



Comrie & District Community Council Meeting February 2026

The White Church, Thursday 12th February 2026 7 pm

In Attendance: Andrew Scobie (AS)(Chair), Dee Thomas (DT)(Secretary) Andrew Thompson (AT) and Lynn Stewart (LS) and Elected Representatives Baille Rhona Brock and Cllr Stewart Donaldson.

In attendance: Alistair Forsyth- Library Rep, Martin Downing SGL Rep, Fiona Blacke (Chair CDT) Pauline Smart (Police Scotland)

Members of the Public: 7

1. Welcome & Apologies:

AS (Chair) welcomed all attendees to the January 2026 meeting. Chair (AS) noted apologies from Community Councillors John Greer (JG) (Vice Chair), Terri Bacon (TB), Ross Scobie (RS) (Treasurer)

2. Approval of Previous Minutes from Community Council Meeting held on 8th January 2026 and Matters Arising

The Minutes were approved and accepted (AS) Proposed/(LS) Seconded with one Matter Arising which was to make sure that residents were advised to contact the PKC Environmental Health team if concerned about bonfire safety issues/nuisance.

3. Office Bearers' Reports

Chair (AS) reported that RS (Treasurer) had completed the process of bank account verification and that by the date of the next public meeting in March 2026 would hopefully be fully set up and be able to give an updated financial report at the next meeting.

AS advised the meeting that there was now an opportunity to co-opt new Community Council members with three open vacancies. He asked for this to be shared throughout the village and for any interested parties to contact him.

Secretary (DT) advised that she and Lynn Stewart (LS) had started the process of seeking grant funding for a Comrie Community Resilience Project and that LS would expand on that. Chair (AS) reported that RS (Treasurer) was currently in the process of bank account verification and that by the date of the next public meeting in February 2026 would hopefully be fully set up and be able to give an updated financial report at the next meeting.

4. Relevant Planning Applications

Chair (AS) advised that there was nothing of note to report other than a few local extension/home improvement applications.

A resident from Glen Lednock advised that they had received Neighbour Notification from the owners of Invergeldie Estate (Oxygen Conservation) to build 2 x semi detached houses. The resident questioned the need to build when there are existing empty houses on the Estate which

could be restored to use. The Chair (AS) agreed to monitor the situation and alert the community once/if planning consultation commences.

5. Police Scotland Update

Chair (AS) welcomed PC Pauline Smart (PS) (Police Scotland) to the meeting and she advised no crime to report and, when asked, confirmed that there had been no local access complaints received by Police Scotland. She confirmed that she was happy to discuss community concerns regarding speeding in the village and in particular a proposal to set up a Community Speed Watch Initiative. PS provided some written guidelines to the Chair (AS) and confirmed that as A85 is a Trunk Road it was not appropriate to introduce speed bumps. She further explained that Sat Nav info currently shows 30mph through the main street and this is because the introduction of 20mph limit signage is on an initial 18 Month basis only. She confirmed that the Primary School crossing point may warrant a temporary mobile speed camera. It was discussed with PS that one of the worst areas for speeding was the South Crieff Road by the Cemetery where limit signage changes from 30 mph to 20mph over a short distance and AS proposed the possibility of extending the 20mph limit further. AS also advised that he felt that there was a need to take the 30mph signage out to the Roman Stone as people were driving fast at the very point where many pedestrians/ dogwalkers cross the long straight into the village from the South.

Andrew Thompson (AT) advised PS that despite the speed bumps delivery vans speeding on Dalginross were a safety issue. Chair (AS) added that he was awaiting a response from Transport Scotland re a tree overhanging speed signage to the West near Tullybannocher and that maybe it would be a good idea to extend the 20mph signage out to Glasdale.

Pauline Smart advised the meeting that for operational reasons she was unable to take a formal role in the Community Resilience Group but provided Lynn Stewart with her contact details for general advice.

A resident queried if Police Scotland routinely monitor/enforce 20mph limits.

It was agreed to continue efforts to raise awareness of speed limits in respect of safety and to explore options for downloading/sharing information on the Community Council website and Facebook page.

Chair (AS) thanked Pauline for attending and she left the meeting to return to duties.

