

Comrie Community Council

12th October 2017 at 7.30pm

Comrie Community Centre

Attendance:

David Robertson: Chairperson

John Greer: Treasurer

Alan Moffat: Secretary

Councillors:

Christine Young

Pauline Toole

Andrew Thomson

Lianne Curran

Iain McLellan

Perth & Kinross Councillors

Stewart Donaldson

1. Apologies

Rhona Brock

2. Police Matters

No Police were present and Councillor Thomson said there were no matters to report.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

A few minor changes to be made to previous Minutes. All agreed.

4. Roads and School Crossing

A letter has been sent to Bear Scotland and Transport in regards to the continuing problems within the village.

A new Lollypop lady has been appointed and that training is going to be imminent.

There will be cover 3 times a day throughout the school term.

There is no further information regarding the pelican crossing.

Access Issues

Path Order

At the previous meeting PKC advised that they would proceed with a path order as there are still two land owners who are not in agreement with the proposed pathway. PKC are going to approach these land owners prior to going to the legal route to try and see if they can be encouraged to come on board with the proposal.

Engineers will be brought in to provide a quote for the works to be carried out and Councillor Donaldson advised that there is £80k from national lottery fund.

Shaky Bridge

It was agreed that the current condition of the shaky bridge does not conform to health and safety and since the temporary struts were removed the bridge has lived up to its name.

There was discussion about who was responsible for the repairs and maintenance of the Shaky Bridge and also if formal land ownership consent would have to be obtained.

Councillor to chase up email regarding the ongoing repairs.

Bogton Braes Path

Dr Irvine has erected a replacement fence that is causing access issues to the pathways. The pathway is now restricted due to the path encroaching by nearly 1m, in places, and also being blocked by a Spruce Tree. Dr Irvine was advised not to proceed with the fence until discussions could take place with PKC.

PKC wrote to Dr Irvine advising that the Spruce Tree would have to be removed or the fence realigned. To date there has been no further response from him.

PKC have completed several site visits as well and are looking into the legal position of right of way. It was agreed that PKC would deal with this issue and that the CC would not write to Dr Irvine at this stage.

It was also brought to the attention of the CC that Horse Riders can't gain access through the fields from the Lang Side as the gates are padlocked and they are unable to fit a horse through a self closing gate. The community members said that this is forcing them to ride their horses down the road which is unsafe. Horse Riders, by law, have a right of way and should be able to gain access through the fields.

Councillor Donaldson advised that Councillor Pritchard was on holiday this week but on her return would ensure that this issue was followed up and contact would be made with Dr Irvine to resolve these issues.

St Fillian's Pathway

A recent visit to the pathway shows that there are no problems with the path. There are livestock in the area but there is nothing that can be done to stop them gaining access to the path. The path is in good working order. No further issues.

5. Hayride

Was a very successful day, the weather was great and there was a good turnout of children.

A big thanks for the Comrie Fortnight for the Burger Van and tables which raised £236.50

6. Laggan Park

The Cricket Club are struggling for money to pay for the insurance for the pavilion in the Laggan Park. They have raised money in the past but it was agreed that the CC would gift them £500 to help keep the facility going. It benefits everyone.

7. Treasurer's Statement

Christmas lights are looking good and there are going to be 40 lights going to be on display.

There will be a switch on event on the 2nd December at St Kessocks Square, there will be lots of stalls, as well as Santa's Grotto.

8. Secretary's Statement

Lots of SPAM e-mails coming in but it was also agreed that the PKC planning updates would be circulated to everyone.

9. Councillor's update

Flood Update

Still ongoing.

Flood engineers have been out looking at the village and that there is hope for a flood order to be in place next year with a 28 day objection period.

There needs to be more detailed work carried out and some hydrological works established. There also needs to be an environmental survey completed.

Engineers will start to bore holes throughout the village to try and establish where the water table is.

It was agreed that PKC, CC and the villagers must be kept informed of all the processes as they happen

It was also agreed that the visual impact of the village must be taken into consideration when discussion are occurring.

AOCB

From the previous meeting it was highlighted the outdoor toddlers group would benefit from a donation. It was agreed that if one playgroup was given a donation then the other organisations should be too.

It was agreed 5 other groups would be given a donation from the CC of £250. This was in addition to the £500 for the Laggan Park Pavillion.

Once all the contact details were collated the cheques would be written and issued.

Strathearn & Strathallan Partnership

A good opportunity to support local communities and also a good way to obtain funds for community projects. Maureen Bowman is the representative for the East Strathearn.

PRI

A meeting was held in Creiff regarding the current state of PRI and the financial issues that are ongoing throughout the NHS.

Both PRI and Ninewells do not have a good % rating for their healthcare.

It was brought to the attention of the CC that the Ambulance distribution for rural area's was limited and that patients would be transported to Ninewells instead of PRI. Questionnaire booklets were left at the meeting to ensure that the villagers are able to feedback their concerns.

Alan Moffat raised the issue that they need volunteers for the 1st Response Team.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm and the next date agreed for the 9th November 2017.

DRAFT