

# MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## PUBLIC MEETING

September 12<sup>th</sup> 2005

### DRAFT

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

### PRESENT

Peter Drysdale, Doreen MacIntyre, Donald Michie, Ian Rimmer, Alan Stewart and 8 members of the public.

### APOLOGIES

Andrew Duncan, Jean Lindsay, Liz Grant, S.Brown (Tayside Police)

### 1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Proposed by Doreen McIntyre

Seconded by Alan Stewart

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

All matters arising from last minutes are on this meeting's agenda.

### 3. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

As Chairman Ian Rimmer was invited to Kindrogan Field Centre to attend a meeting with the Forestry Commission relating to the replanning of Kindrogan Forest. Their concerns included deer control, Black grouse and to soften the edges of the forest. Doreen MacIntyre to write to the Commission voicing our concern that the meeting was not well advertised or attended by many local user groups.

The Chairman expressed interest in the proposed windfarm at Drumderg but this is to be discussed later.

Ian received a letter from Kinross Community Council with reference to community halls run by the local Council; but none of our local halls fall into this category.

### 4. REPORT FROM SECRETARY / TREASURER

The Secretary has received various mailings including :

Plans from the Council for the realignment of the road at Craighall and also the Eastern Area Local Plan. There will be a consultative meeting in Kirkmichael Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> September where the plans for Craighall will also be available.

The Administration grant for this year (for the Community Council) is with us; discussion ensued about whether we could support the local schools trip to the Panto. This is not looking likely as (pointed out by member of the public) the grant was for Admin purposes only.

It was suggested that we may need monies for training courses and for expenses.

### 5. POLICE REPORT

The trailers parking at the lay-by at Finegand should no longer be a problem as the haulier in question was visited by the Police regarding the matter.

Tayside Police have put together an action plan to target motorcyclists on the A93 and two other roads in Tayside in an attempt to reduce casualties and instances of dangerous or inappropriate driving.

### 6. REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR GRANT

Coming events

New Bypass/Draft of Eastern Area Plan.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of September in Kirkmichael Hall there will be a meeting to inform the community on the progress of the new road. On the same evening people will have the opportunity to view and discuss the draft Eastern Area Plan. Planning officers will be available to advise, answer questions and take comments.

Perthshire Housing Association's Housing Proposal for Kirkmichael.

P.H.A. will be making a planning application for 10 to 12 houses on their Kirkmichael site north of the school. These houses will be for sale or mixed tenure. There is a perceived need for housing in the area for young families and older people. The proposed plans will be available to view at Kirkmichael Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Planners from P.H.A. will be available to offer information and answer questions. P.H.A. will be happy to take names of interested individuals on the day. I would urge anyone interested to make your interest known.

Drumderg Windfarm

At the time of the report being written we were still awaiting a decision from the Scottish Executive's Reporter.

Other Issues

Dykes

Dykes and their care and maintenance are the responsibility of the landowners. Council road officers check them once a month and reports any defects to the landowners.

The Council has maintained the dykes between Craighall bridge and the Bailey bridge as part of an agreement for the land purchase for the new road but does not own any others. Roadside trees make dyke maintenance a problem.

Cemetery maintenance

Cemetery maintenance appears to be a problem Council wide and the whole issue is going through the process of review as a matter of urgency.

Lay-bys/Glenshee

I expect a decision on the use of lay bys by hauliers soon.

Car Park Kirkmichael

Legal process ongoing but hopefully to be resolved soon.

## 7. COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS

Kirkmichael Session House has upgraded the existing community notice boards and placed a new one at Enochdhu. The new design makes it easier for information to be put up for display. Laminating available at the Session House (50p per A4 sheet). The name "Mount Blair Community Council" on the boards is to be replaced with "Community Notice Board".

## 8. COMMUNITY WEB SITE

Went live at the beginning of July (version 1) contains a lot of information. There is a meeting in the Session House 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. to identify a way forward as present form is difficult to update.

## 9. RECYCLING FACILITIES

Paper, bottle and can recycling facilities were installed at Enochdhu in August. Other sites were discussed but none identified also other methods of collection discussed and to be investigated.

## 10. DRUMDERG WINDFARM

Scottish and Southern Energy appealed to the Scottish Executive on August 8<sup>th</sup>. We have to await a decision by the Reporter as to whether we will be granted a Public Enquiry or if objections will be by written submission only. If a Public Enquiry is granted then the Community Council will need to decide whether or not they are to be represented at it.

## 11. BROADBAND

At present the Bridge of Cally exchange has been enabled for broadband, however problems are being experienced north of the exchange as customers may be "too far" from it. It would seem that at present 5.5km from the exchange is about the limit for successful operation.

## 12. NHS 24

There was a discussion about NHS 24 and out of hours medical care. GPs are no longer called out out of hours. If you have a medical problem out with your doctor's opening hours you are expected to talk to NHS 24 for advice over the phone, though you can still call 999 for an ambulance.

## 13. AREA REPORTS

### 13.1 BRIDGE OF CALLY

Peter Drysdale asked if the bridge at Bridge of Cally and up both the Glenshee and Kirkmichael roads could be lit with street lighting. Mr Drysdale also asked who is responsible for the upkeep of the path from the BoC Post Office to the BoC hall.

### 13.2 GLENSHEE

Jean Lindsay pointed out that the potholes mentioned at the last meeting are still there. And that there has been nothing done about chevrons also mentioned at last meeting.

### 13.3 KIRKMICHAEL

Doreen MacIntyre asked about the upkeep of the graveyard (mentioned earlier) and the Melville Trust benches were discussed and it was agreed that they should be sited at the north end of Kirkmichael and at the War memorial.

### 13.4 BLACKLUNANS

Alan Stewart asked if he could write to the owners of the ski hire at Blackwater and ask if the hire signs could be removed out of season.

## 14. AOCB

A member of the public asked who was responsible for cutting the hedge at the school in Kirkmichael as it was posing a danger to children. It was generally agreed that the Council should cut the hedge but in the interest of childrens' safety an offer was made to cut the hedge as soon as possible. However member of the public felt that the Council should be contacted to undertake the works.

It was also agreed that the minutes of Community Council meetings should be posted on notice boards within 2 weeks of a meeting, also hoped to have them on the website and in the Blairie.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the 29th session of Mount Blair Community Council will be held in Kirkmichael Session House on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm.