

# Comrie Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 June 2008 in the Comrie Community Centre at 7.30pm.

**Chair:** David Robertson

**Present:** Fiona Connolly, Jennifer Perks,  
Tim Lucas, Willie Nicol, Sandy Gray

**Councillors:** Helen McDonald

**Police:** PO Paul Taylor, PO George Black.

**Public** Neill Aitken and 2 members of the public

**1.Apologies** Judy McDowell, Bruce Gairns, Gordon McCartney  
Andrew Gairns

### **2. Minutes:**

**6 Councillors reports.** An error was made in the naming of Bennybeg Blacksmiths as they were not the company involve in this issue. CCC would like to apologise to them for this mistake and are sorry for any embarrassment that this may have caused them. The minutes were then signed and adopted by the chair.

### **3: Matters Arising**

#### **3.1 Police Matters.**

PO Taylor and PO Black reported that Comrie now appears to be more or less crime free at the moment and that they had nothing of any relevance to report.

They went on to say that some windows had been smashed at Cumbruith. Fake £20 notes had been circulating in the village during the month but someone had been apprehended for this.

The police officers pointed out that the youths in the village had been very quiet and were staying out of the way of the police.

CC Lucas said that the parking in Drummond Street on the pavement by the old garage area is still a major problem. Motorists parking their vehicles on the pavement are putting pedestrian's lives at risks, especially mothers with prams and wheelchair users, as they are forced to move out onto the road to pass the parked cars. The police stated that they would contact Fiona Reid, who is head of Parking at P&K, to ask for additional patrols in the area.

A member of the public voiced concern about the timber lorries using the Langside road. They said that they had contacted the owner of the lorries and although the owner was sympathetic about their concern he said that his lorries would have to continue using that route for at least another six months to complete a logging contract.

The police said that as this route was a public highway and the timber lorries were using the road legally they said that there was nothing they could do to stop the them going over the Langside However they would speak the owner of the haulage firm as a matter of courtesy regarding this complaint.

### **3.2 Alcohol Bylaw Proposal.**

Mr John Irons who is a safety policy officer with P&K gave a brief resume on the byelaw regarding the consumption of alcohol in designated public places. He said that he could see no problems regarding Comrie taking this bylaw forward to the next stage. He said that the byelaw has worked very successfully in other places. Mr Irons said that he would send a report to Councillors at P&K who would then pass the relevant information to the Scottish Office who, in turn, must agree with the report before it could become law.

A copy of an abstract of the Community Safety Committee report of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007 regarding the above bylaw prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated public places is held by CC Lucas and is available to members on request.

### **3.3 CDT update.**

CC Robertson said that there was not much to report since the last CDT meeting as everything is still at the planning stages. He said at present the CDT are planning for the future of Cultybraggan and are looking at long term plans through until 2020.

The allotments are still at the planning stage.

The house is on the market once it is sold the money will be used to pay off the loans.

There is a bit of interest in the bunker.

The main problem at present is planning permission as Cultybraggan is still deemed to be military land and until this is changed progress will remain very slow.

### **3.4 Public Toilets.**

CC Lucas said that there has been no further progress since the last meeting regarding the CCC's proposed take over of the public toilets. At present the CCC are still not sure if they will be able to proceed with this project due to the cost of running the toilets on an annual basis. The main expenditure is water rates of £3000 per year. CC Lucas said that he had been in touch with Scottish Water regarding the water rates, but was told that, as the CCC has no charity status nor had they owned the premises since before 1999, they would not qualify for any reduction in the rates.

CC Lucas also said that he has had a reply from Mr Jim Renton at P&K saying that he was positive about the future of the toilets and in the meantime the toilets will remain open until a decision has been reached.

### **3.5 Offer of Land by Dalginross Bridge.**

No further progress has been regarding this issue.

### **3.6 Housing/ Planning**

No contentious planning applications were received for this month.

### **3.7 Street Market**

As in previous years CCC will hold a bottle stall at the Comrie Fortnight Street market that will be in held on the Boulevard to the east of Dalginross Bridge on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The manning of the stalls will be the responsibility of CC Robertson and his wife Ann. CC Perks will confirm the 2 tables required through the Comrie Fortnight committee. CC Lucas will also provide help on the day if required.

Anyone wishing to donate bottles for this stall – committee members or members of the public - can do so by dropping the bottles of at the homes of CC Sandy Gray, David Robertson or Tim Lucas.

### **Hayride**

This years Hayride will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and the venue will be Cultybraggan Camp. Tractors and trailers will assemble in Legion Park from noon and take a leisurely route to the picnic venue. CC Lucas will apply for an events licence to P&K, arrange proper Portaloo facilities and notify the police and CDT accordingly with all the relevant details.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Main Account	£3,697.91
Legion Park	£ 776.43
Christmas Lights	£ 756.12
Hayride	£1,163.08

### **5: Secretary's Report**

**Scottish Government working group on CC's.** CC Lucas reported that the Scottish Government is setting up a working group to help define the role and function of local community councils. The Working Group proposes a clearer definition of the role of Community Councils within their community, including the establishment of a Model Scheme for Community Councils and a Code of Conduct for CClr's. There is also a proposal to give CC's more power to oversee a modest capital budget that could be around £10,000 or £15,000. He indicated that CC's would then have a greater say in how money could be spent within the local community. There is a detailed questionnaire which needs completing and returning to Perth before 1<sup>st</sup> August. CC Lucas indicated that he would complete this and return it within the deadline.

### **6: Councillor's Reports**

**CC Connolly** reported that Comrie Primary School would be 100 years old in 2009. She said that villagers are being asked to look out any old photographs of the school, class photographs from 1909 through to 2008 and any other memorabilia that they think might be of interest at open day celebrations. More details will follow over the next few months via the CCC minutes. There will be posters highlighting this event displayed on the notice board and in shops throughout the village. Photographs sent in will be scanned and returned to the owner.

**CC Connolly** also said that she had attended a Garden Party at Crieff Hospital. She said that CCC gave a donation of £20.

**CC Robertson** said that the road in the Ross towards the Lynne had now been patched.

**CC Perks** said that the water tap in the main cemetery is not working and as a result no water is available to the public who wish to place flowers on family graves.

**CC Gray** said that there was still no litter bins in the Laggan Park.

### **AOB**

Comrie Parish Church is holding a Community Summer Celebration on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 6.30pm. The Rev Graham McWilliams has invited all individuals, organisations and businesses from within the village. A BBQ will be held following the service.

**The next meeting will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.30pm in Comrie Community Centre.**