



Comrie & District Community Council Meeting April 2026

The White Church, Thursday 9th April 2026 at 7 pm

In Attendance: Andrew Scobie (AS)(Chair), John Greer (JG) (Vice Chair), Ross Scobie (RS) (Treasurer), Dee Thomas (DT)(Secretary), Terri Bacon (TB) and Elected Representatives Cllr Stewart Donaldson and Baille Rhona Brock

In attendance: Fiona Blacke (Chair CDT), Alistair Forsyth- Library Rep, James Bennet (Invergeldie Estate Ranger/Oxygen Conservation)

Members of the Public: 3

1. Welcome & Apologies:

AS (Chair) welcomed all attendees to the April 2026 meeting. Chair (AS) noted apologies from Community Councillor Andrew Thompson (AT) and (for clarity) found apologies had been sent by Lynn Stewart (LS).

2. Approval of Previous Minutes from Community Council Meeting held on 12th March 2026 and Matters Arising

The Minutes were approved and accepted (TB) Proposed and (RS) Seconded with no matters arising.

3. Office Bearers' Reports

Dee Thomas (DT)(Secretary) noted a youth cycling event due to take place the next day (10 th April) starting and finishing at Auchingarrich. DT raised a potential safety issue regarding various deep potholes soon after Bishopsfauld Farm on the B827. Baille Rhona Brock said she had not received any reports/concerns from the organisers of the event but would try to mobilise a response from PKC Roads Department.

Ross Scobie (RS)(Treasurer) gave updated financial report as follows:

Admin Account £538.97 Community Account £4647.46 Xmas Light Account £7417.64

Treasurer reported changes since last report as follows:

Admin Account expenditure of £30 for hall hire (March Meeting)

Community Account: An outstanding invoice of £100 paid to Laggan Park Committee from Community Account

Xmas Lights Account: No change reported although still awaiting some cheques still expected in. RS to arrange a catch up with Patricia Robertson.

Treasurer further reported that updating the Admin Account to a new Business account utilising online banking was in hand but not yet completed.

Chair (AS) reminded those present, that it was now possible to co-opt 3 additional Community Council members onto the Comrie and District Community Council and he urged those present to spread the word in the village and confirmed that anyone interested in joining should contact Andrew Scobie at chair@comrie.org.uk

4. Police Report

PC Pauline Smart not able to attend. DT stated that no Police report had been received however later found an email from Pauline sending apologies and a short report as follows.

Comrie Crime Report 01/03/2026 – 06/04/2026

In the last month the following has been reported to police –

Assault x 1

Communications offence x 1

There is no interest to the wider public in either of these two offences.

Apologies for non-attendance tonight, I'm on rest days.

In other news I will be paired up with Constable Ali Bloomer from the end of May which will be great for the area. Ali has been working in the area on response for several years and is a local boy.

If there is anything we can get involved in locally or if any groups would like a police visit please let us know.

5. Relevant Planning Applications

Chair (AS) stated nothing of note to report. A resident local to Invergeldie Estate raised the issue of a neighbour notification received regarding two planned semi detached houses to be built on the Estate. The resident has objected to the plan on the basis that whilst Oxygen Conservation acknowledge that there is a rural housing shortage, they are currently proposing holiday let units.

James Bennet (Oxygen Conservation) confirmed that they are seeking planning in principle as holiday lets.

Fiona Blacke (FB) (Chair CDT) added that the Community Led Housing Group was now active and suggested that it could be very positive to engage/ start conversations with local Estates such as Fordie and Invergeldie to identify potential partnerships.

AS reported that he was pleased to see work being undertaken to refurbish 2 Bridgend and that the Community Council fully supported initiatives to bring back empty homes into use.

6. Resilience Planning

As Lynn Stewart (LS) is the lead on Resilience for the Comrie and District Community Council and unfortunately unable to be at the April meeting, AS suggested moving on to next agenda item

7. Road Matters

AS (Chair) noted reports of surface water by entrance to Aberuchil Estate which had been reported via PKC portal. Similarly, the extreme wet weather had resulted in excess surface water outside the Primary School which had been reported but not yet sorted.

AS noted and had reported a pothole on Dalginross Bridge.

8. Library Update

Alistair Forsyth (AF) kindly gave a brief update on behalf of Friends of Comrie Library (FOCL) He confirmed that FOCL continued to meet regularly to progress objectives, but without involvement from Culture PKC (CPKC) at this time. AF reminded the meeting that there was to be an awareness raising event with a street stall at St Kessogs Square on 25th April to help to widen library participation/ signups and that people would be available to assist at the library all day on the 25th of April.

AF also noted the support received from the CDT re insurance for out of hours provision.

AF said some repair patching had been completed on guttering but that the guttering did still require work.

