Comrie & District Community Council Meeting

The White Church, Thursday 14 August 2025, 7 pm



In Attendance: Andrew Scobie (AS)(Chair), Lindsay Brown (LB)(Treasurer), Amy Fenwick (AF)(Secretary), Tim Lucas (TL)(Vice Chair), Andrew Thompson (AT), Ross Scobie (RS), Terri Bacon (TB), Lynn Stewart (LS)

Elected Representatives: Baillie Rhona Brock, Cllr Stewart Donaldson

In attendance: Alistair Forsyth-Library Rep, Fiona Blacke-CDT Chair

Members of the Public: 13

1. Welcome & Apologies:

- a. AS welcomed all attendees to the meeting
- b. AF noted apologies from Dee Thomas (DT)

2. Approval of Previous Minutes & Matters Arising

- a. Nil matters arising
- b. Minutes approved: Proposed by AT and seconded by LB

3. Office Bearers' Reports:

Secretary: AF reported that correspondence had been received since the last meeting relating to the accuracy of the previous minutes. Advice has been sought from Perth & Kinross Council Legal Services on the appropriate handling of this matter and no further action will be taken until guidance is received. It was noted that the minutes, as circulated, remain the approved record of the meeting.

AF also advised that Facebook Messenger is not used as an official communication channel for the Community Council and that the use of the official email address is encouraged for all correspondence.

All correspondence received since the last meeting has been circulated to members.

Treasurer: Nothing to report

Current Balances
ADMIN ACCOUNT £485.92
(£485.92)
COMMUNITY ACCOUNT £4,797.46
(£4,797.46)
XMAS LIGHT ACCOUNT £5,375.89
(£5,375.89)

Admin Account. No Change Community Account. No Change Christmas Lights Account. No Change

4. Relevant Planning Applications

Glen Lednock wind farm application taken at Item 9

5. Police Scotland Update

Police representatives were unable to attend the meeting and no written update was received.

6. Parking & Road Matters

AS outlined that no recent correspondence received regarding parking issues. TL reported that the sunken drains on the B827 remain. At a previous meeting a member of the public was in attendance and agreed to liaise with The Scottish Forestry Board of which he is a member, as they were looking for projects and it may be appropriate to put forward works to the B827. LB to pass on email to AF to follow up.

AS drew attention to the PKC portal to report any general road issues.

Member of the public noted that there is a useful website called 'fix my street' that may be utilised to report issues.

It was agreed that due to no correspondence regarding parking matters being received for some time, we would remove from standing agenda items but keep 'Road Matters' as a substantive item.

7. Library

Alistair Forsyth, Friends of Comrie Library representative gave an update. Meetings with CPK ongoing and recent change in personnel has had a positive effect. C&DCC still have a Participation Request agreed by PKC but have not yet initiated the process.

8. Low Carbon Glen Lednock Wind Farm

AT provided an overview of the proposal. It was noted that a local campaign group, Save Glen Lednock, has commissioned an independent consultant to review the submission documents and prepare a report, which they have agreed to share with C&DCC to support preparation of the Community Council's representation to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU).

AT read out a draft statement of the Community Council's current position, which was unanimously agreed by members present. The statement has also been shared with the local press.

AT proposed holding an engagement event and survey to gather community views to inform the Community Council's representation. It was suggested that the independent consultant be invited to provide a presentation at the public meeting. LB further suggested that Low Carbon be invited to present their proposal and participate in a Q&A session.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding funding applications associated with the Glen Lednock estate, noting requests for woodland creation and possible peatland restoration. The Community Council note the comments.

9. Access & Rights of Way

Fiona Blacke, CDT Chair, read out an update from Callum Bachell, PKC Greenspace; Confirming that the matter is with PKC Legal Services for consideration and that next steps will be decided in due course. It was also clarified that public access rights apply at the location.

CDT and Cultybraggan Farm are working closely together to resolve the access issues. The farm owners in attendance noted their commitment to supporting community access and contributing positively to the area.

10. Councillors Reports

TB- The Legion Park upgrade works commenced today. TB thanked the community, Bailie Rhona Brock and PKC Architect for their support. AS offered his congratulations to TB for all her hard work in bringing this project to fruition. LB- CAP finalised and is open to suggestions for circulation of hard copies. A link to the document will be displayed on the community website page and the report will be submitted to PKC planners as part of LDP 3 call for supporting documents. Cllr Stewart Donaldson thanks LB, Fiona Blacke and the project group for all their efforts to bring this together.

AS- Community Council elections upcoming. Submission of nominations are due by 4pm on Thursday 25 September 2025. Elections for community councils across Perth and Kinross will be held on Thursday 6 November 2025. AS also noted invasive plants in areas along the river and will inform the appropriate services.

Cllr Donaldson- ongoing communication with Bid Strachan, PK Countryside Trust to move forward with Comrie-Crieff Core path. Also, following up with PKC Greenspace on the path issues at Baird Monument.

Bailie Brock- offered her thanks to the Legion Park Committee and Comrie Fortnight Committee for all their outstanding efforts and contributions to the community.

11. AOCB

Fiona Black, CDT Chair, reported that the Trust is now financially stable, with the camp having been very busy over the summer. The new café business has been a major success and a range of events have taken place. The orchard is also looking well & laden.

Projects in development include a small-scale solar farm, with the aim of offsetting energy use for tenants and creating a community benefit fund, subject to planning permission.

An administrative post has been advertised, with the closing date tomorrow. There are now five motorhome spaces available at £10 per night, bookable via an app.

Date of Next Meeting: 7pm Thursday 11th September 2025