

MOUNT BLAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

Draft Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the 32nd Session of
Mount Blair Community Council held in the Session House,
Kirkmichael on May 12th. 2008.

Present

F. Calvin, A. Duncan, D. MacIntyre (Chair), D. Michie, P. Moston, M. Purdie, S. Scott, Cllr B Ellis, Cllr. E Grant, Cllr C. Shiers and 1 member of the public

Apologies

None

1. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed by A. Duncan and seconded by P. Mostyn.

2. Matters arising from the last minutes

- Cllr. Ellis reported that the Council is still considering the 20mph speed limit through all hamlets.
- Cllr. Grant reported that in order to institute a pedestrian pathway and street lighting between Kirkmichael and the Strathardle Arms, land would required to be purchased, with significant financial implications, and this is unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future.

3. Report from the Chair

- The Scottish Government is to undertake a Consultation regarding the future of the Community Councils.
- Proposed changes to the no.71 bus service on a Saturday were noted.

4. Report from the Treasure

- As of the 12th May, the current balance for the community council fund is £614.11.
- An additional account is to be opened to administer the Drumderg micro-funds.

5. Report from Councillor Grant

- The problem of car parking at Sillerburn was raised and is proving difficult to resolve.
- Kirkmichael car park - detailed plans are currently being drawn up, with an anticipated completion date of September 2008.
- Craighall by-pass to be completed by end of summer 2008.
- A93 lay-bys. Some concern was expressed regarding information that these may be delayed, however it was confirmed that the work should be performed imminently.
- Scottish and Southern energy are to move the pole outside Kirkmichael shop.

6. Report from Councillor Ellis

- Craighall Gorge- when the new road opens vehicular access will be restricted, canoeist access will be maintained. A discussion ensued regarding the provision of dedicated car parking for visitors.

7. Report from Councillor Shiers

- Meetings are being arranged with interested parties to identify how staff working at a number of centres up the glen may be transported to and from work.
- Tree screening of the wind farm from the A93 had been suggested, but generally was not supported by the Community Council, and it was recognised that this would ultimately become the land owners responsibility.

8. Report from ACCC.

- Mike Purdie provided a brief update.

9. Membership of Convention of Perth and Kinross Councils

- No support was forthcoming to send any member.

10. Cateran Trail Update.

- The trail is to be extensively marketed, and feedback so far has been extremely positive. Issues regarding restricted access for hoses and mountain bikers are to be addressed.
- The Council Policy is to develop Comfort Schemes to ensure public availability of toilet facilities.

11. Area reports

Bridge of Cally

- Speed of traffic on the A93 was discussed. Cllr. Grant to speak to the traffic police.
- Refuse bin at Drimmie Wood needs to be regularly emptied.

Kirkmichael.

- There had been some question as to whether existing public refuse bins were required in Kirkmichael, and this was confirmed.

AOCB

- Strategic review of the National Parks Boundaries is to be completed by September 2008. This will then go out for Consultation, affecting the Highland area of Perth and Kinross.
- Draft Core Paths plan for the Cairngorms is out for consultation
- A suggestion has been made the Kirkmichael school children might name the roads in the new development. It was thought appropriate that they could perhaps choose the names from a suggested list.

Next meeting

Will be held on 8th September 2008 at 7:30pm in the Session House, Kirkmichael. All welcome.

Future meetings

8th. September 2008

24th. November 2008

23rd. February 2009