

# MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## PUBLIC MEETING

Draft Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of  
Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House,  
Kirkmichael on September 8th. 2008.

D. MacIntyre (Chair), D. Michie, P. Moston, M. Purdie, S. Scott, Cllr C. Shiers and 5 members of the public

### Apologies

F. Calvin, Cllr. B. Ellis and Cllr. E. Grant

### 1. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by M. Purdie and seconded by P. Mostyn.

### 2. Matters arising from the last minutes

- All covered in Agenda.

### 3. Report from the Chair

- Consultation into extension of Cairngorms National Park Boundary into Glenshee on-going. Little apparent room for any wider discussion of the boundaries than those proposed.
- A 4x4 event was held at Kindrogan the same day as the Strathardle Games with no prior warning to local residents. Chair helped to bring about a degree of resolution to residents' concerns on the day of the event.
- Chair has added Mount Blair's support to a BEPTA request for funding to assess the feasibility of visitor facilities at the Craighall Gorge.

### 4. Report from the Secretary

In the absence of a volunteer to be secretary D. MacIntyre continues to act in this capacity.

- Better Police representation is required regarding motorcyclists on the Glen Shee road. The police sent leaflets to the CC, which were distributed at the local shop. DM to write to Police to ask what speed monitoring actions they have undertaken in the area over the summer.
- Correspondence from the Energy Savings Trust re grant funding for community and household renewables was noted.
- Changes regarding licensing laws noted.
- Perth and Kinross Council have provided information about a Carbon Reduction initiative.

### 5. Report from the Treasure

- As of September 8th, the current balance for the community council fund is approximately £700.00. This year's administrative grant was recently deposited by D MacIntyre.
- The Drumderg micro-fund holds approximately £600. Any applications to the micro fund (for grants of £250 or lower) should be made through the Community Council.

### 6. Report from Cllr. Shiers.

- The Roads department has carried out a survey of the Bridge of Cally to Spittal road regarding road safety.
- The Compass Centre has opened further activities and the Council has been asked if it would consider using these facilities out with peak holiday times.
- Cllr. Ellis has the local maps to identify the problem road areas.

## 7 Broadband.

- The extent of the broadband problem at the Strathardle exchange was discussed. DM has already been in contact with John Swinney MSP about this, but will contact him again. In the meantime anyone who has a problem is asked to write and complain to BT. Details of who to write to will be posted on the Strathardle web site.

## 8. New housing Kirkmichael.

- Discussions are to take place with Perth Housing Association regarding concerns over allocations.
- The complex will be called "Whitefield View".

## 9. Area reports

### Bridge of Cally

- Council continues to discuss the introduction of a speed restriction through the village.
- Visitors coming from the Drimmie Road on the CATERAN trail do not see the footpath and are walking on the road around the bend.

### Glenshee.

- Glenshee Tourist Association, with funding from Perth and Kinross Council, has recently commissioned a feasibility study regarding marketing of and a Visitor Centre for the Glenshee Area
- The Glen Watch service was discussed, and it appears that the current Police officers were not aware of the existence of the local system. M. Purdie is continuing to work with the police.
- Complaints were raised regarding the road surface around the MacThomas Car Park.

### Kirkmichael.

- Disgust was expressed at the manner in which the local verges; cemetery lawns and school lawns have been cut during the summer. Cllr. Shiers to investigate and determine whether different arrangements could be made to ensure accountability for the quality of the work.
- Kirkmichael Bridge continues to deteriorate.
- The steps down to the river at the end of Williamston need to be reinstated, and builder's spoil removed.
- James Small Memorial: The Council are looking to a further stonemason to give them a quote. Traffic management in this area is to be reviewed at a date yet to be determined.
- Police presence at the Strathardle Games noted and appreciated.

### AOCB

- The problem with Balmoral Road traffic and car parking was raised, and the Council is having a local Consultation.
- Craighall Gorge - a letter has been written on behalf of the tourist association to the head of Economic development asking for assurance that a number of measures will be taken to maintain secure access to the gorge. The site is an SSSI and an EU designated nature area.

### Next meeting

Will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7:30pm in the Session House, Kirkmichael. All welcome.