6. Traffic and Road Matters

The recurrent problem of surface water near Tullybannocher was raised and Chair (AS) confirmed this had been raised with Bear Scotland to find a solution.

A resident raised a concern about the difficulty in bad weather of maintaining access for mobility scooters on Dalginross. This led on to discussions about the need to look within the Community Resilience Group at options for reliably salting pavements/ filling salt bins for personal use.

Concerns emerged regarding the number of road closures coming up soon on main routes in and out of the village and the inadequacy/accuracy of signage. Chair (AS) suggested that complaints/queries should be notified to PKC through the MyPKC portal available online to all residents.

7. Community Resilience Planning

Lynn Stewart (LS) confirmed that she was in contact with the team at PKC who had advised her as to what information was needed to apply for grant funding for the Community Resilience Projects. Lynn advised that she was looking into collating costs for mobile generator options including installation and housing and would be submitting the grant application forms asap.

Lynn further touched on issues concerning storage of and access to emergency equipment such as saltbags/diggers and she outlined plans to improve coordination with local services. She highlighted the difficulty of needing to soak saltbags for 24 hrs prior to use for maximum efficiency. Chair (AS) commented on ongoing efforts to compile contact details for local volunteers and to devise protocols for using community spaces such as the White Church and Library during any future emergencies. It was agreed to investigate producing an information leaflet and follow up with the Fire Service as to how to secure access to the saltbags held at the Fire Station shed.

Lynn advised that self-propelled salt carts for pavement use were coming soon and that the salt bins were now topped up.

She concluded that there was a lot of further work to be done to achieve a joined-up approach to Community Resilience including comprehensive (GDPR compliant) lists of volunteers and warm spaces/key access holders etc and a communication means to mobilise boots on the ground ((probably Whatsapp).

Lynn reiterated that the Council are ultimately responsible for providing services. If a vehicle is broken they should arrange a replacement service and not default to volunteer groups.

Chair (AS) thanked Lynn for all her efforts so far.

8. Friends of Comrie Library Update

Alistair Forsyth (AF) (Save Comrie Library) (SCL) gave an update. He relayed his frustration with Culture Perth and Kinross (CPKC) particularly in respect of an unsatisfactory meeting on 13th January 2026 where he had been told by the consultant employed by CPKC that “options appraised” could not yet be revealed to the SCL group. He advised that the next meeting with CPKC scheduled for 24/2/26 and PKC Councillor Stewart Donaldson (SD) indicated that he would like to attend that meeting as the Council Budget meeting is scheduled for 4/3/26 and libraries across PKC will be on the agenda. SD indicated that he felt CDT should be actively involved in the SCL campaign.

He reiterated that CPKC were very frustrating to deal with as they did not respond well to criticism. He added that CPKC had provided no further information on core issues to do with the building and signage.

Andrew Thompson (AT) added that we are now one year into the two-year reprieve

On a more positive note, he advised that the library was now open for more hours and can now be booked with plans to promote hours and types of use for different groups

9. Glenlednock Windfarm Update

Martin Downing (MD) gave an update for the Save Glenlednock Group (SGL). He started by advising of an imminent invitation letter (From a group in the Borders) about to come to all affected Community Councils regarding joining together as one voice to oppose destruction of landscapes and habitat across PKC. Chair (AS) and Secretary (DT) to look out for invitation letter. MD to find out more about when an invitation letter will come and who other invitees will be.

He noted that planning department at PKC had recently not objected to a development at Blackford. He confirmed that he had not seen any indication of SSE and Low Carbon response or direction following the PKC planning objection at Glen Tarken and Glen Lednock

He asked for the Comrie and District Community Council formal objection to be lodged with the Energy Consents Unit and Andrew Thompson confirmed that he would ensure this happened.

He indicated that groups across PKC were looking to their Community Councils to come together to put out a unified statement regarding a proposed moratorium on Onshore wind development in the area. He stated that the strategy of "one unified voice" had proven successful in Highland regions.

Fiona Blacke (CDT Chair) commented that we should not lose sight of Community Benefit should development go ahead following any Public Inquiry.

