



Comrie Community Council
Minutes of the meeting - Zoom - 7.00pm
10 June 2021

Attendance: Gill Brock (Chair), John Greer (Treasurer), Sandra McRichie (Secretary) Scott Broadley, Andrew Scobie, Lorna Ramsey , Terri Bacon, Kristy, Stewart, Cllr Brock, Cllr Donaldson, Lindsay Brown, Sheena Lucas

Apologies: Councillor McColl

Judi Cowie (Minute Secretary)

1. Welcome & Apologies

Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Chair said last years AGM minutes would be circulated as per the norm via email.

3. Chairpersons report ...

From our last AGM , we donated parcels to the elderly of the village at Christmas. Also at Christmas News letter regarding another lockdown due to covid we reminded them that the CC were still here with the helpline should they need anything. This proved very successful and gave reassurance to our elderly they had not been forgotten. I would like all those who printed and delivered this news letter throughout the whole of the village.

We had a break over the Christmas holidays when our previous Chair David Robertson was in charge.

In Feb we had our first meeting to discuss the the renovation of our website , which has started and we will continue to improve on.

With regret Davie, Tim and our minute secretary Hannah decided within a few weeks to resign.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done for Comrie Community Council over the years and laterally when he was Chair.

As Vice Chair it was my duty to step up as Chair of the CCC, This was a great honour.

Since then , we have discussed the website, which is ongoing. We asked Elaine Catton regarding the possibility of a FB Page, she felt this was unnecessary.

The Shaky Bridge is an ongoing issue and Sheena is working along side the land owners to make sure the bridge is safe and he is also happy with the works to be carried out.

The Core Path is the same , we have Councillor Stewart Donaldson continuously trying to resolve a very long going issues. With some resignations there were spaces for co option.

This was delayed by the fact we had to wait until August hold our 3 yearly election. As we had some resignations we were so lucky for some new fresh blood coming forward have we now have a super mixed team.

Thanks to Scott we have re connected with Canada, thanks to Terri we have a sub committee to restructure our very out dated Legion Park.

Both have done a super amount of work and things are very much taking shape.

The have both worked so hard and the rest of this new great team have so many great ideas , I can only see the CCC going form strength to strength ...

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all 3 Ward Councillors for all the support they have given us , without them, we'd be at a loss.

Gillian Brock

4. Secretaries report

Unlike many Community Councils across Scotland who stopped having regular meetings Comrie CC has continued to meet via Zoom, which has been successful. I took on the role as Temporary Secretary following the resignation of the previous Secretary. I am now resigning my position of Temp. Secretary. I will support the new Secretary as best I can until they are comfortable in the role.

Over the year I have fielded the emails that come into us reporting on any items that we would find important to the community. We have received regular Commanders Reports from Police Scotland but very few incidents regarding Comrie have featured.

Planning issues have been quiet over the past year with no major applications that affect the village.

Despite being in the role of Chair, Gill Brock continues to be the go to person for all road matters. She has built up relationships with PKC personnel over many years which has proved to be valuable when road issues have arisen.

We receive a number of emails each month regarding varied items across the region and Scotland; of which many do not affect the village, but if there are interesting items I have reported them at our regular Monthly Meetings and posted to the Community Website and Comrie Facebook page.

Flooding and the new flood defences have continued to feature in village life. The communications from PKC and its engineering staff have continued to keep us informed of the process. We look forward to the work commencing and it's completion in the years to come.

I want to thank our new Community Councillors who have stepped up and now focusing on projects in the village, including the resurrection of the twinning initiative with Carleton

Place, Canada. Online meetings with the community in Canada have taking place and will continue to benefit our young people with reciprocal visits in the future.

Liaising with PKC on when our Library will be re-opened and whether we can look to developing it at it as a Community Hub.

Working with PKC on a timetable for ground repairs. We have held a community event in the park to raise funds for new equipment and more. Another event for Halloween is currently being organised.

We now hold the bank account for the Skate Park and We were aware the Laggan Park Committee had in effect folded, therefore a meeting with park users has been held, looking to developing it's use for everyone in the community.

It hasn't all been good. We sadly lost Gordon McCartney who was the longest serving Community Councillor in Scotland prior to his retirement. Whilst he had retired from the Community Council he was a mine of information on anything to do with the village, especially historical events that have shaped the village. On a personal note when I joined the CC, Gordon and Sandy Gray were the old boys on the council. I called them Jack & Victor after the characters in a funny TV show, which I think they secretly enjoyed. RIP Gordon, gone but not forgotten.

