

## **MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **PUBLIC MEETING 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

#### **DRAFT**

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> session of Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House, Kirkmichael.

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr E Grant, D MacIntyre, Community Policeman.

#### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Proposed by P Drysdale and seconded by M Purdie

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

None.

#### **REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN**

Chairman has spoken to P&K Council re streetlights in Bridge of Cally and reports that it will not be possible to light the road from the bridge to the caravan park, however lights will be installed along the route to the Hall (from the bridge). The Chairman has a list of problems concerning road signage and surfacing which he will discuss with P&K Council.

#### **REPORT FROM TREASURER**

There is no prospect that the administrative grant for 2006 / 07 will remain at £300. The recent review of CCs means that there may in future be a change to include geographical spread as a valid qualification for the supplementary grant (which currently stands at £106 p.a.)

It is permissible to raise funds, and other Community Councils do this. It is also possible to go to the Council Grants Direct department if we identify a particular project we wish to obtain funding for.

In the light of discussion with P&K Council, we should revisit the question of the attendance, admin and minutes allowances.

#### **REPORT FROM SECRETARY**

Following on from the meeting about Kindrogan, work has gone on identifying a number of walks / cycle rides in and around the forest, discussions with some forest users. A number of options for routes, signage, display boards etc. were recently discussed with Charlie Taylor, the local Forestry Commission Forest District Manager.

Work has started on the Core Path Planning for the Strathardle and Glenshee area. A landowners' meeting, where Core Path Planning is discussed, will be held in the Kirkmichael Village Hall on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. At the Strathardle Gathering, Perth and Kinross Council Countryside Rangers / Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust were gathering information about the paths which people currently use, and paths which they would like to use. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved in the Core Path Planning for the area should contact Doreen MacIntyre (881336, [D.Macintyre@btinternet.com](mailto:D.Macintyre@btinternet.com)).

We have received £60.75 from Mary van der Veldt at Kirkmichael Village Shop which is the total of the collections for the Christmas lights over the last couple of years. Although collected to pay for the electricity used for the lights, Mary is happy for the money to be used to pay for new lights.

We have received an invitation to join the Association of Community Councils.

## **POLICE REPORT**

No one from Police present.

## **REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR GRANT**

During the council recess Cllr Grant toured the Glens with the Executive Director of Planning / Transportation and Environmental Services. This is her report: she intends to update in November.

**Bridge of Cally:** Concerned about the speed of traffic from southerly direction. Also no footpath on narrow bridge. Concern also as increasing volume of traffic (and when Craighall Bypass completed) increase in speed. I raised concern over the lack of footpath and lighting from the Post Office to Corriefodly Hotel. Lighting from the Hall to the Bridge will be done this year and there will be some additional lighting near Strone of Cally School. I have had the road up to Strone of Cally School included in the winter maintenance programme. I know this is a private road but it needs to be safe for people accessing the School.

**Lay Bys** Discussed concerns regarding the state of lay bys on the A93 and their potential impact on economic regeneration of the area.

**Kirkmichael** Visited Kirkyard and showed Director maintenance team's work. As a result of visit a planning application will be coming forward shortly for the car park at Bannerfield. This application will probably pass through under delegated powers and the work can begin! Lack of footpath and lighting from Strathardle Inn to village brought to Directors attention, as was the request that the 30mph limit sign be moved to include the Strathardle Inn.

**Ballintuim** I reminded the Director that we have been waiting three years for the speed calming measures to be implemented on both the north and south sides of the village.

**Craighall by pass** Legal services are confident that the land acquisition will be concluded by Christmas and that the works will start in April. The delay plus further engineering works for the new road has added another three quarters of a million pounds to the cost.

## **AREA REPORTS**

### **GLENSHEE AREA**

Sheep on roads. M Purdie spoke to Cllr Grant to discuss options for signage. Awaiting reply.

As representative for Mount Blair Community Council on Association of Cairngorm Community Councils, M Purdie passed on items affecting this area to other councillors. An item from the 15<sup>th</sup> June meeting was the "Heather Hopper" bus service. Everyone agreed that this is a very useful service but asked if it could possibly include Blairgowrie.

### **BLACKLUNANS**

A Stewart asked if P&K Council would paint direction arrows on the A93 to try to keep foreign tourists on the correct side of the road in the light of a recent road traffic collision involving a foreign tourist on the wrong side of the road.

### **KIRKMICHAEL**

**Graveyard** P&K representative managing the grass cutting work came up to Kirkmichael to discuss our concerns about the quality of work in the church graveyard. He took on board a number of the concerns but pointed out that grass collection and disposal is not included in the cutters' brief. The following week he came up with the cutters, who used a much more appropriate machine, resulting in a much better quality of cut. We need to keep a watching brief to ensure quality is maintained.

**Playpark** The steps up to the chute have been replaced, which is rather a surprise, because what we had asked for was a replacement to the missing handrails which present a hazard to younger children.

**Signs at bridges** Tyre marks on the road would indicate that there seems to recently have been a spate of “near misses” at the bridges at Enochdhu and at the Glenferstate road-end. The main problem is that the bridges are both narrow and there is no clear line of sight to see oncoming traffic before you meet it half-way across the bridge. Perhaps additional signs / road markings could be put in place?

**Kirkmichael in Bloom** Congratulations to all who were involved in this – a great reward for all their hard work, and it really cheers the village up!

#### **DRIMMIE**

P Drysdale asked P&K Council could make safer the junction at the crossroads at the Rattray end of the Drimmie road at Bonnington road, as this is a particularly dangerous junction approaching from Drimmie, as traffic going north out of Rattray tends to be going too fast.

#### **ENOCHDHU**

Is there enough mains water to supply where the mains goes to i.e. Straloch. Community Council to ask Cllr Grant to contact Scottish Water.

#### **BRIDGE OF CALLY**

The telecommunications mast by Bridge of Cally School is felt to be too near the School, and I Rimmer is to speak to John Swinney to see if it would be possible to move it.

#### **AOCB**

**Recycling in Blairgowrie** A member of public informed the council that P&K Council’s web site says that Blairgowrie recycling centre will take old electronic goods for recycling (i.e. computer parts circuit boards etc) But that he has had problems getting it accepted as recyclable goods rather than rubbish.

It was suggested that the container for these might have been full. It was also suggested by a member of the public that the facility is too narrow. And are Tesco to house some recycling?

The Community Council received a letter from Dalgleish Associates giving us notice of applying for planning permission to reopen the quarry at Wester Bleaton to remove stone. Ian Rimmer is to invite them to speak to the Community Council regarding this. **Note: A public meeting has now been organised which will be held for Dalgleish Associates and Geddes Contractors to present their proposals. This meeting will be held at Blackwater Hall on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm. All welcome.**

Next meeting at 7:30pm on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at the Session House, Kirkmichael.