

# **MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

### **DRAFT**

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 31st Session of Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House, Kirkmichael on September 10th 2007.

### **PRESENT**

P Drysdale, A Duncan, D MacIntyre, D Michie, M Purdie, I Rimmer, A Stewart, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Grant, Cllr Shiers, A Barrie (Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust) and six members of public.

### **APOLOGIES**

None.

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed by A Duncan and seconded by M Purdie.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES**

None.

### **REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN**

Voting is underway for six people to represent this community council area on a panel which will advise on applications to the windfarm community fund. Results should be available by Mon 17th Sept.

### **REPORT FROM TREASURER/ SECRETARY**

A letter from the P & K Council thanked us for our response to snow clearing questions.

A letter was sent to the Planning dept. outlining concerns raised at the last meeting re development at Easter Bleaton, This application was expected to go to the Development Control Committee on 19 Sept but is now more likely to be heard in Oct.

We received a letter from a firm of solicitors in Edinburgh re the Strathardle War Memorial Fund which may have been (at some time in the past) wound up and funds put towards the Erskine Memorial Hospital.

The Community Benefit Fund is in the process of being set up and everything is going according to the time-scale laid out by Scottish Community Funding.

Accounts for 06/07 filed and grant for 07/08 received, leaving over £750 in the bank.

### **POLICE REPORT**

No one from Police present.

### **Cllr GRANT REPORT**

The extension to Kirkmichael school is on schedule for completion and the car park on the Bannerfield is presently being used by the builders.

Cllr Grant suggested to A Duncan that he could use the Bannerfield through the Community Council as they have public liability insurance. Discussion about liability and which parts of the Bannerfield are owned by the council.

### **Cllr SHIERS REPORT**

I have been in contact with many people in the area mainly to do with the windfarm which I visited recently. Also at Easter Bleaton in relation to a planning application. Cllr Shiers also visited the Compass Christian Centre open day earlier last month.

## **DAMAGE TO CATERAN TRAIL INTERPRETATION PANEL AT KIRKMICHAEL**

Andy Barrie from P & K Council showed the damaged board. The panel had only been in place for 4 days when it was discovered vandalized, thought to be by an air gun. The Police have been told, but are not going to get involved or investigate. (Similar damage also reported to the slide in the play park). Suggestions included resiting the sign and talking to local schools etc re vandalism.

## **DRUMDERG COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

Update. Meetings have been held with and by Scottish Community Funding. also with Mount Blair and Alyth Community Councils. SCF set out a specific timetable which is being followed. presently six people are being sought to sit on an advisory panel along with six people from Alyth CC area. Nominations have been received and a vote is underway to decide which six out of eleven nominations should represent us. The voting system was suggested by SCF and was agreed to be the quickest, most cost efficient and fair way to do it. Results from this vote should be available on Monday 17th September. If you are involved in a group in the area, monies should be available to apply for towards the end of the year.

## **QUESTION FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC**

Mrs S Thorne asked who agreed the payment from the windfarm developers as another community is being given a larger amount/rate. Suggested that there should be guidance from P&K Council on this (Chair to look into this)

Mrs S Thorne who was unable to attend meetings re Community Development Fund but did manage to speak to the organizer is dubious about the voting system for nominations to the advisory panel. Discussion about how the community would be represented.

It was pointed out that the gentleman with whom she spoke had suggested the voting system and that the opportunity of funding in the community should bring the community together not split it as Mrs Thorne's suggested that the voting system would imply.

Mrs S Thorne would like the CC to agree to listen to problems relating to Drumderg as there are potentially lots of environmental issues.

Cllr Shiers noted that cement was not being mixed on site as agreed but being transported in by mixers, adding to the traffic on the single track road.

Cllr Grant said that it was raised at the enquiry who would oversee construction.

Suggested that Mrs Thorne contact J Irons at P&K Council.

## **COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

Cllr Shiers started by apologizing to CC that they hadn't been involved in a recent meeting about this, but said she was looking into community transport in other areas to see what we might be able to do or what might suit us best. Cllr Ellis added that it would be better if it was a community demand led facility as we would need to have a project set up to apply for funding. Mrs A Bailey said it was the one thing that young people in the area wanted.

## **J SMALL MEMORIAL**

Mr J Manning said the price from WL Watson and Son for repair of the monument was around £18,000 + VAT. We don't know who the monument belongs to. P&K Heritage Trust is considering giving some funding towards it. A decision will have to be made on who will hold funds.

## **THE STRATHARDLE PROJECT**

At the end of May for a week D MacIntyre ran a community consultation covering a number of access related projects around the area. Straloch bridge came first ( a bridge over the Brerachan Burn to join a track at Kindrogan with Straloch School). Mountain biking in the area was second and the provision of toilets for the public was third. The first Strathardle Project steering group meeting is to be held on September 19th.

## **PUBLIC TOILETS**

Can anything be done to provide these in the area. Cllr Grant advised that the way forward is to liaise with local hotels, shops etc to try to create publicly available toilets (funding may be available to shop / hotel owners to upgrade their toilets) This way is much more cost efficient and may generate income for sites with toilets. Cllr Grant to speak to Environment Services.

## **AREA REPORTS**

### **STRALOCH**

Water mains pipe has no water and no-one knows why.

### **BRIDGE OF CALLY**

Flashing lights now fixed. Thank you.

### **KIRKMICHAEL**

The War Memorial, years ago it was looked into bringing it down so it could be accessed more easily. The proposal at that time was to make a plaque and perhaps have it sited on the Church wall.

The Bridge over the Ardle in Kirkmichael needs re-pointed.

Grass cutting by the Council has been very limited this summer. Cllr Grant advises not cut due to adverse weather. It was pointed out that a local person could do the work when the conditions were suitable and the grass would be well maintained for the whole summer.

Balmoral Rd very difficult to get out of when busy.

Cllr Ellis meeting roads engineer in Blair this week and this is one of the points for discussion.

### **GLENSHEE**

Concerns from last meeting forwarded to Glenshee Tourist Association.

### **BLACKLUNANS**

Could the Council put signs up or road markings to highlight the blind summit on the A93 between Craigton and Middleton of Dalrulzion.

### **DRIMMIE**

Balmoral Road (as above but also very narrow due to parked cars). Cllr Ellis to look into this.

### **AOCB**

Discussion about locks on wheeliebins.

We have a letter from Kyle Beatson about the siting of plasma screens (to provide information for young people , hopefully self funding. A couple of sites suggested , have to be indoors , both Post Offices suggested. To be followed up.

### **NEXT MEETING**

To be held in the Session House 7.30 p.m. on the 26th November 2007.