

Comrie Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th November 2008 in the Comrie Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Chair: Gordon McCartney

Present: Tim Lucas, Andrew Gairns, Bruce Gairns, Sandy Gray,
David Robertson, Judy McDowall, Jennifer Perks, Willie Nicol.

1.Apologies CC Ann Cowan, Neil Aitken.

Councillors: Helen McDonald, Anne Younger

Police: Sergeant David Pettigrew.

Strathearn Herald: Lynn Duke

Public 3 members of the public

2. Minutes:

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

3: Matters Arising

3.1 Police Matters.

Sergeant Pettigrew reported that there were minor incidents regarding the youths in the village but that this problem appeared to be under control.

Last month forged Bank of England £20 notes had been found in the village and 3 also in Crieff. At present this investigation is ongoing. All the notes had the same serial numbers. The public should be aware that this happening in the area.

It was reported that in a remote area in Dundurn, near Dalchonzie, thieves had stolen an excavator bucket from a JCB. The police had advised local contractors to tighten up their security where they are operating and storing plant, machinery and their parts. Local residents should also be aware of increased security around their properties during the dark winter nights.

Police are still visiting licensed premises in the area reminding the owners of their obligations regarding the sale of alcohol.

The police are operating a 'Police after Dark' campaign and this is running from the 20th October to 30th November 2008.

The police will be running their 'Festive Drink Drive Campaign' from 5th December 2008 until 10th January 2009.

It was also reported that children in the village are cycling around after dark with no lights on their bikes. The Strathearn Herald is to highlight this problem.

3.2 CDT update.

CC Robertson gave an up date on the CDT. He reported that the two new posts that were available had now been filled. Emma Margrett was selected for the position of Comrie Carbon Challenge Officer and Ilsa Vallenti was selected to be CDT Office Manager. Both will take up their position on the 4th Dec 2008. CC Robertson said that the office would be situated at Number 5 Dunira Street. This will house the staff and be a drop-in point for local people.

There is a possibility that the CDT may take over the running of the Coco bus. If so, Mr Tom Douglas would continue to drive the bus as required but would not have any further active responsibility for it.

CC Robertson said that nothing was likely to happen regarding Cultybraggan developments until at least April 2009 due to planning deliberations.

3.3 Housing/ Planning

Cultybraggan

An application has been lodged with P&K for the installation of a sewage treatment plant. CC Robertson said that at present there is no sewage system or treatment plant. He went on to say that the CDT is looking at the installation of septic tanks as well as looking to legally reinstate the servitude rights of the existing sewage pipe.

3.4.Other Matters

CC Lucas said that he had received correspondence from Mr George Lees regarding the student exchange with Carleton Place. Apparently there was interest in the exchange taking place and Ms Christine Ross of Crieff High School had been corresponding directly with Mr Ron Goebel, of Carleton Place, but due to lack of funding at the time, nothing further had happened. It was suggested that members of the CCC have a meeting with Mr Lees in the near future to establish what needs to be done to move the student exchange along a bit quicker. CC Lucas will write to George Lees to suggest a meeting.

4.Treasurer's Report

Main Account	£4007.82
Legion Park	£ 781.26
Hayride	£ 981.20
Public Toilets	£ 981.08

CC Lucas passed £100 to the Treasurer from the sale of the CCC local maps.

5: Secretary's Report

Core Paths /rail line request

A member of the public, present at the meeting, expressed concern that the Community Council was going to object to the insertion of a core path from, more or less, Lawers Estate on the A85 southwards to the line of the old railway track. The representative explained that this route would help his business and he could not see any reason why it should not remain on the draft plan. The Chairman explained that the decision to oppose the addition of this path had been discussed at the previous meeting in October and it had been decided then to oppose its inclusion.

Councillors

CC Bruce Gairns reported that every offlet and gully on the B827 Langside road is choked with debris and requires cleaning. During periods of heavy rain this road was very badly flooded in places and consequently dangerous.

CC Gray was delighted to report that light P331 is now working again. He said that the wheelie bin at the Laggan Park was now placed by the pavilion and thanked C Helen McDonald for her action on this.

The Earthquake House sign urgently needs replacing. C McDonald will make enquires regarding this.

C.Cllr Gray reported that the north end of Melville Lane ponds very badly after heavy rain. Efforts have been made to rectify this problem but were not effective. It is still very bad during the poorest weather and children are arriving at school with wet feet.

There is also a light out in Melville Lane which needs repairing.

The scrub on the rock face opposite the Ross Bridge has not been cleared and is still considered a danger to cyclists and motorcyclists.

CC Connolly reported that all the windows at the Primary school had now been replaced.

She said that the Safer Routes to School markings are worn away on the east side of Melville Lane need repainting and thought that extra bollards were required to stop cars parking on the walkway and obstructing the children on their way to and from school.

She also reported that it would be a good idea to have extra street lighting from the Lednock Bridge eastwards to just beyond the Laggan Park entrance as that part of the pavement is very dark. She said that when the 30mph speed limit was extended no extra lights were installed.

Chairman McCartney suggested that the road markings in the lay-by opposite the entrance to the parish church that says "Police- No Parking" should now be removed as the ex-police station has not been active for maybe up to 20 years .He said that this would provide extra parking for church users. CC Lucas will write to ScotlandTranserv about this.

CC Lucas will write to P&K and ScotlandTranserv regarding all the above concerns.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and advised all present that the next meeting will be held in the WRI Hall due to a clash with the Comrie Dramatic Society who will be holding their annual event which straddles this evening.

Please Note

The next meeting will be held on the 11th December 2008 at 7.30pm in the

WRI Hall, Nurses Lane, Comrie.