

MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

27th November 2006

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Minutes of the fourth meeting of the 30th Session of the Community Council held in the Session House Kirkmichael.

PRESENT

Peter Drysdale, Andrew Duncan, Doreen MacIntyre, Donald Michie, Ian Rimmer, Michael Purdie, Alan Stewart, Cllr. Liz Grant, Gillian Murray of P&K Council and 8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Proposed by Peter Drysdale

Seconded by Andrew Duncan

MATTERS ARISING

All to be covered elsewhere.

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

After discussing roads last time, Gillian Murray from the Council is here tonight to discuss problems.

Communications mast at Bridge of Cally, Chairman spoke to Cllr Grant and John Swinney, but the mast falls within current guidelines so it is not possible to get it moved.

Cardboard recycling at Straloch has been a problem, and spoke to Cllr Grant about it.

Doreen has drawn up a code of conduct for CC meetings.

REPORT FROM SECRETARY

At the AGM the Community Council discussed a code of conduct, a draft of which has been drawn up and was read out. M Purdie proposed that the code be adopted and A Duncan seconded.

There has been an Access meeting since the last CC meeting to discuss the outcome of consultation to date including the landowners meeting and it was decided that further consultation is required – this has been publicised throughout the area. Members of the community have until 22nd December to send their contributions to the Council. D MacIntyre also attended a Core Path planning consultation for the Cairngorms NP at Glen Clova.

As a result of the planning application to reopen the quarry at Wester Bleaton a Public Meeting was held at Blackwater Hall. It was very well attended and there was strong support for its reopening although there a number of reservations have been noted. The Community Council have drawn up a reply to P & K Council reflecting local feeling.

Christmas lights - Mary van der Veldt donated cash from the electricity fund for the last few years so that new lights could be purchased. D Michie offered to organise the purchase of new lights.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2006 / 07 Budget still doesn't add up. Notice from Perth and Kinross Council indicated that Admin and Minutes allowances are allowed, but attendance allowance is not.

After some discussion about alternative ways to raise funds for CC it was decided to scrap the mileage allowance and also attendance allowance, as this would balance the books. There was a suggestion of moving meetings between halls to lessen members' mileage but it was decided that venue should remain the Session House.

P Drysdale asked for rise in grant from P & K Council, but this appears to be highly unlikely at this point.

ROADS

Gillian Murray Principal Engineer from the Roads Dept covered roads related developments / issues in the area:

1. It was noted that 20mph signs at Bridge of Cally (south) are coming on at the wrong times. Measures will be taken to address this.
2. Tarmac at side of road at Corriefodly, Cllr Grant has reported this to Maintenance.
3. Sheep warnings on road signs; it was felt that too many signs would lose their effect. G.Murray and Cllr Grant suggested writing to landlords first. Any problem areas to be reported to G Murray.
4. There are to be no direction arrows to encourage foreign tourists to stay on correct side of road. If arrows were to be painted on A93 then all other A roads would also have to have them.
5. Request for 30mph limit at Bridge of Cally and Ballintuim. Possibly at Bridge of Cally, suggested 40mph limit on approach from north and south. Unlikely 30mph limit for Ballintuim, maybe reduced limit i.e. 40. There was some discussion about the hazard of fast moving vehicles particularly when animals are being moved on road and there are farm vehicle movements..
6. Narrow bridges at Enochdu and Glenfernate. There was discussion about signage for narrow bridges with little visibility, and it was agreed that lines could be painted to emphasise the single track nature of the bridges. In addition, it was agreed to review the question of signage at Enochdhu, as there are already a large number of signs on the approach to the bridge.
7. Lighting from Post Office to the hall at Bridge of Cally. A couple of members of the public attending the meeting indicated that they were very unhappy about the proposed installation of street lighting. There was an indication that indicated that they Would rather have footpath repaired. Local feeling on lights to be established.
8. Streetlights at Kirkmichael from village to Strathardle Inn / monument can't go on electricity poles, so nothing can be done.
9. During the winter, www.perthshire.com should have information on road conditions and any road closures.
10. Snow clearing leaving banks of snow over driveways; roads cleared in priority, when clearing finished council will clear driveways on request.

The Community Council thanked Gillian Murray for attending the meeting.

COUNCILLOR GRANT REPORT

Perth and Kinross have committed a vast amount of money to various local projects in the area i.e. car park school extension etc.

DRUMDERG

Member of the public concerned as to the costs P&K Council will have to pay for public enquiry. Community funding from developers of windfarm should recognise that people local to the windfarm are subject to 25 years of inconvenience, not just in the short term.

Cllr Grant replied that the reporter will decide who pays what. There was talk of Community funding in the form of a gift from the developer to both Mount Blair and Alyth areas but it is thought that this is more likely to be in the form of an independently managed fund. The chair requested that Drumderg should no longer be on the agenda as planning had been granted.

START FESTIVAL

24 and 25 March 2007 Scottish Arts Council granted, will be covering this area for the first time (the Session House, Blackwater Hall and Strone of Cally school are all interested; public support is needed please.) Festival open to everyone young and old. Contact Anne Bailey.

AREA REPORTS

STRALOCH

Water supply; Cllr Grant spoke to Scottish Water but hasn't had reply yet.

KIRKMICHAEL

After Balvarran the fence is flat.

Car Park at Bannerfield? Cllr Grant replied -Should be finished by the spring.

Lay-by at end of straight (south of Kirkmichael) Hawthorn bush cut neat and tidy (by landlord?) but later bush cut out completely by council.

Policing at Strathardle Gathering – it may be better if there is a police presence in the village in the evening.

Can hedge be cut between Kirkmichael School and Sillerburn as school children are being forced to walk on the road.

BLACKLUNANS

Stones on the quarry road seems to be excessive, can they be swept up?

GLENSHEE

Cairngorms National Park Assoc. M Purdie asked the CNPA if the Heather Hopper bus service could include Blairgowrie. This is to be looked into. CNPA housing policy document available if anyone interested contact M Purdie (may be available as E mail)

BRIDGE OF CALLY, DRIMMIE

None

A.O.C.B.

None

2007 MEETINGS

26 Feb 07 (AGM); 14 May 07; 10 Sept 07; 26 Nov 07

All meetings will be held in Session House, Kirkmichael at 7.30pm