



Minutes of the meeting of 9th November 2017

@ Comrie Community Centre from 7.30pm

1.0	Attendance	Action
	Community Councillors: David Robertson John Greer Andrew Thompson Lianne Curran Iain McLellan Christine Young	
	PKC Councillors: Stewart Donaldson & Rhona Brock	
	Apologies : Joyce Webb Alan Moffat	
2.0	Police Report	
	Commanders Report has been received but there were no urgent issues highlighted. There were a couple of minor incidents raised. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A deer had been reported to be found dead with its head missing – not thought to be suspicious • The Handy Shop had had its window broken but this was concluded to be an accident. 	Commanders report to be circulated.
3.0	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes	
	There were some minor grammatical and factual errors in the previous minutes that will be amended and re circulated.	Hannah to amend and re circulate.
4.0	Roads Report	
	It was noted that the pot holes at the field of refuge had been repaired and there was no further issues with these.	
	Judy raised the issue regarding the hole which had been dug to repair a water pipe by the water board. The hole had still not been filled and is causing access issues on the pavement. It is proving especially difficult for wheelchairs to manoeuvre around it. Councillor Brock advised that Judy can make contact with the roads department herself and advise of the problem.	Judy to report the issue.
	Andrew Thompson – advised that last Friday St Fillians opened the	

	<p>3rd phase of their pathway and was very successful. There were about 30/40 people in attendance and some of members of the community went to show their support. It proves that it is possible when the surrounding land owners are in support of a project.</p>	
	<p>Bogton Brae – 2 access officers from PKC met with the landowner and are currently in negotiations regarding the path and the access. The negotiations are to be conducted by PKC not CCC. It has been suggested that the gates are changed to be self closing gates – the issue that land owner has, is that he previously had these in place but his Cattle learnt how to open the gates. It was suggested that some work would be done on the pathway but the tree would still remain as a major obstacle. PKC are encouraging the landowner to work with them to ensure that this issue can be resolved and a compromise can be met by everyone. It was noted that dog walkers use this pathway regularly and that they are not picking up after their dogs which can be detrimental to the cattle and their well being. The CC asked whether it would be helpful if they also wrote to landowner but it was agreed that they would leave it for PKC to deal with and await an update.</p>	Update will be given at the next meeting.
5.0	Secretary's Report	
	Hayride report – Cost £314 – made £236 – loss of £78	
	Still looking to donate money to the youth groups and should have all the contacts by Christmas	
6.0	Councillor's Reports	
	Andrew Thompson raised the concern that still no one is receiving PKC planning notices. People are not finding out about things until they are in place. It can become embarrassing.	Andrew Thompson to chase.
	<p>Obelisk/Graveyard – It was reported that damage had been caused to some headstones due to overhanging branches encroaching over the surrounding walls. One particular branch had fallen on to an Obelisk, causing it to fall and subsequently damage a neighbouring headstone. The headstone that had become damaged belonged to the McNaughton sister who were key members of the Church and also did a lot of work for the village. This issue has been raised previously but PKC had done nothing regarding it. The family of the McNaughton sisters are having to have their headstone repaired, at their own expense. They are reluctant to do this though if the same issue is going to happen again. Councillors said that they would speak to the relevant department in PKC and look to see what can be done. The issue was also raised of who would repair the Obelisk – could there be a team within PKC or someone in the village that might be able to help? Possibility of an insurance claim was discussed and then discounted.</p>	

	The gates on the graveyard have been put back on but there are issues in sourcing like for like railings. Once these have been located they will be replaced.	
7.0	AOCB	
	The issue was raised regarding the sign outside the post office which is for limiting parking. It has started to corrode at the bottom and looks shaky. It is currently not fixed to the wall	Needs reported to PKC
	There is also a post on the A85 by the mirror corner which had completely corroded and was removed by Bear Scotland but about 6 inches of post remains sticking out the ground – this could have the potential to cause a serious injury to someone if they fall on it. It also proved a problem to a Wheel Chair user who was unable to pass it safely.	To be reported to Bear Scotland
	<p>Japanese Knot Weed – It was report by a member of the public that there is an abundance of the above along the river bank – especially on the south side of the river and also under the bridge. The weed is growing rapidly and the CC needs to address this issues ASAP. It was highlighted that over the years the Japanese Knot Weed had been tackled but because it was a stop and start project it allowed the weed to develop and take hold again. There is also Himalayan Balsam present which is an invasive species which needs controlling/eradicating.</p> <p>As a village, it does not give a very good impression and also for the houses along the river bank it could potentially prove to be a significant problem for them if left.</p> <p>On PKC website there is some briefing notes on how to deal with the above and Councillor Brock is going to send through some more information regarding them.</p> <p>In Crieff that are currently working with the community trust that are trying to eradicate the weed.</p> <p>There is the opportunity for a group to be formed and someone from PKC to come and discuss the weeds and the relevant options for getting rid of them</p>	
	There is a new bus service in operation to connect Comrie to Stirling better. There will be a connecting bus waiting in Crieff and the service will run every hour. All the information can be found on the First Bus website and service numbers are 15 & 15A. There will be no change to the late bus service at the moment.	
	There is a scheme that has been set up to allow the Community to put proposals forward to obtain funding from PKC for development projects. The community can put forward their tenders in January and a fair will be held whereby the public can vote for which project they would like to see happen. Maureen Bowmen will resend through more information so it can be put on the Comrie Facebook page.	
	Meeting closed at 8.45pm. Date of next meeting is 14 th December	