

## Milnathort Community Council

Minute of the Milnathort Community Council (MCC) Meeting held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015, in Orwell Parish Church Hall

1. **Welcome:** CClr Thomson chaired the meeting; she welcomed CClrs Cottingham, Halford and Smith. Also in attendance were Perth & Kinross Council (PKC) Clrs Barnacle, Giacomazzi and Robertson, and 3 members of the public.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from CClrs Hamilton, Milne-Home, Pettinger and Bennet, from PKC Clr Cuthbert and from the Police.
3. **Police matters:** CClr Cottingham read extracts from the Police report; he stated that, although there had been little crime reported locally, the Police were investigating reports of three youths climbing onto the roof of the Primary School. Both Police Scotland and PKC Community Wardens would be patrolling the area more frequently. Clr Robertson advised that the PKC Wardens had no powers of arrest, but they had been deployed successfully by PKC in areas such as Perth, Blairgowrie and Kinross. The Police report also reminded Parents of their responsibility for the behaviour of their children when out of the family home.

CClr Cottingham also advised that Police Scotland were conducting an ongoing investigation into a robbery at Balado on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Police Scotland warned residents to take measures to counter seasonal crime such as protecting the countryside, dealing with bogus callers seeking work and securing outer doors, particularly in remote areas.

4. **Minutes of last meeting:** Clr Barnacle asked that his comments reported in paragraph 10 be amended to read ‘ Most sites as before and no new sites were **likely to be used** in Milnathort’. Subject to this amendment, the Community Council approved the minutes of the meeting on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015. CClr Halford proposed approval and CClr Cottingham seconded the motion.
5. **Matters arising:**
  - **Milnathort Festival:** CClr Thomson advised that prizes of £20 had been awarded to the four businesses reported in the previous Minutes. CClr Smith congratulated CClr Thomson and the Committee on organising such a successful Festival weekend.
  - **Mawcarse cycleway:** Clr Giacomazzi advised that the paths had been strimmed.
  - **Boundary Changes:** Clr Robertson advised that the process was ongoing.
  - **Burleigh Road paths:** Clr Robertson noted that the state of the paths in the vicinity of Burleigh Castle had improved.
6. **Planning applications:** The following planning applications in Milnathort were discussed, but no objections were raised:
  - 15/01002/FLL:** Erection of two dwellinghouses at the Manse, 3 Perth Road, KY13 9XU for Mr Fraser Black
  - 15/01008/AML:** Erection of dwellinghouse (matters specified by conditions – 14/01467/IPL), land 40 metres south west of Sallyvonteen
  - 15/00949/SCRN:** Erection of a solar farm, land north west of Tillyrie Hill

**7. Planning applications determined: The MCC noted that the following application had been approved:**

**14/01499/FLL:** Change of use and alterations to steadings to form two dwellinghouses, erection of a dwellinghouse and detached garages, land 30 metres south east of Blairhead Farmhouse

Clr Giacopazzi updated the MCC on the proposed development of the former garage in Wester Loan, noting that PKC Planning Department had recommended approval of the proposal for five flats, despite objections from local Clrs, including the listed building context, inadequate parking provision and concerns about flooding. PKC would be again considering the proposal on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Following a protracted discussion, during which several people raised strong reservations about the application, the MCC agreed to write to PKC again raising concerns about the proposal, but stating that the application, previously approved by PKC, to build two houses on the site was the preferred option.

**8. New Matters and Correspondence:** No new matters were reported.

**9. Comments/Questions from the floor:** The following issues were raised:

- A member of the public raised again the issue of a large pothole in Wester Loan.
- CClr Smith advised that the well-overgrown weeds reported in Donaldson Park had not been removed (PKC had agreed to cut them away twice yearly) – Clr Robertson agreed to investigate.
- CClr Smith also raised an issue reported to him by a member of the Fire and Rescue Service about restricted access in Old Perth Road due to overhanging trees.
- Clr Giacopazzi advised that it was the Reporter who set the conditions for the approval of the Travellers/Gypsy site at Mawcarse. PKC Clrs voiced their concerns about the apparent lack of concern by Planners for the amenities of the settled community, when considering applications for travellers' sites.

**10. P&K Councillors' Comments:**

- Clr Robertson advised that he had met with PKC Roads department to voice the concerns of local businesses in Kinross during the roadworks in the High Street. The PKC officer in charge of the development in Kinross reported that, although there had been some delays caused by unexpected discoveries, such as a tunnel leading under the road from Fife Computers to Parliament Square, the works programme was on schedule to complete by mid September. He advised that **Kinross Businesses in the High Street were open as normal**. Businesses would be given a weekly update of progress in future.
- Clr Robertson informed the meeting about a previous Kinross Strategy document, dating from about 1995, developed by KCC, which put forward preferred options for local developments. He suggested that a similar document might be developed jointly by MCC and KCC to better inform PKC and others of CCs' preferred options. CClr Cottingham agreed to write to KCC seeking their views.
- Clr Robertson also advised that he had written again to the owners of the former Red Lion Hotel asking for the general appearance of the Betting Shop be improved to match improvement in that area.
- Finally, Clr Robertson advised that, following objections by SEPA due to potential flooding, the Forth Wines' site had been removed from development plans.

- Clr Giacopazzi advised that Burleigh Road would be closed for one week from 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015 for resurfacing work.
  - Clr Giacopazzi provided an update about Scottish Water's flood relief programme in Milnathort, following his discussion with their representative. It was likely that works would begin on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015, with road closures in South Street for three weeks in September, then New Road for three weeks in October. Four-way traffic lights would be in operation in the area of the Cross. Following a discussion, during which the Chair suggested that implementation of the one-way system in Victoria Avenue would help to alleviate further traffic congestion, Clr Giacopazzi advised that Scottish Water intended to hold a public meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to discuss local concerns.
  - Clr Barnacle updated the meeting on potential areas for development on land in the Kinross Estate and on issues relating to future consideration of the Local Development Plan (LDP). He advised that, together with Clr Cuthbert, he would be working up a presentation to PKC on local concerns; a consultation document was due from PKC in early October 2015. He also advised that a further report on proposals to designate a Conservation Area within Milnathort was awaited by PKC.
- 11. AOCB** – There will be an election to be held in November to elect new members for the Community Council. This is an opportunity for residents of Orwell parish to be able to join the council and play a part in local decisions. If anybody is interested in having their name put forward contact any current CCllr or come to the next meeting.
- 12. DONM: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015 in Orwell Church Hall, commencing at 7.00 pm. Note the early start which will allow PKC Clrs to present about the Local Development Plan before the normal business.**