johnston indicated that there were no recent crime reports from the area. Residents should remain vigilant with garden implements and fuel, as these remain the commonest theft, if possible serial numbers on all items should be recorded. There is to be an unmarked Police motorbike in the area, and a meeting regarding the problem with bikers is proposed for the 25 May in Bridge of Cally Hall. Due to a number of problems the VIP informer system has been suspended temporarily, the e-mail alert through Petrina Menzies continues. If a member of the public suspects a theft is taking place please ring the police on 0300 111 2222

**10. Cllr Ellis report:** The provision of lighting between Kirkmichael and the Strathardle Hotel is being reviewed. A new Ranger service is now based at Glen Doll. By Spring 2011 the new National Parks boundary stone should be in place. The Cateran Trail race was successful with excellent hospitality at the Spittal Hotel.

**11. Cllr Grants report:** In her absence Cllr Grant has reported that work on the James Small Memorial commences in May 2010.

**12. Area reports:**

**Bridge of Cally:** Concerns raised over whose responsibility it is for dykes collapsing onto the road. If the dyke is above the road level it is believed to be the land owners' responsibility.

**Kirkmichael:** Wester Bleaton Quarry is reopening over the next 2 years. Concerns were raised regarding the help to be available for the elderly for the digital switchover. Petrina Menzies reported that she will be attending some training courses. There have been some issues around the privately owned area of the Bannerfield, and vehicular access to the playing field. Clarity on the agreement will be sought from Richard Smith.

**Enochdhu:** It was reported that the water main is now working.

**Glenshee:** Temporary snow fences have been removed, and it is felt that they had a positive contribution in reducing drifting snow. It is hoped that they will be reintroduced next winter.

**AOCB:** Following discussion, in the absence of a secretary it is proposed the position of secretarial support to undertake the minutes and agenda should be advertised.

**NEXT MEETING:** 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7pm