



Comrie and District Community Council

Meeting on August 13th 2026, The White Church

Minutes

In Attendance: Andrew Scobie (Chair), Terri Bacon, Ross Scobie, Andrew Thompson

Elected and External Representatives: Baillie Rhona Brock, Councillor Stewart Donaldson, Ben Bidmead (Oxygen Conservation), Fiona Blacke (Comrie Development Trust), June Brown (Cameron Court)

Apologies: Dee Thomas (Secretary) Alastair Forsyth (Friends of Comrie Library), Martin Downing (Save Glenlednock)

There were approximately 12 members of the public in attendance

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present to the August meeting of Comrie District Community Council. It was noted that other councillors and community councillors were expected to join during the meeting. Apologies were recorded as noted at the meeting.

2. Minutes from the Last Meeting

a. Matters Arising

Updates were provided on outstanding action points, including debris removal near Dalginross Gardens, wheelchair access concerns, herbicide spraying, signage, adder sightings, path repairs at Deil's Cauldron, bench repairs and replacement, and ongoing maintenance issues. Several matters remain in progress and will continue to be monitored.

b. Approval

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved – Terri Bacon proposed and Ross Scobie seconded.

3. Office Bearer Reports

a. Secretary

No report provided as the Secretary was absent.

b. Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that the Zoom subscription has been paid. The possibility of Balfour Beatty assisting with Melville Lane was also to be investigated.

Current Balances:

ADMIN ACCOUNT £221.99

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT £4647.46

XMAS LIGHT ACCOUNT £8964.80

Changes since last report:

- Admin Account. Expenditure – Hall Hire - £30 (July Meeting) £167.88 to Andrew Scobie for Zoom subscription
- Community Account: No change
- X-mas Lights Account: No change

4. Police Report

No Police Report provided at this meeting.

5. Relevant Planning Applications

The Council discussed the refused application for glamping pods at West Lodge Caravan Park, which is under appeal through the Local Review Body. Members of the public in attendance noted concern about possible future activity on the site following recent trench digging. The Community Council agreed to continue monitoring the situation.

The application for a free-range egg-laying unit at Carse of Trowan Farm was discussed. Concerns were raised about flooding, environmental impact, smell, nitrogen emissions, and the potential for multiple sheds to remain below environmental assessment thresholds. It was agreed that a holding response should be submitted to request additional time to consider the application.

6. Roads, Pavements and Utilities

Concerns were raised about the poor condition of roads and pavements, including the road past the Royal Hotel and impacts on school children. Drainage issues on Dalginross were to be reported through MyPKC. BT-related works and wider utility matters were noted, with continued pressure to be applied to Perth and Kinross Council where appropriate.

7. Subcommittee Updates

a. Community Resilience

Community resilience matters remain ongoing, including tree planting, generator contracts, CPR training dates and decorators. These matters will be followed up with the relevant contacts.

b. Skatepark

The need for urgent skatepark cleaning was noted and repairs made to fissures in the surface. The status of the defibrillator at the skatepark is to be checked. One of the picnic benches near the Skatepark needs repaired or replaced. Ross agreed to oversee the repairs.

c. Christmas Lights

No update from the Christmas Lights Committee was provided at this meeting.

8. External Group Updates

a. Friends of Comrie Library

Draft papers have been prepared and approved, and are expected to be presented to the board on 1 September for the formal establishment of the subcommittee within the Comrie Development Trust.

b. Save Glenlednock

It was reported that Low Carbon has been asked to provide additional grid connection information. This is expected to delay the Public Local Inquiry, potentially by 12 to 18 months.

9. Access, Land Use and Greenspaces

Updates were given on access, land use and greenspace matters, including car park contracts, completion of phase one events, improvements to Baird's Monument, and concerns about invasive species such as Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed along core paths. The Scottish Invasive Species Initiative is to be contacted. Access to the railway path and land between it and Comrie Croft was discussed, with confirmation reported that open access should be maintained regardless of fencing negotiations.

10. Caledonia Housing – Cameron Court Service Review

Concerns were raised about proposed changes to sheltered housing provision, including the potential conversion of four empty cottages to amenity housing. Residents expressed concern about the implications for services and the future use of the properties. The Council will await the expected response from management and may explore use of the Community Empowerment Act if properties remain empty.

11. Comrie Development Trust Update

Updates were provided on Comrie Development Trust projects, funding applications, governance, the Camp Canva project, the Youth Road Project, heritage museum improvements and wider community engagement. The need for continued transparency and communication through meetings, newsletters and social media was noted. Fiona reassured those in attendance that every effort is made to uphold transparency.

12. Councillors' Reports

Andrew T is attending the Convention of Perthshire Community Councils on 29 August was noted, and a second volunteer is to be sought.

Terri Bacon provided an update from Comrie Primary School Parent and Friend Association (PFA).

On behalf of the Community Council, she thanked the Comrie Fortnight Association for their hard work in delivering a successful programme of events.

Andrew S was contacted regarding the poor state of Tullichettle Churchyard. He will address the concerns with PKC.

13. Any Other Competent Business

The meeting also noted ongoing local issues including bench replacement, grass cutting where adders have been reported, and the need to signpost residents to the PKC planning portal. It was agreed that there would be no September meeting and that the next meeting would take place in October as the Annual General Meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday October 8th 7pm, the White Church

Action Points:

- **Monitor West Lodge Caravan Park** following the refused glamping pod application appeal and recent trench-digging activity.
- **Submit a holding response** on the Carse of Trowan Farm free-range egg-laying unit application to request more time for consideration – Andrew T to complete this action.
- **Report drainage issues on Dalginross** through MyPKC.
- **Continue applying pressure to PKC** on roads, pavements, utilities, and maintenance concerns.
- **Investigate whether Balfour Beatty can assist with Melville Lane.**
- **Follow up community resilience matters**, including tree planting, generator contracts, CPR training dates, and decorators.
- **Check the status of the skatepark defibrillator.**
- **Arrange/oversee repair or replacement of the picnic bench near the skatepark** — Ross to oversee.
- **Contact the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative** about Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed along core paths – Andrew S to follow this up.
- **Await Caledonia Housing management's response** on Cameron Court service changes and consider Community Empowerment Act options if properties remain empty.
- **Seek a second volunteer** for the Convention of Perthshire Community Councils with Andrew T on 29 August.
- **Andrew S to raise concerns with PKC** about the condition of Tullichettle Churchyard.
- **Signpost residents to the PKC planning portal** for planning application updates.