



Comrie Community Council Annual General Meeting, Thursday 12th October 2023

In Attendance: Karen Donaldson (Acting Chair), Terri Bacon, Lindsay Brown (Treasurer), Diane Kaye, Rosemary Mitchell, Lorna Ramsey, Andrew Scobie (Secretary).

Elected Representatives in Attendance: Ballie Rhona Brock, Cllr Stewart Donaldson

Approximately six members of the public in attendance

Apologies: Gillian Brock, Cllr Noah Khogali

Annual General Meeting – Chair Cllr Stewart Donaldson

Minutes from the 2022 Annual General Meeting:

- Karen proposed the minutes, seconded by Rosemary.

Office Bearer's Reports:

- Stewart delivered the chairperson's report in Gillian's place
- Treasurer's and secretary's reports provided by Lindsay Brown and Andrew Scobie consecutively – copies available

Appointment of Office Bearers:

Chairperson – Rosemary nominated Gillian. Lorna seconded nomination.

Vice-Chairperson – Lorna proposed Karen. Terri seconded nomination.

Secretary – Andrew proposed by Lindsay. Rosemary seconded nomination.

Treasurer – Karen nominated Lindsay. Terri seconded nomination.

Karen proposed that we maintain the current offices without adding extra.
Lindsay seconded this proposal.

Ordinary meeting commenced thereafter, Karen taking the role of acting chair.

Minutes from the Last Meeting:

- Karen proposed the minutes. Seconded by Rosemary.

Matters Arising/Action Points:

- Gillian has approached PKC about illegal parking on Drummond Street.
- Andrew will share the approved minutes from the last meeting with Braco and Greenloaning Community Council as speed cushion feedback.
- Callum Bachell has shared the link to the Scotways website with Gillian.
- Rhona has attempted to contact George Lees about twinning but has not succeeded. Terri acknowledged that he had returned from holiday.
- Andrew still has to contact PKC Environmental Services about the doorstep at 2 Bridgend.
- Andrew has yet to contact PKC Building Standards about the Melville Monument.

Commanders Bulletin:

- None on this occasion.

Relevant Planning Applications:

- Nothing out of the ordinary.
- Lorna queried what was happening in the Square. Andrew uncertain.

Treasurer's Report:

- Lindsay has a couple of outstanding cheques.

- A copy of the report was shared before the meeting. The main item of note was a £60 payment for subscriptions to the Comrie website.
- He is awaiting bank details from the White Church and the Tea and Tots group.

Road Matters:

- David Spaven shared a research report about traffic calming opportunities. Diane and David will work together to review the options for crossings, paying particular attention to what similar-sized villages have done.
- Terri and Diane remain concerned about the speed at which traffic travels through the village.
- PKC has filled in some potholes; however, a large one remains at the Field of Refuge.
- Andrew stated that a large puddle of water had gathered on the Monzievaird bend heading eastward. The pool is potentially hazardous. Rhona suggested that Andrew contact BEAR Scotland directly.

Secretary's relevant correspondence and update:

- Andrew continues to share all important correspondence with the rest of the Community Council.
- An email was received from a customs, folklore and traditions podcast host. Andrew will pass their details to Flambeaux Committee members, for he has contact details.
- Andrew reiterated that while receiving the planning emails from PKC, he is not the default planning expert. As secretary, his role is to share them.

Twinning:

- Diane is waiting for an update from George Lees.

Legion Park:

- No further developments to report.

Rights of way:

- Stewart shared an update from Callum Bachell on Cultybraggan. They are still hopeful of reaching an amicable settlement.
- Callum is looking to compile accounts of the historic use of the Ruchillside paths. Those with stories should email Callum, who will provide feedback. He hopes that the evidence will strengthen the case for continued use of the paths.
- A resident in attendance noted that the bird scarer had been deactivated.
- The resident above also expressed their concern that fewer people are walking the path for fear of aggressive and abusive behaviour.
- Lindsay reiterated that any aggressive behaviour should be reported to Police Scotland.

Windfarm:

- Sam Greer from Low Carbon wants to construct a wind farm at Invergeldie. They were invited to this meeting but were unable to attend.
- They will attend the next meeting – see DONM.
- Rosemary asked if the wind farm would be constructed on the Ardeonaig side towards Loch Tay.
- They are hosting a public exhibition in the White Church on Tuesday 14th November.
- Members of the public in attendance shared their concerns about the proposal, having left their previous community due to unscrupulous conduct from a developer.

Community Action Plan:

- Karen has nearly finished the CAP funding forms. She will seek some input from Lindsay.

Councillors Reports:

Lorna – Lorna is still looking to generate more enthusiasm for the library. She worries about the lack of a gate near the Skatepark, given that users are crossing a busy stretch of road there.

Rosemary – Rosemary has completed her survey of junctions compromised by trees and bushes – Strowan Road from the Dalginross Bridge to Legion Park is particularly bad.

Lindsay – The self-catering accommodation at Cultybraggan is to appear on *Four in a Bed*. Timber harvesting at Auchingarrich has not started yet. PKC seem to have agreed to work over the winter. The increased presence of lorries on Glasscorrie Road continues to worry the residents.

Diane – Diane is still liaising with PKC about installing a new noticeboard on Bridge Street. She may need to approach Historic Environment Scotland for approval, given that the fences are part of the B-listed White Church graveyard.

Terri – The metal jutting out of the gravel at the Strowan/Queens Road junction still constitutes a health and safety risk. Diane thinks it may have been used to tether the wires of the adjoining powerline.

Andrew – No further developments on 2 Bridgend and other vacant properties. On 1st October, the Hayride was organised for the first time by an independent committee. The day was very successful. Andrew thanked Terri for her help. As well as functions, Andrew highlighted that overgrown plants are obstructing some pathways, for instance, the lane between Tummel Place and Strowan Road. The plants are a health and safety risk, especially as we enter the darker months.

Rhona – Rhona provided an update on the progress of the National Park application.

Stewart - Stewart updated attendees on his activities in the Council, including the latest Finance and Resources Committee meeting, which he convenes.

Donations:

- We have been recently approached by various local groups asking for donations. We cannot donate to all who ask us.
- The Community Council voted unanimously to donate £100 towards purchasing a 3D printer for the Primary School.
- A vote was taken five to three to donate £100 to the School PFA for the annual Bonfire Night.
- Lindsay proposed that we set up a short application form for donations. This idea was unanimously supported.
- Terri raised that at a previous meeting, we agreed that the Community Council would donate £200 annually to the Hayride Committee. Andrew will ascertain where this was minuted. This arrangement is to be revisited as we are concerned that this may set a precedent we cannot honour in future.
- The committee voted unanimously to donate £200 to CWA to cover insurance.
- Diane suggested we revisit self-fundraising.
- The committee agreed that all future funding applications will be decided in person, not via email.
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AOCB:

- Andrew confirmed that he is willing to assist Lindsay in reducing spending on printing. Lorna asked if her business uses a printing service that offers reasonable rates. Andrew accepted.

DONM: Thursday 9th November at 7 pm in the Royal Hotel.

Action Points:

1. Andrew will contact BEAR Scotland about the Monzievairst bend puddle.
2. Diane will work with David Spaven to explore options for crossings.
3. Lindsay will draft a donation application.
4. Andrew to locate minutes where we pledged to make annual donations of £200 to the Hayride Committee.
5. Lorna to enquire about affordable printing services.

6. Lindsay will support Karen in completing the CAP funding application.

Approved