

MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

February 20th 2006

DRAFT

Minutes of the first meeting of the 30th session of Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House Kirkmichael.

PRESENT

As AGM above but M Purdie now in place of Jean Lindsay.

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Proposed by A Stewart

Seconded by I Rimmer

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising from last minutes.

REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

Covered by AGM

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Doreen felt that Kindrogan could play a bigger part in the community. After some discussion it was felt that we should be encouraging tourism in the area, and to that end try to get more facilities into Kindrogan for tourists to enjoy.

ACROSS THE GLENS

Costs roughly £80 per edition to produce. The Community Council have always had our minutes published in it would we therefore consider contributing to its costs. It was felt that this would be appropriate but that Doreen would work out a budget for the coming year to make sure this was possible.

REPORT FROM TAYSIDE POLICE

Steve Brown reported that Graham Jack has left the area and that his post has been taken over by Mark Stewart. Crime in this area is very low but members of the community should be wary of bogus workmen and callers. These people prey on the elderly and people on their own. If anyone sees anything suspicious note numbers of strange vehicles and keep descriptions of strange characters and phone the police.

COUNCILLER GRANT'S REPORT

The site on the Bannerfield has been purchased for a car park.

Extra accommodation for Kirkmichael School to appear in the summer.

The affordable housing development proposed for Kirkmichael has been approved.

Lights at Bridge of Cally (between Post Office and The Corriefodly Hotel) have been investigated but looks like it will be too difficult and expensive to install. The Council will however maintain the path from the Hall to the Post Office (Bridge of Cally) but not the fence.

All local primary schools (except Straloch PS) have Broadband. Straloch should have by April.

DRUMDERG

The Chairman intends to speak at the Enquiry against the proposed windfarm development. Andrew Duncan pointed out that if it goes ahead the Community Council would do all they could to help anyone directly affected.

P & K Council have agreed to display documents in the Library in Blairgowrie.

Enquiry to start on the 20th March and will be held at the Bridge of Cally Village Hall.

BROADBAND

This has not been completely successful. Are our exchanges up to taking the demands of 100% broadband? Advice is to keep at BT if you are interested and having problems.

AREA REPORTS

STRALOCH

Donald Michie reports that the mains water is now up to Straloch.

KIRKMICHAEL

Andrew Duncan asked about the Car Park and streetlights from Strathardle Inn to the Village.

New accommodation for the school prompted a discussion on the subject.

After enquiring about the new housing. Cllr. Grant said applications for the houses had all come from local people, and there were also local people on the waiting list.

D MacIntyre asked if the play park could be repaired and was assured that it was on the list.

BLACKWATER

Alan Stewart reported that he had spoken to the Council roads department and asked if a section of the Glenisla road could have a barrier added and if a flood sign could be left at the old Blackwater School.

GLENSHEE

Jean Lindsay was delighted to report that there have been chevrons fitted on the corner where the motorbike accident happened last year.

AOCB

Melville trust benches. The siting of these is now in hand; they will be part of a feature at the north and south end of the village.

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

29th May 2006 7.30pm 11th Sept 2006 7.30 pm 27th Nov 2006 7.30pm

19th Feb 2007 7.30pm (also AGM)