Sandra McRitchie
26th October 2021

5 Financial Report

COMRIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR ENDING 31st AUG. 2021

Comrie Community Council are still responsible for the management of seven funds which includes an administrative fund.

The past year has been extremely challenging due to the Covid outbreak which has given the Community Council extra duties but at the same time many restrictions due to the virus.

The community council set up a telephone helpline and together with local shop keepers we were able to assist anyone who was housebound to make deliveries to their homes. The telephone line was also a social and communication link contact for those who felt isolated.

Most of those duties undertaken by the councillors obviously desisted as the vaccines arrived.

Now our financial situation.

The **Administrative** fund is restricted for use by the Community Council for all their operating costs. Perth and Kinross Council gift a yearly grant of up to £700.00 towards this

fund on the condition that it rigorously adheres to the guidelines on the legitimate use of the fund.

Having stringently followed the guidelines we consequently received a grant of £606.51 during this financial year towards the fund.

Also showing in this account is the sum of £60.00 These monies were received from our Community Account as minute taking expenses which had been paid out from that account..

Our expenditure expenses include payment to our minute taker for the minutes and preparation of the same. There was payment for room hire for committee meetings and website costs which included yearly contract cost and domain name purchase. Telephone costs were incurred as a result of the lockdown period and our yearly accounts Examiner Fees. The account balance is now **£10.89**.

An application will be submitted for a council grant for this year.

The other six funds we are responsible for include the **Community Account** which is an unrestricted fund. This fund has been utilised for all other unrestricted income and expenditure. This includes income from the Business Directory Listings displayed on the Community Website, Map Sales and other donations and grants. Subscriptions this year raised **£2100.00** and together with the other items the income was **£2211.00**. From this account the council decided to donate funds to the cubs, brownies, guides, scouts and the local youth club and consequently **£1123.94** was gifted. Extra cost were incurred this year to upgrade and maintain the website. Due to deterioration we purchased a new flag for the flag pole at the white church. Gifts and flowers were purchased for local residents and again due to lockdown extra expenses were incurred by committee members and were paid from this account.

At the end of the financial year the balance of this account is **£21549.28**.

There was no activity in relation to **The Flood, Hayride and Public Toilet Accounts**, other than bank interest payments. Both this year and last because of Covid the **Hayride** was cancelled. The balance of these accounts are **£651.60, £1286.35 and £412.25** respectively. Normally each year money is raised at the Comrie Fortnight Market but due to restrictions this was cancelled.

The **Legion Park** account has had the most activity due to the fact one of our new committee members Terri-Louis Bacon has taken on responsibility to raise funds to improve and upgrade the children's play area. A separate committee has been formed by Terri and already new funds have been raised and the balance of the account is now **£981.71**. Many other events and projects are being planned and we wish them every success.

The final Account is the **Xmas Lights** account which for the past three years has been organised by its own committee assisted by council members. Although numerous events would have been organised they were severely restricted because of Covid. They did still

raise £105.81 and provided the village with its yearly display of Xmas lights and a small gift for the children.

Although funds raised were limited the cost of erecting the lights and Christmas Tree still had to be paid. The account figures show a balance of **£7129.13**. Many thanks must go to this group for coordinating and putting together their display over the Christmas period and the hard work leading up to it. The display of lights was splendid.

The Treasurer would like to thank the volunteers for maintaining the Community Website and encouraging so many local businesses to provide their directory subscriptions. Also thanks to local resident Ian Wilcox who examines our accounts and finally to my fellow councillors for their support throughout the year.

Your attention is now drawn to these accounts. If approved a grant claim will be submitted to P & K Community Council Team.

John Greer

Treasurer

6 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Stewart Donaldson presided over the Election and asked if anyone wish to propose a Chairperson .

Sandra McRitchie proposed Gillian Brock as Chair ,

Scott Broadly, seconded this.

Councillor Donaldson asked if anyone else wish to come forward, there were no other nominations.

Gillian Brock then took over and proposed Scott Broadley as Vice Chair.

This was seconded by Lorna Ramsey.

**Secretary , Gillian Brock Co opted Kirsty Stewart as new member of the CC.
Gillian Brock then proposed Kirsty Stewart as Secretary.**

This was seconded by Sandra McRitchie.

**John was voted to continue as Treasurer until everything as finalised with signatories.
Gillian Brock proposed John**

This was seconded by Scott Broadley

This was the conclusion of the AGM and we went on to continue our usual CCC Meeting

Date of next AGM is 13th October 2022