Minutes of the Meeting of 12th March, 2015
Comrie Community Centre 7:30pm

	Attendance	Action
	Community councillors: Andrew Finlayson (Chair) Peter Jones (Treasurer) Gordon McCartney Judy McDowall John Greer David Robertson	
	Others Cllr Rhona Brock Cllr Ann Younger Andrew Thompson	
	Apologies from Pam Manning(Secretary)	
1.0	**CCllr Finlayson opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors**	
2.0	**Police Matters**	
2.1	Community Police Officer Craig Colthart attended and presented the police report noting; ○ There have been two thefts of valuable garden ornaments in the area. ○ Construction plate & whacker stolen from around the Parish Church. ○ 3 road traffic incidents. ○ 4 random visits to Comrie by the police to check on licensed premises as part of a local initiative. ○ A number of lead thefts from church roofs in the wider area. ○ Bogus Workmen remain a concern throughout the area. The police will give us some feedback on their 'Nominated Neighbour Scheme' and again ask the public to immediately report any suspicions. In view of a recent road collision CCllr McCartney asked if the police might consider 'drive on the left' reminder signage in the vicinity of some of the neighbouring estates regularly enjoyed by foreign visitors. Officer Colthart was thanked for his attendance then left the meeting.	PC Colthart
3.0	**Matters arising from Minutes of CCC Meeting of 12.2.2015**	
3.1	**Skateboard Park** CCllr McCartney reads out a thank you letter from one of the members of Comrie Extreme Sports group thanking the Community Council for their recent donation of £1000.	
3.2	It is noted from various sources that some young local bike enthusiasts have constructed an elaborate obstacle course of sorts in Comrie Woods. This has unfortunately been done in an area of SSI protected woodland and without the owne'rs permission. The local Council Ranger and Woodland Conservation officer have expressed concern at the damage being done to this site. CCllr McCartney will seek to find out those responsible to have the matter resolved at the earliest. There is some hope being held out that a more suitable site can be	CCllr McCartney

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	found in Forestry Commission ground more suitable for guerrilla biking.	
3.3	**Windfarm on the Langside** We are led to believe that the Planning Application for the Greenscares Windfarm at the east end of the Langside will likely be submitted in April.	
3.4	**Flood Protection** CCllr Finlayson has asked PKC for feedback on how their on going scheme to promote Home Flood Protection to over 600 homes in Comrie is proceeding.	
	It is noted that PKC engineers have commenced site investigation with drilling rigs to some 22 sites around the village in order to reveal the most accurate analysis of ground conditions around our river banks in anticipation of developing detailed proposals for future comprehensive flood protection works. It is noted that 10 land owners are affected by these works. A number of these land owners have expressed dismay at the very short notice (a few days) given by PKC prior to these works commencing and for the accompanying cursory legal enforcement letter particularly at a time when work on the farm fields is so intense.	
	Clr Younger advises that PKC have now agreed to inspections of the Ruchill Water every 3 months.	
4.0	**Secretary's Report**	
4.1	Both Secretary and Webmasters reports are unavailable this month.	
5.0	**Treasurer's Report**	
5.1	CCllr Peter Jones presents his monthly report and notes balances;	
	Admin Account £143.13 Community Fund £1801.30 Xmas Lights £8013.35 Public Toilets £410.96 Legion Park £784.56 Flood Account £649.62	
	The balance of our admin account suggests we are in line for a PKC grant next year of over £500.	
	CCllrs agree to give a start of season gift to the Lamonts at the post office as thanks for their efforts in tending the village notice boards and opening/closing the public toilet daily. CCllr McDowall will explore gift options.	CCllr McDowall
	Cllr Finlayson will explore the making of small ' We help Comrie Community Council' plaques to send out to all businesses who subscribe to our web directory.	CCllr Finlayson
	Kelly Accounting have agreed to act as examiners again this year and our accounts will go to them w/c 20th April. They will then be presented to CCllrs for approval before submitting to PKC.	
7.0	**Roads Matters**	
7.1	CCllr. MacDowall is working round the village cataloguing and reporting road defects. Ongoing matters include; ○ **South Crieff Road** – Resurfacing due March/April ○ **Woodland Cemetry** –Works commence March/April ○ **Dalhonzie** – Resurfacing Works commence May. ○ **Langside** – Whilst the roads supervisor has reported that the road down from Tigh na Blair is in reasonable condition CCllr McCartney reiterates that it is not the condition of this portion of road but rather the excessive running water across the surface at particular bends which is the problem. CCllr Brock will bring this up with Roads Supervisor. ○ **Glen Lednock** – Dangerous tree has been dealt with swiftly by	

