



Minutes of the meeting of

14th December 2017

Comrie Community Centre from 7.30pm

1.0	Attendance	Action
	Community Councillors: David Robertson John Creer Iain McLellan Alan Moffat	
	PKC Councillors: Stewart Donaldson	
	Apologies : Joyce Webb, Christine Young, Pauline Toole, Ros McCall, Andrew Thompson, Rhona Brock	
2.0	Police Report	
	Nothing to report on the Commander's report.	
3.0	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes	
	There were no amendments to the previous minutes – Alan Moffat and Christine Young added as apologies. It has been agreed that the minutes from the meetings will be circulated within 7 days of the community council meetings. Once they have been agreed they can be issued for publication.	
4.0	Treasurer's Statement	
	There are funds pending to come out of some of the accounts and are awaiting cheques to clear.	
	The Laggan Park have been paid the £500 previously agreed	
	Donations to the local community groups are still to be paid	
5.0	Secretary's Report	
	Alan confirmed that any correspondence had been circulated to relevant people	
	Alan read a letter that had been received from Mr Penker regarding	

	<p>the state of the roads and pavements during this period of icy weather. Alan reported that there is a gritting tractor within the fire station and that there is an agreement with PKC for this to be utilised. Alan confirmed that it had been out gritting from very early in the mornings. Alan also reiterated that it has been a very unfortunate period of poor weather where gritting will not have the desired effect due to the freezing rain conditions. The pavements had been getting gritted but it was freezing quickly afterwards.</p>	
6.0	RBS Closure	
	<p>It was confirmed that the RBS in Comrie was on the list for closures and that this would impact the local villagers. Councillor Donaldson stated that there is a resolution going to the Scottish Government regarding closures of local banks and that it was important to try to put pressure on them to ensure that some of these banks remain open. Murray Lochlan has started a petition for local villagers to object to the closure.</p>	
	<p>There was discussion regarding the bank closure and whether the ATM would remain in place and would RBS continue to service this regularly.</p>	
	<p>Councillor Donaldson mentioned that there are going to be very limited RBS branches on the road up north and that although mobile banking units have been offered to many rural locations as an alternative – there is the issue to internet connection and that a lot of these locations have slow or no internet connection. This would have to be resolved if all proposed branches were to be closed.</p>	
	<p>It was also noted that since the RBS closed in Crieff a number of residence from surrounding areas had been coming to the village to use this facility and doing their shopping. A number of local businesses have mentioned that the closure could have an impact on them.</p>	
7.0	Pot Holes in Melville Lane at Royal Hotel	
	<p>Christine has raised this issue and that they are as bad as last year. Caroline Mitchell from Irvine Geddes was looking into who owns the land but there was no confirmation of ownership.</p>	
	<p>David confirmed that there was not a lot that the CC was able to do if it was private land but he would speak with the Flambeaux Committee as they repaired it last year. Bruce Gairns may be able to assist and repair as previously done.</p>	
8.0	Councillors Report	
	<p>The issue was raised that some salt bins appear to have been removed. Councillor Donaldson is going to circulate a list of all existing salt bins and these are to be checked and any missing reported to PKC.</p>	
	<p>David raised the issue that the salt bin at the Ross Bridge was missing the lid and this caused the existing salt to freeze and become unusable. Councillor Donaldson to get a quote for new ones</p>	

	<p>or repairs.</p> <p>All agreed that the village is well serviced and that it is unfortunate there has been this spell of freak weather.</p>	
	<p>Alan Moffat confirmed that he will be standing down as Secretary and Andrew Thompson will take over. Alan confirmed that this would be a seamless changeover.</p>	
	<p>David mentioned that there was a great turnout for the Christmas lights switch on and that there was £1,570 raised (expenses still to be deducted). The lights in the village look great and many people have commented on a great job being done.</p> <p>There were 120 children meeting Santa and due to this popular demand Santa's Elves had to go and get more presents for the Children.</p>	
	<p>David mentioned that Colin Crabbie had passed away and that his funeral would be held on Tuesday 19th December at the Church. It was agreed that the CC would donate some flowers.</p>	
9.	AOCB	
	<p>It was noted that on Monday 18th December CC members have been invited to a walk around with Craig regarding the flood prevention which will commence in the field of refuge at 10am. This will give the opportunity to discuss the next stage of bore holes.</p> <p>It was also noted that Gail Murray would still need to carry out an Environment Impact Assessment and that there is still a lot of consultation to take place prior to any building work happening.</p>	
	<p>It was confirmed that Planning lists are now being received and being circulated.</p>	
	<p>Christine Young has raised the concern that there is no photocopying facility in the village. It was thought the post office might still offer this service – to be checked. It was suggested that there might be some funding available somewhere to assist with this request.</p>	
	<p>The Strathearn Partnership will take place in Crieff Community Hall on the 20th January.</p>	
	<p>It was confirmed that there was going to be a small housing development in Cowden Way which would increase the houses to 55. the deadline for making representations to PKC regarding the provisions in the 10yr Local Plan (LDP2) is 4:00pm on Friday 2nd February.</p> <p>Forms for making comments are at: www.pkc.gov.uk/proposedLDP2</p>	
	<p>The community partnership scheme had been finalised and there was an event scheduled for the 3rd/4th February in Crieff.</p>	
	<p>Councillor Donaldson said he had met with the Green Space Team in PKC and suggested that in the near future they come and do a presentation to the CC.</p>	

	<p>He also confirmed that there had been progress made on the pathway project – he would update when he could.</p> <p>Also there has progress been made on the Bogton Braes landowner issue. It was confirmed that the tree, which had previously been causing issues, has been cut back allowing for more space and room for a Horse to pass by.</p> <p>There is still a delay with self closing gates but once these have been sourced then they can be put in place.</p> <p>There are going to be various improvements on the Glen Lednock walk, this will include the Shaky Bridge.</p>	
	<p>There is information on the PKC website regarding Japanese Knotweed – nothing was confirmed on the way forward for dealing with the situation.</p>	
	<p>The issue was raised again regarding the cemetery fence and when was it going to be replaced – Councillor Donaldson said he would chase it up and requested information from Alan.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that someone from PKC will be out to have a look at the overhanging branch issue around the cemetery. The Land Owner would be approached to confirm that the works can be carried out.</p>	
	<p>Councillor Donaldson confirmed that Councillor Brock will visit the village to look at the posts outside the Post Office and on Dunira Street.</p>	
	<p>John mentioned that he had received a couple of SPAM e-mails requesting payments to be made. He advised that he had spoken to the bank but they were not able to do anything about it. It was agreed that he would informally mention it to the Police in case anyone else is having issues.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.45pm. Date of next meeting is 11th January 2018</p>	