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Dear

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Comrie Outreach Worker

Abbeyfield Comrie Society Limited was dissolved on 25 November 2003. After consultation with Abbeyfield Scotland, Communities Scotland, and other interested bodies, the Society's funds were distributed as follows:

Abbeyfield Crieff & Muthill Society.	£155,000
Abbeyfield Aberfeldy Society.	25,000
Abbeyfield Pitlochry Society.	20,000
Abbeyfield Perth Society.	255,000
A Fund to provide services for older people in Comrie in the form of An outreach worker	200,000

It was a requirement of Communities Scotland that the Comrie Fund be managed by a social landlord, and in the absence of any other suitable party, Abbeyfield Crieff & Muthill Society was given the money to manage on behalf of

the people of Comrie, and it was accepted by them on that basis.

Abbeyfield Crieff and Muthil are now contemplating building works to their own Abbeyfield house and are contemplating using the Comrie Fund for that purpose. On being formally challenged by the Comrie representatives the Executive Committee has minuted that they are unable to give an assurance that the Comrie Fund will not be used by them for their proposed new building.

The Fund has employed an Outreach Worker in Comrie since inception. Sue Levack and then Marie Philp have given an invaluable service to our old people. They have helped to arrange social care packages, both public and private, advised on home safety, assisted in bereavement situations, assisted with medical visits, etc., etc. The list is endless.

Abbeyfield Crieff Minutes of AGM of 18 March 2004 record:

" The Comrie Society realised a significant sum from the sale of Drumearn and were anxious that this be used to benefit other Abbeyfield Societies and also the elderly residents in the Comrie area. Several Societies in the Perthshire area will benefit, and we in Crieff have been offered a generous sum. The Crieff & Muthill Society has agreed to manage a sum of money to be dedicated to funding the cost of providing a part time outreach worker for the Comrie area. This person will familiarise him/herself with the range of services available and try to ensure that the needs of the elderly in the Comrie area were served whenever possible."

The Report and Financial Statements for the year end 30 September 2004 of the Crieff Society state:

"The Society already had preliminary plans for improvements which included a larger dining room, resiting of the kitchen and full en suite facilities in the bedrooms. These plans will now be progressed utilising the sum of £155,000 received from Abbeyfield Comrie. The Society also received the sum of £200,000 from the same source to manage these on behalf of the people of Comrie and provide an Outreach Worker."

Although the Crieff and Muthil Society's Report and Financial Statements for the year end 30 September 2012 continue to show "a designated reserve to be used for the benefit of the elderly of Comrie" of £208,542, their Treasurer has expressed the view that the funds can be used for the construction of a new Abbeyfield in Crieff or major upgrading of the existing rooms.

Thus, on being challenged to minute that the Comrie Fund will not be used for such a purpose, Abbeyfield Crieff and Muthil have given no such assurance and have minuted at their meeting of 20 March 2013 the following:

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Mrs L Hustwayte asked if the committee can give an assurance that the Comrie money will not be used in any redevelopment of the Crieff and Muthill Abbeyfield House. Dr Morrison replied that at this stage we cannot give any definite assurances and that Julie Bradbury believed that

the money could not be ring fenced and would have to be used within any future planned development.

Abbeyfield Crieff & Muthill Society is a registered charity and as such must act in the utmost good faith. Given the assurances made by their predecessors in the Society's Executive Committee, it is surely bad faith that the current Executive should consider purloining the Comrie Fund for a purpose other than that for which it was set up. If they so do, they are doing a significant disservice to the elderly people of Comrie.

It is important that we make the views of the people of Comrie clear to the Crieff and Muthil Society and try to protect our money.

Yours sincerely

David Hustwayte

If you wish to make any representations to Abbeyfield Crieff, I suggest you write to the chairman, Dr Alastair Morrison
Crieff and Muthill Abbeyfield House, Sauchie Road, Crieff