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	PKC ○ **Drummond Street** – Cllr Cowan has been helpful in seeking improvement to the road surface water problem causing widespread splash damage. This matter is ongoing. ○ **The Balloch** – Cllr Robertson concerned that the tree canopy may soon inhibit larger vehicles. We will keep an eye on this. Thanks to Cllr Brock for bringing many of these matters up on our behalf directly with the Roads Supervisor.	
7.2	In relation to PKC's survey on snow clearing and gritting it is agreed that we will ask for a **grit bin to be located up the Glen Lednock** road.	CCllr Finlayson
7.3	Cllr Brock urges that we get a Contact Number each time we report a road defect to PKC in order that we can better follow developments.	
7.4	Cllr McDowall was concerned at the size of fallen trees in the river near the wooden bridge on the Lednock and has brought the matter up with PKC and SEPA to no avail. If the matter seems to worsen or threaten to wash part of the Millenium footpath we will need to seek action.	
7.5	Cllr Younger urged we report such matters with photographic evidence.	
7.6	**A85 roadworks due by Lochearn on 22nd March** for 2 weeks whereby the A85 will close form 7pm -7am daily.	
8.0	**Any Other Business**	
8.1	**Litter Pick** -Cllr McDowall confirms that the Community Council Litter pick in arranged for Sunday 22nd March meeting at Field of Refuge Car Park and posters will be put up advertising the fact.	CCllr McDowall
8.2	**Superfast Broadband**- It is agreed that the proposed superfast broadband cabinet can be sited on the front wall of the public toilets. This will require the moving of a planter & Cllr Greer will contact Comrie in Bloom to OK this.	CCllrs Greer & Finlayson
8.3	**Flood Warnings –** There was concern raised that flood warnings are regularly posted by SEPA but the map shows only the Carse of Lennoch at risk. Cllr Finlayson has contacted Cordeila Menmuir at SEPA who assures us that if and when the village is under threat their warning maps will then include the village area at risk.	
8.4	**CR Macintosh Building** (Brough & MacPherson)– We acknowledge and thank Alex Dillon for his efforts to urge Landmark Trust to pay heed to the worsening condition of this remarkable local landmark. We are happy now to hear that the Trust intend carrying out repairs and maintenance this summer.	
8.5	**Dog Fouling –** It is agreed we should ask the Dog Warden to explore a poster campaign in the village.	CCllr Finlayson
8.6	**Community Payback –** PKC's Roddy Ross has urged us to contact him directly should we consider Community Payback labour might be gainfully employed around the village (roddy.ross@pkc.gov.uk. 07833 045863). It is suggested that Dalginross Bridge railings and handrail might be a suitable subject for their attentions.	
8.7	**Live Active** – Cllr Younger notes that at www.liveactive.co.uk 'Compass Membership' is available offering free and reduced cost access to Live Active Leisure facilities for priority target groups who are socially or economically disadvantaged.	

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8.8	**Local Development Plan –** The main issues report is being prepared for the next update of the LDP and submissions are being sought for any thoughts on how the village might evolve in the near future. CCllrs are agreed that with the sizable housing development now planned for Tomperran and the considerable number of house sites in the field beyond Polinard identified in the last LDP further large areas of housing development would currently be unwelcome. Submissions are required by 31st March	
8.9	**Tay Plan –** The Tayplan is due for publication for a period of Representations 11th May – 3rd July	
8.10	**Scottish Community Councillors Online** – has now been set up to create a useful digital forum for CCs to share and learn. https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk/groups/scottish-community-councillors-online	
8.11	**Licensing Issues:** Cllr Younger notes that she and Cllr Brock recently attended The Licensing Board and the report by the Chief Constable stressed that the police are trying to monitor and curtail the connection between alcohol and criminal activity with their Licensing & Violence Reduction Division.	
8.12	**Millennium Footpath-** Andrew Thompson notes that the Forestry Commission are responding to pressure re The Management Plan for Laggan Wood and are soon to fell some 100 trees and clear wind blow below the viewpoint.. This is something that has been desired locally for some time now and will render the site more attractive. The footpath will be closed over a stretch but diversions will be signposted.	
	The next meeting - will be held at 7.30 on 9th April 2015 in the White Church.	

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