

MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING - May 23rd 2005

Minutes of the second meeting of the 29th Session of the Community Council held in the Session House, Kirkmichael.

PRESENT

Alison Johnstone - P&K Council, Bruce Reekie - P&K Council, Cllr. Liz Grant - P&K Council, P.C. Steve Brown, Andrew Duncan, Jean Lindsay, Doreen MacIntyre, Donald Michie, Ian Rimmer, Alan Stewart and 8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Peter Drysdale, Rev. Malcolm McRae

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Proposed by Alan Stewart, and seconded by Andrew Duncan

MATTERS ARISING

The Community Council's Constitution has been signed and is to be sent to Perth and Kinross Council for copying and filing.

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

Covered by everything discussed so far.

REPORT FROM SECRETARY / TREASURER

The Constitution has been revised and signed, once sent to Perth and Kinross Council we will be able to :

- File for this years administrative grant (the audited accounts to Nov 04 are in order and next years accounts will be from Mar. 05 - Mar. 06 inclusive)
- Make a return to Inland Revenue re : Corporation Tax.
- Change Bank Account signatories.

We are getting communications from Perth and Kinross Council in hand, but we haven't as yet received any planning or licensing notifications. The Council has indicated that they have only one establishment on file in the area for licensing - this will need to followed up.

We have received all correspondence from Peter Goldie, dating back to 1995. The secretary would like to propose that the Community Council only keep correspondence going back a maximum of two years.

There were some initial problems distributing the minutes but we now have addresses for all Community Council members, P&K Council, and the press. It is also planned that Community Council minutes will be put on the community web site along with contact details of members. After the boards have been fixed, the minutes will be displayed at Enochdhu, Kirkmichael, Bridge of Cally, Finegand and Blackwater Hall.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS

Petrina Menzies reported that Kirkmichael's board requires some work; Bridge of Cally's is to be made "open" - at the moment the Shop at Cally have to open the display panel. The board at Finegand needs quite a lot of work. Albert van der Veldt is looking into alternative methods of attaching notices up. The Session House now has a laminator for notices going onto the boards, at a charge of 50p / sheet. There should soon be a temporary notice board at Enochdhu by the post

box. The Session House is to have an additional board included alongside the new signage.

POLICE REPORT

Steve Brown mentioned the recent fatal road accident near the Spittal, but was unable to go into any detail as the accident is still under investigation. The previously stolen caravan had now been found. Anyone interested in Neighbourhood Watch should contact Steve Brown at Blairgowrie Police Station (there is now a new system which should be more effective).

A member of the public asked about bad driving by motorbikes on the A93 between Blairgowrie and Braemar. Mr Brown suggested a letter to Tayside Police HQ. The dangerous speed of timber lorries was also mentioned.

Ian Rimmer suggested a 30 mph limit through Bridge of Cally. Cllr. Grant to investigate this with Perth and Kinross Council. Textured road surfaces also suggested, as were flashing 30mph signs to slow traffic down.

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR GRANT

Broadband should be in local schools by 2005-spring 2006, it should be available to businesses by the end of 2005, dates will soon be posted on BT's website soon.

Roads update : planning has been submitted for Bailey bridge Bypass. Wildlife surveys are under way and work should begin in early 2006.

TALK BY PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL ON RECYCLING

Alison Johnstone and Bruce Reekie gave a very informative presentation on recycling and reducing waste. It was suggested that anyone interested attend a talk by Alison at the Session house on June 8th.

P&K Council are keen to engage with the community to discuss recycling facilities in the glens.

MICHAEL PURDY BROADBAND

Michael had a question about broadband but this had been partly answered by Cllr. Grant in her report. Due to BT's change in rollout procedure no one can now speed up their installation date by campaigning etc. Some concern was raised that although BT were committed to basic broadband at 512k (1 and 2 MB streams are available in some built up areas) this is basic broadband and would this limit us in the future.

AREA REPORTS

BRIDGE OF CALLY

Ian Rimmer reported that the Bridge parapet had been repaired.

Dykes from Bridge of Cally to Blairgowrie have been reported as being in a dangerous state and also overhanging branches are dangerous.

GLENSHEE

Jean Lindsay indicated that there was concern locally that lorry trailers were using both lay-bys at Finegand (generally one at a time but in a manner that stops anyone else using that lay-by). A letter, from W Mahoney (Roads Dept), was read out by Liz Grant. Jean is to be contacted by Mr Mahoney. Jean also suggested some road safety measures at the corner which was the site of recent fatal road accident, and that the potholes should be given some attention.

KIRKMICHAEL

Andrew Duncan reported having met Mr Ross from the Roads Dept. with a view to re-siting the 30mph limit on the south side of Kirkmichael to around the monument. This may happen if the building development by the monument goes ahead. Also the roads layout by the monument was given some consideration, ideally moving the monument would be the answer but this would be

too costly so the signage is to be improved.

Andrew asked if the telegraph pole by the village shop could be re-sited as twice recently traffic (wide loads) have not been able to get past it. Perth and Kinross Council were to look at shifting poles but they would have to pay for it.

A pavement is to be painted onto the bridge in Kirkmichael to make it safer for pedestrians.

Benches from the Eddie Melville Trust have still to be sited. Suggested sites included the Graveyard at Balnald, on the roadside at the Pitlochry end of the village, and the Monument.

Doreen MacIntyre noted that the recent grass cut at Kirkmichael Churchyard had been carried out by a sit-on machine, and clippings had been left lying. She also asked that attention be given to cutting the hedges at the Council houses Sillerburn, as they have not been dealt with for a considerable time. Cllr. Grant undertook to attend to this.

A.O.C.B.

A member of public brought to the Council's attention that the lay-bys on the A93 are generally not very inviting and could these be re-landscaped, as has been done in Deeside and elsewhere, to look better.

It was also suggested that the Community Council might meet prior to the next arranged date if a public enquiry for the proposed wind farm at Drumderg is announced.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the 29th Session of Mount Blair Community Council will be held in Kirkmichael Session House on Monday 12th September at 7.30 pm.