

Comrie Community Council

14th September 2017 at 7.30pm

Comrie Community Centre

Attendance:

David Robertson: Chairperson
John Greer: Treasurer
Alan Moffat: Secretary

Councillors:

Joyce Webb
Christine Young
Pauline Toole
Andrew Thomson

Perth & Kinross Councillors

Rhona Brock
Stewart Donaldson

1. Apologies

None.

2. Police Matters

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

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

None

4. Twinning (Comrie/Carleton Place Student Exchange)

George Lees recently visited Canada and took a plaque to Carleton Place to commemorate the 25th year anniversary of the twinning between Comrie and Carleton. Both locations are keen to continue working together and George has asked for assistance from the community to allow for the cultural exchanges to continue. George is looking for support in fundraising to enable for air fares to be subsidised

and parents within the village to accommodate students. Ages range is 14 – 16 year old. If anyone is interested in helping they can contact George, Davie or John.

5. Roads

The community previously raised the issue that the Road Safety for children and residents of the village had become increasingly more dangerous. Community Council had been in contact with Transport Scotland and there have been no plans to establish a crossing within the village.

There has also been a request to reduce the speed limit through the village but from previous tests, the speed limit was, on average, 24mph. Transport Scotland had previously stated they did not feel that the speed limit needs to be reduced.

Councillors agreed that they would request a re-evaluation of the speed limit.

There is a proposal to move the 30pmh speed limit sign but a timescale had not been given.

The community raised the issue that there has been no crossing patrol officer for months. Tayside Contracts has placed an advert and there has been one applicant who was due to be interviewed in the coming weeks.

The Community Councillors have written to Transport Scotland to request another meeting with a representative and it was suggested that the residents of the village also write to Transport Scotland expressing their concerns.

Alan Moffat agreed he would write another letter to them and request a meeting and he would also request that the community is able to see the report that was compiled in April / May regarding the road safety.

The community suggested a volunteer role for the crossing patrol officer and the councillors and committee agreed that this would not be a solution due to the regulations involved. It was also agreed that this was not a police issue but contact would be made with the local officers for support or more police presence in the village.

6. Secretary's Report

Bear Scotland to be doing repairs to the road at Crianlarich

7. Treasurer's Statement.

It was noted that there had been a grant from the council for £600

The Christmas light account currently had £7,363.63 in it. This is now controlled by another committee and has been raised via fundraising. It was noted that out of the 42 lights in the village only 24 had been working last year and the money would go towards the repair of these lights to allow for a full compliment this year.

8. Hayride

The hayride has been delayed due to the tractors still out working at harvest – once the tractors become free notification will be made regarding a date for the Hayride.

9. Flooding prevention Scheme

The village has been awarded full funding to assist with the flood prevention of the Village. Councillor said that there is all the legal documentation to go through and it could take considerable time to complete the reports.

There is concern that the flood defences that have been proposed will impact on the Church wall. Graham McWilliams indicated that consideration has not been given to the long term impact.

Alan Moffat suggested that Graham attends a meeting and writes to PKC stating his concerns.

The options proposed for the flood defence were for dredging but it was agreed that this wouldn't have been beneficial and flood walls & embankments would be the way forward. It was agreed the councillors would liaise with the CC regarding the flood defence.

A meeting with Craig McQueen has been arranged and Graham McWilliams invited to attend.

Councillors will find out the formal process for the flood defences and find where the plans can be publically accessed.

It was also agreed that other flood areas should be taken into consideration and that a sympathetic approach should be taken but ensuring that people lives are taken in consideration.

CC member attend a Scottish Flood forum on Saturday 5th August in Stonehaven. There was a presentation delivered by Alistair Ross who is Head of Public Policy for Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland (abi.org.uk) he specialises in Insurance for flooded house and would provide 2 quotes to potential flood victims to ensure that they are able to get insurance again.

The Scottish Flood Forum also provides support for the psychological problems that can often occur when people have been affected by flooding.

The Church was also thanked for their support to the community during the floods.

10. Councillors Report

Shaky Bridge Update – there has been no reply to the request for the latest update. The bridge has been opened temporarily and a new plan drafted on what needs to be done. It has been agreed that there are no landowner issue and contact with the new Ranger will be made.

8.0. AOCB.

Congratulations to the Comrie Fortnight for a very successful fortnight – very fortunate with the weather.

Also congratulations to Comrie in Colour for a successful result

Thanks to Judy MacDowell for keeping the dam open for a few days during the Comrie Fortnight- would be nice to have it open all year round.

There are still negotiations for a core path to go through the village – talks with land owners are still ongoing and trying to agree on a solution.

Suzanne McIntyre raise concerns about the Play park in the village and that it is looking very tired and some parts of it are becoming dangerous. There is a small amount of funds available but it was suggested to look at some lottery funding.

Braco community raised funds to have their park upgraded – it was agreed someone would approach a community member from there and ask what they did.

Concerns were raised about the cycle path to St Fillians and that there are large sections that have become hazardous – there is sheep muck on large sections. Councillor agreed to talk to the Ranger regarding the upkeep of it.

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The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be held on the 12th October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Comrie Community Centre.