Councillor Stewart Donaldson asked if FOCL had registered as a charity. AF responded that at the present time they did not as a group have the capacity to undertake the necessary paperwork.

Fiona Blacke added that she believed it may be possible (within the scope of the Trust) for the CDT to use their charitable status to assist the FOCL and that further discussion on this could take place.

9. Glenlednock

AS (Chair) noted that Martin Downing (Save Glenledock) had kindly sent apologies and that Community Councillor Andrew Thompson was also unavailable. He suggested that in terms of an update, it might be best to cover some general issues regarding Glenlednock and Invergeldie Estate.

AS reported that he had received an email from a visitor to the area referencing fly tipping in the glen and AS confirmed that he will report this to Police Scotland.

There was some discussion regarding the responsibility for the still blocked off walkway to the main Deils Cauldron viewpoint. It was agreed the responsibility for maintenance and safety lay with PKC Greenspace and that with the upcoming tourist footfall it may be a good idea to look at a safety assessment and potentially reinforcement of the walkway.

Discussion of the car park provision at the start of the Ben Chonzie path led to a contribution from the Invergeldie Estate Ranger (James Bennet)(JB) who said that a temporary solution to the muddy conditions had been approved including scraping/flattening and putting down woodchip as a temporary surface and that a longer term permanent solution had been identified as necessary and approved by Oxygen Conservation management, but would be a longer process including pre planning application, consultation, site feasibility, through to a full planning application. JB advised that he expected that this would result in more parking spaces.

10. Access and Land Use

Fiona Blacke (FB)(Chair CDT) gave an update re the access issues to the camp. She confirmed that the landowner had now been served a Section 14 order to remove an obstruction and that the order would expire on Monday 13th April. She confirmed that to the date of the meeting the landowner had not appealed the order or removed the obstruction. FB said she expected the Council would next week successfully resolve the issue. She added that Cultybraggan Farm (The Lyles) will be creating an access walkway.

Cllr Donaldson (SD) suggested that a celebratory community walk from the Library to the Camp could take place.

11. Comrie Development Trust update

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

General News

Fiona was pleased to announce that Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) funding had been secured to employ a Business Development Manager to take on duties such bid writing and general development of the event spaces on the Camp.

FB said Planning Permission goes forward w/c 13th April for the “Changing Places” toilet facility.

She also confirmed that the CDT AGM would take place on 12th May 2026 and would require a minimum of 45 members in attendance. She said that the Coop are donating tea and biscuits as refreshments.

Fiona also drew attention to the new legend board at the camp entrance made of Larch which would soon be finished, and she thanked Balfour Beatty for contributing the concrete.

She confirmed that preplanning was now in for the proposed housing site behind the Ancaster and that there would be a community consultation on this within the village.

Fiona reported that Jen Newall was now in post as Youth worker and was already liaising with schools to find out how best to listen to the voices of our young people going forward.

Cllr Donaldson (SD) congratulated the CDT on securing the DTAS funding.

12. Councillor's Reports

Baille Rhona Brock (RB) said in relation to the Youth Cycling Event, she had emailed the Roads department during the Community Council meeting to see if anything could be done about the pothole issues and was awaiting a reply. In terms of Primary School works she was waiting on a report about the scope of the works needed. She expected that most of the work would focus on the outbuildings. SD added that funds had been allocated to Comrie Primary for repairs.

Cllr Stewart Donaldson (SD) confirmed on behalf of Gavin Bisset (Flood Defence Project PKC) that on completion of the Flood Defence scheme, a "Letter of Comfort" could be requested by residents to present to their respective house insurance companies and that it was hoped this would lead to lower premiums on renewals. SD said that it was expected that the project would be finished in November 2026.

SD provided information about a Meet the Funder event at Civic Hall Perth on 23rd April and said he felt it would be a useful event for local groups to attend.

John Greer (JG) (Vice Chair) nothing to report

Dee Thomas (DT)(Secretary) nothing to report

Andrew Scobie (AS)(Chair) noted annual nest building detritus at Dalginross Gardens and said it had been reported to the Roads department.

Terri Bacon (TB) nothing to report

Ross Scobie (RS)(Treasurer) reconfirmed that he was in process of filling in the application for online banking.

13. AOCB

Cllr Stewart Donaldson (SD) advised that if there is interest in developing a Place Plan, Sharon Rice Jones at PKC has funding for the work needed to progress a local plan. He confirmed that a locality statement is in existence for Crieff and Comrie but is unsure as to how the recent Community Action Plan (CAP) fits with/within it. It was agreed that a meeting should take place between the CDT and the Community Council to discuss further.

(AS) raised the issue of restoration of headstones at the local cemetery and advised that there is a sign located in the cemetery with contact details of the contractor.

Date of next meeting 7pm White Church on Thursday 14th May 2026

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