



Minutes of the video conference meeting held on Zoom - 7.00pm 10th September 2020

Attendance: Davie Robertson (Chair), Gill Brock (Vice Chair), Tim Lucas (Secretary), John Greer (Treasurer), Sheena Lucas, Sandra McRitchie, Alan Moffat

Cllr Brock, Cllr Donaldson, Cllr McCall (Ward 6 Councillors)

Apologies: James Preston

3 Members of the Public present

1. Welcome

Davie opened the meeting at 7.00pm and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Previous Minutes

It was agreed Davie would speak with James Preston regarding his intentions to continue as a Community Councillor.

Sandra McRitchie has been co-opted on to the Community Council. A question was raised regarding the payment she receives from the CCC for the running of the Comrie Website page. It was agreed at the start of the meeting Sandra would declare a notice of interest concerning the management of the Comrie Website.

Clarification would be sought from PKC to see if this would be ok. Cllr Donaldson to follow up.

Gill advised that we were incorrectly informed about Alan being co-opted on to the CCC and that his co-option did not need to wait until the following minutes were adopted.

Scott was also present, and he was in the process of filling out the forms to become part of the Community Council, this would be in place for the October meeting due to a delay in his application.

Sandra queried the wording of the previous minutes and the section regarding the way in which the complaint was dealt with over the fence issue. She felt that in future there should be a collective response prior to responding to complaints.

3. Police Report

- Nothing major to report
- It was noted that the Police station in Crieff was closing and moving to an upgrade premises in James Square.
- There was to be the same level of Police presence, despite the closure, and Cllr McCall confirmed that the yellow phone was still to be situated outside the new Police Offices and that they were working closely with PKC to deal with any issues.

- A positive move for the future.

4. Relevant planning applications

- There was an application for a micro-brewery and bar at the Comrie Croft.
- John queried if this meant that there would be an onsite bar present.
- Cllr McCall advised that the planning for such a premises is very complicated and they would have to go through different applications before they were able to get a licence.
- There had also been an application filed for 3 new dwellings at the old RBS building. It is being proposed to be turned into 3 flats. The CCC did not raise any objections to this.

5. Road Reports

- Gill advised that there had been nothing reported in regard to the VAS, continuation of the 20mph at the west end of the village or the overhanging shrubbery at the top of Dalginross.
- The double yellow lines at Melville Square were being looked at by BEAR and PKC.
- Drains at the SW corner – ARMO to investigate.
- School flooding and pavements on Dalginross also to be inspected by ARMO.
- Cllr Donaldson advised that Tommy Dean was stepping down and that his replacement, Colin Watson, would be our new contact. Felt that this was a positive step forward.
- Cllr Donaldson also advised that he been in touch regarding the Vehicle Activated Signs, the flooding at Glasdale and also the Ross Bridge. He had no response so far.
- Cllr Donaldson had also been in touch regarding the sign on Strowan Road and that this issue had been dealt with, it transpires nothing has been done yet. Cllr Donaldson to follow up.
- The 30mph sign coming into Comrie on the South Crieff Road still needs to be moved back eastwards but there may be a connectivity issue with it.
- Cllr Donaldson had been out to look at the average speed cameras from Tyndrum onwards and advised that it was up to the CCC to take this matter further. Any emails regarding this to be forwarded on.

6. Treasurers Report

- There are still 7 accounts active.

7. Secretary's Correspondence

Covid -19 Help Line

- The helpline has been very quiet, but it is no problem to keep the line open and running.

Comrie to Monzievard all-purpose path

- There was no further update on the pathway.

EV Charging Points

- The charging point at School Road is to become active end of September/early October.
- No further installations will take place until financial year 21/22.
- It was confirmed that the charging point at Field of Refuge is not likely to go ahead in the immediate future.
- St Kessocks Square charging unit is being funded by the money raised and will be installed independently.

Information Boards in the Village

- Tim had contacted a company in Glasgow called EVM who can provide boards and stands, like those in Braco at a cost of £265 each.

- Alan advised that Cultybraggan used a local company in Auchterarder, Paul Connelly. Alan will forward details onto Tim to investigate.
- Cllr McCall advised that PKC planning would need to be consulted and it was an idea to do this during the initial stages as planning would depend on how many stands would be allowed. It was agreed around 5 would be investigated, depending on affordability.

Abbeyfield Funding

- Tim advised that Leigh Doy, who was originally employed by Abbeyfield, had been moved to Hillcrest, who had bought over Abbeyfield.
- Tim suggested that Leigh is invited to future meetings to keep the village informed on how they are doing.
- Hillcrest has inherited money originally ringfenced for Comrie, but it was agreed to get this in writing to ensure the money continues to benefit the village.
- Tim to contact the area manager of Hillcrest to set up a meeting to discuss their activities in Comrie.

AOCB

- Gill raised an issue, previously noted at CCC meetings, regarding the importance of correspondence emails. She has asked that information is shared with all members of the CCC to ensure that issues are not heard 3rd hand.
- Gill also raised an issue regarding a previous complaint received concerning the Community Council Helpline. It was felt that the issue had not been handled correctly from the start by both parties involved. Gill has spoken with the person who complained to try to reassure her about the commitment of the Community Council Helpline. This matter had previously been dealt with and was now closed.
- Gill, Sheena and Alan had all attended a Ward meeting (by video) where Comrie was congratulated on their efforts during the current COVID-19 pandemic. All members of the CCC should congratulate themselves on the exceptional work carried out.
- Cllr McCall also wanted to reiterate this message as she felt that all the work that was done by everyone was fantastic. She thought that all the information that was circulated was exceptional and great to see it coming from the local community council rather than PKC.
- Alan also wanted to pass on his thanks to everyone as it had been noted how well the village performed during the crisis.
- On a sadder note it was mentioned of Bobby Comrie's passing and that it was felt for all the hard work he contributed to the Comrie Cancer shop he should be recognised. Gill to arrange flowers to be sent.
- John had a complaint regarding the pavement on Dunira St – a lady had recently tripped and broken her ankle. Gill to follow up.
- There is also overhanging trees at the West Lodge – Gill to email BEAR.
- Cllr Donaldson wanted to relay his thanks to all the CCC for their hard work during the pandemic and after recent new restrictions being put in place face to face meetings would not be an option for the next meeting. The AGM and October meeting would need to be held online.
- Lynn Duke from The Herald would like to do a piece on the work done by Comrie, specifically the community helpline and calls received as well as the co-option of new members. Tim to speak to Lynn.
- It was agreed that a Cllr would chair the AGM until new office bearers were appointed.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm. Next meeting 8th October, AGM at 7pm followed by CCC meeting at 7.30pm. All via Zoom.