

**MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING**

29<sup>th</sup> May 2006

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Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> session of Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House, Kirkmichael.

**PRESENT**

P Drysdale, D MacIntyre, M Purdie, I Rimmer, A Stewart and 5 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Liz Grant, Community Policeman.

**LAST MINUTES**

Proposed by I Rimmer and seconded by M Purdie

**MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES**

P Drysdale asked what Perth and Kinross Council paid for the land for car parking in Kirkmichael. The Drumderg (site of proposed wind farm) Public Enquiry is still not complete. A site visit was carried out on 1<sup>st</sup> June. The remainder of enquiry postponed again due to illness. (Note : it has been scheduled to recommence on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.)

**REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman attended the first part of the enquiry (Drumderg proposed wind farm) and spoke against it.

**REPORT FROM SECRETARY / TREASURER**

Maps have been obtained from P&K Council detailing each Community Council sub-area. It was agreed that at present these sub-areas should remain as they are. Anyone wishing to propose changes should present their case in writing, in the first instance to the Community Council.

D MacIntyre attended a Forestry Commission meeting to discuss the Kindrogan Forest Design Plan. She is currently investigating possible paths within the forest - anyone else interested in helping with this please contact her.

Path network. For some time D MacIntyre has been involved in the Path network for the area, latterly via East Perthshire Access Network (EPAN). (It was agreed that D MacIntyre represent Mount Blair Community Council). The Session House brought up the possibility of a trail around the area based on old photos and it was agreed that this come under the CC also.

05/06 books audited by Sally Gingell.

06/07 admin grant in hand.

Proposed expenses form agreed.

A Budget was drawn up and discussed (more outgoings than income at present)

Budget was discussed and it was decided that we would speak to P&K Council to point out that to pay Councillors fuel to attend meetings in a rural area such as ours would take up most of our yearly allowance.

Fund raising was suggested. D Macintyre to find out what we would be allowed to do in terms of raising funds.

**POLICE REPORT**

Motorbikes being ridden dangerously appear to be the biggest local concern. There is about to be a campaign to raise awareness of safety on rural roads.

The Police remind us that if we see anything or anybody suspicious to contact them.

Also that thankfully crime figures in this area are low.

## REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR GRANT

The car park site on the Bannerfield (in Kirkmichael) is now useable in part, at users' own risk at present. The next phase is drawing up of plans for the final design, which will be subject to consultation.

Kirkmichael school's extra accommodation is shortly going to be ordered, and should be ready for installation around Christmas.

Craighall road realignment is due to start in spring 2007.

## DRUMDERG PUBLIC ENQUIRY

As in matters arising from last meeting.

Also members of the public expressed disappointment at Perth & Kinross Council's defence of the planning decision, and felt that locals had been left to defend it for them at the public enquiry.

## REPORT ON MEETING RE DEVELOPMENT LAND AT ENOCHDHU

A public meeting had been held at Enochdhu to discuss the possibilities regarding development in and around the settlement. Anyone wishing to find out more about the outcome should contact Esther Rogers-Nicoll of the Council Planning Department.

## AREA REPORTS

### GLENSHEE AREA

Through the Association of Cairngorm Community Councils (Mike Purdie is our representative) we have been sent documentation relating to the ongoing review of the National Park draft plan. The documents are available for the public to view in Kirkmichael Village Shop.

The Community Council had also received a request from John Swinney MSP for a representative to attend a follow-up public meeting to discuss the results of his Cairngorm National Park Boundary Review Consultation. Ian Rimmer agreed to attend.

The Glens website is hopefully to be resurrected.

Sheep on the road are a concern to road safety. Perhaps it would be reasonable to ask the Council to put up warning signs? A discussion followed on reminding landowners to keep fencing in order, noting that grants are available to hedge roadside fields.

### BRIDGE OF CALLY

It was suggested that the Council should be asked for a 30mph limit for the Bridge of Cally area, from north of the Drimmie junction to beyond Bridge of Cally Hotel.

Some fly tipping has been going on in field and forestry gate areas, and the Police are to be approached.

### KIRKMICHAEL

Grass cutting at the church graveyard has been done very badly recently and without much care. As some of the gravestones in the graveyard are very old, it was suggested that a conservation plan could be put in place, which should ensure that more care would be taken. The chute in the play park area has still not been repaired, although it is on the Council's list..

Benches, it was suggested that that siting one at the north end of the village may encourage anti social behaviour. Therefore it was suggested that one bench should be installed at the new car park when it is ready, and one at the Sillerburn cemetery.

### BLACKWATER

Nothing to report.

### AOCB

None

Next meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the Session House, Kirkmichael.