

MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

Draft Minutes of the 1st meeting of the 32nd Session of
Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House,
Kirkmichael on February 25th 2008.

Present

A. Duncan, D. MacIntyre, D. Michie, P. Moston, M. Purdie, S. Scott, Cllr B Ellis, Cllr C. Shiers and 6 members of the public

Apologies

Fiona Calvin.

1. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by A. Duncan and seconded by D. Michie.

2. Matters arising from the last minutes

- Councillor Ellis reported that a paper is being submitted to the Council by the Enterprise and Structure Committee, proposing that all settlements in Perth and Kinross e.g. Kirkmichael and Ballintuim, should have a mandatory 20mph speed limit. There would be a consultation period with affected communities if the decision is made to follow through on this proposal.

3. Report from the Chair

- New Community council members were welcomed, and the retiring members thanked for all their work.
- There are to be changes in the involvement of Community Councils in the Planning Process. Community Councils will now have the opportunity to respond to planning applications within 21 days instead of 14 days. Cllrs Ellis and Shiers will find out more about the changes and report back to the next meeting.
- The Strathardle Project meeting will be re-scheduled some time soon.
- The Drumderg Community Fund is now open, and information regarding applications can be obtained from the Community website or from Petrina Menzies at the Session House (Tel: 870021).
- The Core Path Network draft plan is now out for Consultation until 31st. March 2008. The draft plans are available to view at the Session House and at the Council Offices in Leslie Street, Blairgowrie.
- The Community Council has an annual budget of £300. This will not be increased as fewer than 2000 people live within the Community Council area.

4. Report from the Community Policeman

- No one from the Police was available, however Ian Rimmer had been contacted and been informed that the crime-rate was at a relatively low level in the area with the major incidents involving thefts of copper wire and lawnmowers. It is recommended that we all remain vigilant.

5. Report from Councillor Ellis

- There are currently discussions ongoing regarding the feasibility of a Park and Ride Scheme from Blairgowrie to the ski slopes in Glenshee.
- Meetings are on-going regarding Demand Response Transport, particularly for young people.
- Colleagues reported that there was to be further marketing of the CATERAN Trail, with funding obtained to attend the Countryside trust in Birmingham. There will be the CATERAN Trail Individual race on the 10th May, and the CATERAN Trail March on the 22nd and 23^d May.

6. Report from Councillor Shiers

- Discussions are on-going regarding recycling bins being made available in Glenshee and at Bridge of Cally. The proposals will go to local consultation, but one of the options is a mobile facility.

7. Kirkmichael War Memorial

- The Session House had received an e-mail expressing criticism of the upkeep of the memorial. Following discussion, it was agreed that Andrew Duncan will respond to this.

8. Glenshee Welcome Signs

- The Glenshee Tourist Association has been meeting with the Council and a submission put to the Sustainable Development and Planning Department regarding landscaping and improvement to two of the lay-bys, with additional "Welcome to Glenshee" signage. Considerable discussion took place as to where there might be appropriate placement of the southern sign, but the current preferred location is around Glenkilrie. It was suggested that if anyone has concerns about these proposals, they should make direct contact with the Glenshee Tourist Association, Chair Dave Stewart, Glenbeag Mountain Lodges at the Spital of Glenshee.

9. Recycling

- Communal recycling is now taking place at Enochdhu, with the containers being emptied on request.
- It is planned that there will be recycling facilities at the new car park in Kirkmichael.
- A request was made that provision be made for local recycling of green waste. It was pointed out that green recycling bins can be requested from the Council. D MacIntyre to follow up.

10. Kirkmichael car park

- The current plans were available to view, and there were discussions around possible locations of the picnic area at the riverside. There was consensus that there should not be any litter-bins at the car park, with signs being put in place requesting visitors to take their litter home.

11. James Small Memorial

- No update as meeting with representatives of the local community and Perth and Kinross Council not yet arranged. John Manning to advise once a date has been set for the meeting.

12. Kirkmichael Village Bridge

- The relevant department in the Council is aware of the issue. The moving parapet has been incorporated in the programme of works, and will be dealt with in due course.

13. Area reports

Bridge of Cally

Cllr Ellis will speak to the Council Works department on their program for road improvement/repair, particularly regarding the Drimmie Road. The issue of poor repair of the roads applies across the whole of the Mount Blair area, and it was agreed that maps of the area should be provided to the Community Council, which would co-ordinate the identification of issues of particular concern. D MacIntyre to be the initial CC point of contact.

Kirkmichael

No update regarding the electricity poles in the village centre.

Concerns were raised - again - about the lack of street lighting between the Strathardle Hotel and the Village for the safety of pedestrians.

Straloch, Glenshee, Blacklunans

Nothing to report

AOCB

- The venues of the Community Council meetings were discussed, but it was felt that the best attendance from the public was for those meetings held in the Session House, Kirkmichael.
- There was some concern raised regarding the limitations and restrictions on who is able to use the School Buses in the area - particularly those which are not scheduled services available to the public. Councillor Ellis to look into this.

Next meeting

Will be held on 12th May 2008 Session House, Kirkmichael. All welcome.

Future meetings

8th. September 2008

24th. November 2008

23rd. February 2009