



Minutes of the meeting held by Zoom video conference - 7.00pm 13th August 2020

Attendance: Davie Robertson (Chair), Gill Brock (Vice Chair), Tim Lucas (Secretary), John Greer (Treasurer), Sheena Lucas (Member),

Hannah Lucas (Minute Secretary)

Cllr S. Donaldson, Cllr R Brock (Ward 6 Councillors)

Apologies: James Preston (Member), Cllr R McCall (Ward 6 Councillor)

4 Members of the Public were present

1. Welcome

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

2. Previous Minutes

- Gill reported from the previous minutes that she had received feedback regarding the road damage at the south west corner of Dalginross Bridge and that PKC didn't feel it was their responsibility. She is going to investigate this further as it appears to be a road matter.
- She is also going to check their response regarding the degrading of the pavement on several areas of the west side of Dalginross.
- The school car park is also still flooding badly and something further will need done with this.
- Cllr Donaldson is going to follow up the electric charging points that have been installed in School Road car park and request a time scale for the outstanding two points still to be installed at Field of Refuge car park.

The minutes were accepted by Davie and seconded by Sheena.

It was noted that Alan Moffat was being co-opted onto the community council and he was nominated by Gill and seconded by Davie. Alan will be a full Community Councillor member at the next meeting (September) once the minutes have been approved.

Scott Broadley was also present as a potential co-optee and he was currently filling out the form to become part of the Community Council. This should be in place for the next meeting.

3. Police Report

- Nothing of significance relating to Comrie to report
- It was noted that the Police were present doing speed checks on Dalginross during the week and several cars had been stopped for not observing the 20mph speed limit.

4. Relevant planning applications

- There were no relevant planning applications
- A member of the public wished to raise a concern regarding a request from another member of the public concerning another resident's fence that had been erected on Tay Avenue.
- The resident had originally approached the CCC on behalf of a third party to object about the height of the fence which had been installed to replace a hedge that had been removed.
- It was felt that this was not a CC issue as no planning application was involved. If the individual had an issue with the fence then they should contact PKC direct. The fence is of a similar height to some neighbouring fences.
- PKC has now spoken to the resident with the new fence and the Planning Office will investigate further and remedy the situation as appropriate.

5. Road Reports

- Gill has asked if the 30mph sign coming into Comrie on the A85 from Crieff can be moved back to incorporate the skate park. There are a number of children who cross the road before the existing speed sign and it is clearly dangerous for them to do so.
- Tim had received an email advising that a 20mph speed limit is going to be temporarily introduced through the village on the A85. This limit is only going to be in place for about three months and run as far west as School Road when, afterwards, the 30 mph limit resumes. It was felt that the CCC should see if this limit could be extended to cover the remainder of the 30mph limit through the village. Gill to check with PKC.
- There is apparently an option to maintain the 20mph limit beyond the trial period if there is sufficient support from the village and it was felt that the CCC should try to achieve this. Gill to check with PKC.
- Gill has requested the possibility of installing speed bumps along Dalginross, at the start and at the end. She had spoken to PC McLean about it. Tim advised that as part of the 20mph speed limit initiative in the south of the village the next stage of the project would be to install several temporary speed bumps along Dalginross in the hope that this would curb speeding. Agreed there was no harm in speaking with PKC to see if these could be retained permanently.
- Cllr Donaldson advised that the speed initiative is all about involving the local communities and if there is something specific the CC felt was working then they should send a request to PKC.
- It was noted that there is going to be further road repairs on the A85 at Monzievard.
- The shrubbery at Chattan corner still needs cut back – Gill has emailed and waiting for an update.
- An update has also been requested on the repair at the Ross Bridge which has been outstanding for well over a year now.
- Gill had reported that there were several streetlights out on Dalginross Bridge. These have been reported and were repaired within 24hrs.
- A Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has been installed at the south end of Strowan Road, however it is obstructed by overhanging bushes and doesn't yet appear to be working. Gill is going to speak to PKC.
- A resident has complained about branches overhanging the pavement on a part of Dalginross which is causing problems for people when walking on the pavement – a letter has been sent to the resident to ask for the trees to be cut back.
- The double yellow lines at Melville square are still outstanding and Gill is having trouble finding the body responsible for reinstating these – PKC has been contacted for a response.

6. Treasurers Report

- There are still 7 accounts active.
- There was one slight amendment to the accounts – in last month's report it was noted that a cheque had cleared when in fact it cleared this month.

- The Admin account was showing a low balance due to various outgoings – this will be topped up by PKC in October.

7. Secretary's Correspondence

Covid -19 Help Line

- Sheena is still happy to keep the Coronavirus help line going and it was agreed this would continue till the end of October. The help line is now, relatively, very quiet.
- Davie wanted to express his thanks to Sheena for keeping this service going.

Comrie – Monzievaird all-purpose path

- Tim had chased Jane Pritchard on the 5th August and received an out of office reply. However he has had a reply from Martin Bonner, Project Leader.
- PKC are going to push to complete the landowner's agreements and keep the CCC informed on the progress
- All the bridge designs are completed and have been sent away for checking and confirmation.
- Cllr Donaldson advised that although things are progressing with the plans and the landowner's agreements the finance for the path has still not been finalised.
- It is likely that work will not start on the path until 2022.

Green Routes

- Ross Bridge to Dalchonzie and Dalrannoch has now been reduced to 40mph and will be in place for a minimum of 18 months.
- A complaint had been received that there was an excessive number of 40mph signs. Tim and others have been to look and think the signs are adequate for the routes.

Hayride

- It was agreed that the Hayride should not go ahead this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Davie to communicate this to the relevant parties.

AOCB

- Gill asked whether the South Crieff Road could be made into a 40mph route as it was becoming more and more dangerous with speeding cars. It was agreed that this would not be a possibility for PKC at the moment
- The White Church is still closed to meetings but John would give an update after the next Community Centre committee meeting.
- John also raised the issue of speeding motorbikes coming into the village – he felt that they were becoming more of an issue now. He wondered if we should look further into the cardboard policeman (Pop-up Jim) to put in place at the village entrance. Tim advised that with the impending introduction of the 20mph on the A85 that may not be quite so necessary in the short term but we should continue to monitor the situation.
- Another suggestion was to encourage PKC to install Average Speed Cameras on the A85 from Methven to Lochearnhead. This was raised by the CCC several years ago and although there had been many emails sent regarding this they had met with no response – all relevant emails could be forwarded onto Tim and he may be able to look into it further. The idea of installing Average Speed Cameras was well received by the meeting.
- Gill wanted to reiterate the request from June's meeting that all CCC members be copied into any correspondence e-mails. There had been a recent issue where a couple of CCC

members had not been copied in on email responses regarding a meeting at the Caravan Park and were unaware of the outcome so were unsure whether or not the issue had been followed up.

- The CCC wanted to express their thanks and congratulations to The Comrie Fortnight association for the great job they did during these difficult times. Fantastic and well done to them for all the online activities.
- A member of the public asked if the Community Councillors could have their titles next to their names in the minutes. Someone had asked who each was as it was not clear from reading the minutes.
- Scott wanted to reiterate the early conversation of motorbikes and that they were especially bad up Burrell St and would support something being done about it.

Meeting closed at 8pm. Next meeting 10th September 2020.

Place and time TBC depending on the Covid-19 situation.

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