

Comrie Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 2009 in the Comrie Community Centre

Chair: Gordon McCartney

Present: Tim Lucas, Andrew Gairns, Bruce Gairns, Sandy Gray,
David Robertson, Judy McDowall, Willie Nicol, Fiona Connolly

Councillors: Anne Younger.

Strathearn Herald. Lynn Duke

Police: Sergeant David Pettigrew.

1.Apologies Ann Cowan, Helen McDonald, Jennifer Perks,

2. Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting held on the 11th December 2008 were adopted and signed by the chair.

Apologies were received from Anne Younger for the CCC meeting on the 11th Dec 2008 but unfortunately this was not recorded in the minutes and the CCC apologised to CC Younger for this omission.

3: Matters Arising

3.1 Police Matters.

Sergeant Pettigrew gave an updated report on events that took place during December

There is still a problem with local youths/young adults acting in an anti social manner after pub closing time, particularly during the early hours of Sunday morning. Police have had a significant presence in the village at these times. Two fixed penalties were served for anti social behaviour.

Police patrols in line with the Festive Safety Campaign that ended Monday 5th January 2009 had been successful. 42 drivers had been caught drink driving, 37 were males and 5 were females and half the number was under 25 years of age. The other half were aged between 26-55 years.

Counterfeit £20 notes had been located in Crieff.

From a police point of view the Flambeaux Parade had been successful. The police presence had been doubled from previous years The clean up of the square and streets the next day had been excellent. It was suggested that event bins for cans and glass bottles be placed around the area for next year. No major injuries were reported.

Regarding the damage done to the Public Toilets and bus shelter to date no one has been detected for this damage.

The police presence in the village will continue throughout the winter months.

3.2 River Ruchill.

CC Lucas reported that after last month's meeting regarding the bank erosion and numerous fallen trees in the River Ruchill he has been in contact with Susan Veitch of P&K and he has arranged a meeting for the 16th January 2009. It is intended that there will be an inspection of the worst areas of the river and a request will be made for P&K to address the problems as a Matter of urgency.

3.3 Twinning.

Student Exchange.

Mr George Lees attended last month's meeting regarding the student exchange with Carleton Place but to date had not got back to the CCC with any further information. CC Lucas said that he has since received a letter from Mr Ron Goebel saying that Carleton Place has decided to go ahead with a student exchange programme to Comrie in 2009. He said four students along with 2 chaperons (and spouses) would arrive in Glasgow in August 2009 once the school term here has begun. He said that the party would require transportation from the airport, plus accommodation, sightseeing tours and entertainment during their stay here. He went onto say that it is normally the responsibility of the host families to entertain the students when they are not attending school. The students, who will be in the 15-17 years old age group, would stay in Comrie for 10 days. Once the host families and dates have been confirmed Mr Goebel will confirm an itinerary for the students and their chaperons.

CC Lucas suggested that to get the student exchange programme up and running from Comrie it maybe appropriate to invite Ms Christine Ross from Crieff High School to the attend next meeting.

3.4 Housing Planning.

No issues to report this month.

35 CDT.

CC Robertson said that there was nothing to report from the CDT this month, but the newsletter had now been distributed to all households with in the village.

4 Treasurers Report.

Main account	£4,298.96
Public Toilets	£ 983.04
Hayride	£ 983.16
Legion Park	£ 782.82

5 Secretary's report:

CC Lucas said that he had received a letter regarding the Garden Party that will take place at Holyroodhouse sometime in June/July 2009. He has been asked to forward by the 4th Feb 2009 the names of four local people who may be interested in going. CC Lucas will contact people as suggested by the CCC who may wish to attend this year's event.

CC Lucas read out a letter of thanks he had received from the Reverend Graham McWilliams regarding the Christmas trees that the CCC had donated to the church.

6 Councillors Report

CC Gray reported that the work at the Legion Park has now started. He requested that a Litter Bin be sited at the start of the Circular Walk above Carmichael's yard. He also said that there is still a large amount of cut wood in the car park area at the start of this walk.

CC McDowall raised concerns regarding the cleaning of the streets within the village. She said that where there were raised kerbs the pavements were not being cleaned. She also reported that the gully above Carmichaels was blocked and required cleaning.

CC Connolly said that the flyers for the school centenary would be circulated in the village this coming week and asked if any of the CCC members would be willing to help her with this project. She also reported that the road nameplates for the Field of Refuge had been spray painted and needed cleaning.

CC Robertson said that on behalf of the CCC he would like to congratulate the Flambeaux committee for organising the New Year festivities. He said the firework display that took place earlier in the evening was very good, as was the firework display at midnight.

CC Lucas said that the Flambeaux committee should also be thanked for the impressive clear up of the Square the following morning.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The next meeting will be held on the **12th February 2009 at 7.30pm in the Comrie Community Centre.**