10. Access and Paths

Chair (AS) noted the continuing deterioration of the Deils Cauldron path and said he would follow up with Green Space

He also noted various comments published on social media re dog mess on pavements and proposed a gentle reminder on CCC Facebook page to always pick up dog poo and deposit waste in bins or take home.

Andrew Thompson (AT) spoke on the Comrie to Crieff path developments and noted the valuable work carried out by the Crieff Community Trust in bringing together Landowners. He relayed that said that pending a planning application work could soon commence on the first section of the path between the Primary School and Tomperran. He said all landowner permissions in place and that the work could soon progress to the Earn. The discussion then touched on funding sources including a PKC visitor levy and the Tay Cities Deal.

Councillor Donaldson confirmed that at the Crieff end the path upgrading work would soon complete at Lady Mary's Walk.

Fiona Blacke (CDT) gave update on the locked gate between the bridleway and Cultybraggan Camp and reported that Callum Bachel at PKC felt satisfied that enforcement procedures could now commence as there had been no response or removal of obstruction by the Landowner.

Andrew Thompson (AT) thanked the CDT Directors for progressing.

Alistair Forsyth (AF) confirmed that he was progressing update of Sat Nav details for the path by Earthquake house to avoid delivery vehicle access and obstruction.

The wall at Drumearn house is being remediated by a dyking team and residents have been assured the work is in hand.

Martin Downing (MD) advised that the bike track to St Fillans was being upgraded and noted that the works for the Tree Story/Oxygen Conservation Forest Plan at Invergeldie Estate had commenced. AT noted that no effort had been made by the contractors to improve the car park at the access point to Ben Chonzie and he considered that the car park condition had deteriorated. He suggested the Community Council should gather facts and bring this to the attention of Oxygen Conservation/Tree Story as various commitments had been made to get go ahead for the forestry plan.

It was agreed also that the situation would be monitored throughout early spring 2026 to make sure access commitments were being met.

11. CDT update

The update was delivered by Fiona Blacke (FB) (Chair CDT).

FB reported that the CDT was interviewing for a Youth worker for a project supported by the Parish Church and she explored the possibility of the employee working at times out of the library.

She shared that the Housing Group had identified 4 possible sites and that they were determined to be an "action not just talking" group.

She confirmed that the CDT at Cultybraggan had been awarded Changing Places funding (along with Comrie Croft) to build a toilet and changing facility for users with profound needs.

She advised that the CARES solar farm feasibility study had concluded that due to grid issues the scheme is likely to need battery storage and it is hoped that this will progress as it has the potential to offer cheap energy to businesses sited at Cultybraggan.

FB asked that a CDT update becomes a standing item on the monthly CCC Agenda and this was agreed.

12. Councillors Reports

Lynn Stewart advised that she was waiting on Matt Maclay of Scottish Fire Service to confirm dates for CPR training.

Chair (AS) Secretary (DT) and Andrew Thompson (AT) points covered in previous topics.

Councillor Stewart Donaldson (SD) gave an update on the completion date of the Flood Protection Scheme and said it was scheduled for completion in early November 2026 with delay due to bad weather conditions with some adjustment to financing with 80% coming from Scotgov and 20% from PKC.

SD also advised the meeting of an interesting upcoming exhibition "The Picts of Strathearn" at the Crieff and Strathearn museum.

In regard to the Comrie to Crieff path he told the meeting that he hoped it would one day form part of the aspiration to create a cross Scotland Pilgrims Way linking Oban in the West to Newburgh in the East.

Baille Rhona Brock (RB) congratulated the CDT on achieving visitor footfall of 4700 to the Cultybraggan Camp Museum.

13. AOCB

A resident asked the CCC /PKC Councillors if there is currently a road sweeper employed to sweep the main street in Comrie as there is a lot of dirt building up outside the library. It was agreed to find out the current situation re sweeping the main through route.

Chair (AS) thanked the Comrie Snowdrop Group for their efforts and noted that the previous Sunday had been National Snowdrop Day.

AS noted, an outstanding invoice from the Laggan Park Committee.

Date of next meeting 7pm White Church on Thursday 12th March 202

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