

# Portmoak Community Council

## April Meeting

Tuesday 14 Apr 2026, 1930 – 2100hrs, Online Meeting

### Minutes

- 1. Attendance:** WCllrs NFreshwater, WRobertson; Cllrs AMiller (Chair), SMcGregor (Secretary), LHatch; KDonaldson; JHornal; and 3 members of the public.  
**Apologies:** WCllrs RWatters; Cllrs ADavidson (Treasurer), AClark, and GMarshall.
- 2. Comments and Approval of previous Minutes from PCC March meeting on 10/03/25**  
Proposed: KDonaldson                      Seconded: LHatch  
Final draft minutes from March approved

**3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:**

**Item 1: Kinross-shire Committee and other Committee updates:** no update

**Item 2: Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan:** no update

**Item 3: Portmoak Travel Plan:** JHornal discussed 2 areas related to local paths. JHornal and AClark had met with NMainprize and walked both connecting paths from Moss to Grahamstone to discuss the usage and future potential for these paths. NMainprize had been very helpful and knowledgeable. One of the paths (path code PTMK/7: B920 at Scotlandwell via Portmoak Moss to Grahamstone Farm track) is a core path, while the other along the side of a field drain and a fence towards the direction of Loch Leven is not a Core Path. Both paths are used by the farmer for access to fields. Discussions were very preliminary and no approach had been made yet to the landowner. The key issues are: 1. farm access from both paths to the fields, for PTMK/7 the terrain would be subject to use by tractors and other agricultural vehicles so any surface would have to accommodate this. 2. Connections to other paths, in as much as there is no point in upgrading one path if the connection is to another path that is of a lower surface specification. Next stage is NMainprize will arrange a meeting with C Martin, Recreation Ranger with PKC. While walking the paths AClark and JHornal had done an ad hoc survey with by-passers as to their usage of the paths and may elaborate a survey to a wider audience. Funding options are yet to be discussed and are dependant on surface and the path use. Funding is available but no certain. There was agreement from WCllrs, Cllrs and members of the public at the CC meeting that endorsed engaging with landowners at the earliest opportunity.

AClark had viewed other path areas in Kinnesswood and when CMartin Recreation Ranger attends they will also discuss next stages at that meeting. Residents had flagged the Core Path from Cobbles to the play park as being in need of stabilisation and improvement. Another resident had flagged path improvement from the Back Dykes to the Cobbles which is in the Conservation Area. The Secretary expressed opinion that the grassy paths in the Kinnesswood Conservation Area should perhaps remain grassy as they were part of the landscape that had been there for decades. While residents completed repairs to grassy paths where they passed through their properties, some were less keen to have gravelly paths created. Other CC members had also agreed with this view. The Secretary was keen that in the event that a proposal was made to upgrade the grassy cut through paths that this was presented as a minuted item on the PCC agenda to allow all local residents to contribute to any proposal on upgrading conservation area paths with due consultation with PKC as to the best options and funding available. The Chair agreed that engagement was important but equally important was residents engaging with the CC when such opportunities arose to give opinion. WCllrs WRobertson and NFreshwater commented that the matting could help stabilise grassy paths within a Conservation Area and this had been successful within Cleish on similar paths and at Scotlandwell play park.

**Item 4: Road Safety Action:** There were a few items to cover. Potential upgrade of B9097 (Vane Farm South Loch Road), from a B to an A-Class road. Chair had not had a chance to discuss this further.

On a separate item, the Chair had contacted the roads dept. as the contractor was nearing completion of the Upgrade works that last time the resurfacing was done similar patches became damaged very quickly. The Chair thought that already small patches were starting to become damaged already. The Chair had concerns that the road surface quality was not sufficient to be lasting and money was being wasted.

Planned road works on the B9097 from 26/05/26 – 30/05/26 with speed restrictions over approx. 2.5km which may affect journey times.

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Traffic island in Scotlandwell: there had been comments on Social Media about the change to the side of the traffic island on the Lesley Road. PKC had consulted and assessed the efficacy of repositioning the island in slowing the traffic. The sight lines and distances had been checked by PKC. No access points were compromised for residents. The intention was to slow the traffic and if cars approaching the traffic calming slowed down as intended there was not an issue. The Chair invited comment. A member of the public agreed that the sightlines were good, and thought the more pressing issue was the blind spot beside the pub. Other members of the CC thought parked cars around the traffic calming may add issues to travelling past the traffic calming island.

Speedwatch: MOCC are actively re-engaging with the project. Portmoak had had an excellent original initial response to the Speedwatch. PCC thought we would need to refresh and restart the process for registration, vetting and training. It was hoped that residents would support and re-engage despite the long interval. There had been 2 residents who had previously expressed interest in taking on more administrative roles. NFreshwater commented that he felt there was a requirement for a Kinross-shire wide leader to centralise the Speedwatch effort. Local efforts needed to ramp up and suitable sites also need to be identified. The Chair thought a Speedwatch effort would still be supported locally within Portmoak.

Chair had been contacted by the parent of the child who had been injured in a road traffic accident in 2025 in Scotlandwell, requesting having roadside-to-roadside tables installed to slow traffic travelling through Scotlandwell. This had been discussed at KC 2 meetings previously but nothing had happened. PKC Roads had made assurances but there was no update. WRobertson believed there was a road engineer working on the project proposals for the Southern entrance to Scotlandwell. WRobertson promised to chase this up and provide an update. Chair also highlighted the need for similar speed mitigation measures across Portmoak. WRobertson thought that the PKC Roads team were stretched to capacity and that progress to make changes was very slow.

