

# MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

## Draft Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House, Kirkmichael on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**Present:** Doreen MacIntyre (Chair, Items 1-7); Michael Purdie (Acting Chair, Items 8-14); Donald Michie; Fiona Calvin; Andrew Duncan; Cllr Bob Ellis; Cllr Caroline Shiers; PC Grev Humphrey (Tayside Police); and 3 members of the public.

1. D. MacIntyre welcomed all to the meeting and reaffirmed that future meetings would be scheduled to commence at 7.00 pm.

2. Apologies had been received from Phil Moston, Susan Scott and Cllr Liz Grant.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting: Proposed by M. Purdie and seconded by F. Calvin that the draft Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

4. Matters Arising: All matters arising would be covered in the agenda for this meeting.

5. Report from the Chair:

(1) Broadband & Telephone Services: D. MacIntyre had met with John Swinney to bring up the issue of broadband and telephone services, particularly as they affect the Kirkmichael exchange. Subsequently, Petrina Menzies had met with John Swinney MSP and senior BT representatives, including Ian Shanks (Head of Scottish Affairs, BT Scotland) to discuss the existing deficiencies. These include a failure of the ISDN line to the Session House, slow broadband speeds, and non-availability of new broadband connections. A limited amount of 'Clawback' money would be available to the Government to upgrade 22 exchanges across Scotland, including Strathardle. However this was unlikely to resolve all problems in the short term.

(2) James Small Memorial: Comments on the Planning Application for the restoration and relocation of the Memorial were required to be submitted to PKC by 16<sup>th</sup> September. The Application had been available to view in the village shop.

(3) New Car Park, Kirkmichael: Work had started on the new car park, but had come to a stop after the Strathardle Highland Games.

(4) Drumderg Windfarm Fund: D. MacIntyre had attended a meeting of the Fund Panel last week. There would soon be a need for new members of the panel to replace those retiring.

6. Secretary's Report: Various items of routine correspondence had been received and were on display in the Session House meeting room.

7. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded the following details of the Council's Funds: Balance in Main Account - £658.69. Balance in Drumderg Fund - £300.87.

8. Report from Community Police: PC Grev Humphrey had started to hold 'surgeries', the first having been held in the Kirkmichael Shop. It was planned that these would be held alternately in Kirkmichael and at the Spittal of Glenshee Hotel, and that a timetable for these would be publicised in advance.

9. VIP Informer: The current system is not operating correctly despite the best efforts of the police, Michael Purdie and others. The police will contact Petrina Menzies direct and she will distribute information through e-mail.
10. Kirkmichael Carpark: No work has taken place for 3 weeks. Cllr Ellis to investigate.
11. Police Report: Timetable to be set up for community visits to Kirkmichael and Spittal of Glenshee. Limit to traffic speed cameras in Glenshee as only one unit available in the Perth and Kinross for roads outside the 30mph zones.
12. Cllr Ellis report: Road resurfacing works March 2010 Bridge of Cally to Pitlochry. Consideration being given to a speed limit at Ballintuim. CATERAN Trail landowners meeting at the Bridge of Cally Hall, Chair invited to meeting. Charity event on the CATERAN trail on behalf of Oxfam 2010 first w/e in Sept. Substantial amount of money will go back to the trail upkeep.
13. Cllr Shiers report: All issues covered by police and Cllr Ellis
14. James Small Memorial: Planning permission required, program due for completion later in the financial year.
15. Verge cutting: Notice promised, but verge cutting began before notice given. Area of orchid growth cut through. Investigation and habitat survey suggested.
16. Drumderg fund: Petrina Menzies is on the Advisory Panel for the fund: she spoke regarding a procedure for adding new members to the panel once existing members retired. Panel members would look at nominees to see who could best replace the retiring member to ensure a good spread across the community. Scottish Community Foundation had indicated that the Community Council needed to be in agreement with the proposal for it to go ahead. The Community Council unanimously agreed to the proposal.
17. Area Reports: Andy Duncan: Ballintuim, vegetation growing into the road, Council will approach landowner. Strathardle Gathering damage to the football field extensive. Other comments, signposting for the old road suitable for cyclists. Enochdhu water mains extension now has water.
18. Date of next meeting 23 Nov 7pm