**Item 5: Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path:** no update on new path. JHornal asked if the existing pavement could be improved with resurfacing. WRobertson answered that the pavement out to Kinneston was flagged to be improved and he would ask for the Scotlandwell to Kilmagadwood pavement to be upgraded at the same time.

**Item 6: Portmoak Church – future for the church and car park:** no further update on the March meeting minutes.

**Item 7: Adoption of road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell:** adoption had still not gone through. As far as the PCC understood all work had been completed and adoption was imminent. Possibility for replanting of SUDS pond with suitable plants will be discussed with residents once adoption is complete.

**Item 8: Portmoak Moss – Peatland Restoration project:** no update

#### 4. New Matters arising:

**Flooding update:** LHatch had spoken to landowner and neighbours and no one seemed to remember a drainage ditch. One person recalled drainage pipes at the top of the field and it was possible that the pipes were blocked or removed. Further discussions with locals. LHatch to continue to investigate. Chair pointed out that landowners weren't usually required legally to maintain drainage solutions on their land. Each landowner needs to find mitigation issues for their property.

#### 5. Reports:

**a. Police Reports:** Portmoak update. Since 10th March 2026 (last report) there have been approximately 7 calls to Police from the Portmoak area and 1 crime recorded on Police systems. Crimes of note (since last report 10/03/2026) Fraud – a victim had been messaged on social media by a fraudster pretending to be a psychic and fraudulently obtain money, this crime was under live investigation. Commander's Bulletin circulated for beg. April '26. Secretary to circulate report. Appeal for witnesses and dashcam footage for a Road Traffic Accident on 11/04/26 in the afternoon around Greenhead of Arnot

**b. Planning**

(1) New Planning Applications:

PKC Ref#	Address & details	Closing Date for Public Comment
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<b>26/00298/FLL</b>	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse  The Cottage Main Street Kinrosswood Kinross KY13 9HN	Fri 24 Apr 2026 Within Conservation Area. No comment
<b>26/00313/LBC</b>	Alterations to roof  Poets House The Cobbles Kinrosswood Kinross KY13 9HL	Fri 24 Apr 2026 No Comment

**(2) PKC Call for Sites – Local Development Plan (LDP3) – update:** no update at present, still going through consultation. Chair cited represented sufficient objection to plot near H54 with regard to peat. The Secretary made representation for Wester Balgedie residents based on the fact that within existing LDP2 much of Wester Balgedie settlement is a Conservation Area, containing the final ‘ferm toun’ of Kinrossshire which is largely intact and undeveloped. A tight settlement boundary has been drawn to limit any significant future growth and on that Historic basis nothing had changed, so the Wester Balgedie Boundaries should remain the same and all sites proposed for development rejected. MStrangsteel commented on the possibility to facilitate 2 objectives with proposing that both the Scotlandwell to Church path and the Extension to the graveyard, could be achieved if the field below the Church of Scotlandwell was zoned for development, and that PCC should be prepared to support this. WRobertson commented that PCC had made very clear as to the need for the path and cemetery extension and that the WCllrs were aware land for these purposes needed to be allocated if the area was zoned for development.

**(3) Westfield Site Update**

**(a) Westfield Community Liaison Committee:** no update. Next meeting 20/05/26

**(4) Sustainability Group:** The Secretary provided an update from the meeting minutes. It was uncertain as to what basis Portmoak could be included in this Community Benefit discussion as Portmoak had not been considered by Galileo to be in the radius of consultation in the first phases. There was a suggestion from the Sustainability Group that Development Trusts were the best vehicle for managing any funds dispersed to Communities, not CCs. The secretary had been involved in discussions with the Sustainability Group but was not a member of KDT, and did not live in the postcode catchment area for the KDT. So the question was whether to commence conversations about handing over the involvement to KDT, in the event that Portmoak was potentially not included in the Community Benefit guidelines. The Secretary had raised these concerns to The Sustainability Group but had not had a response. The Chair thought that KDT may expand postcode boundaries to include wider communities. Clarification was required. NFreshwater agreed that the governance had to be strategic and that one of the most compelling arguments against the wind farms came from the gliding club in Portmoak and as such it was worth staying in the group for information and clarification.

**6. Paths Group update:** JHornal was building a relationship with the Paths Group. The Group had done a recent walk of all the paths to assess priorities. Clearing Gorse in Stephens’ Field. Clearing the path past the water tank access to Bishop Hill, and the path up the hill past the Fairy Steps. And laying aggregate or stepping stones across a boggy area at bottom of Stephens’ Field.

**7. Treasurer CC Accounts:**

Michael Bruce Way - £1434.36

Portmoak Community Council - £300.4

The two hall hires (AGM last year and in person meeting this year) have been paid. There are no outstanding invoices other than recent Zoom licences

**8. Ward Councillors’ Reports:** NFreshwater asked for any views on the Spa and cabins in Milnathort withing MOCC area.

**9. AOB:** The Chair requested Secretary to circulate PKC World Cup Funding Opportunities and details of “Meet the Funder Event” at the County Buildings at Perth

Chair to discuss Funding for Place Plan for Portmoak

**10. PCC May Meeting: to be held on 12/05/26, 1930 – 2100hrs, location TBC**