

**West Fife & Coastal Villages Community Council Forum
Comrie Community Centre
Thursday 28 February 2013**

Agenda	Discussion Points	Action
Present	David Lord Carnock/Gowkhal Willie Hepburn Kincardine Jim Hensman Saline/Steelend Ann Macdonald Cairneyhill John Duffy Torryburn/Newmills Cllr. Ferguson Fife Council Cllr. Clelland Fife Council Cllr. Callaghan Fife Council	
In attendance	Hazel Jow Minutes	
Apologies	Lynn Hoey Fife Council Cllr. Stewart Fife Council Sheila Carribine Low Valleyfield Marie Crane Saline/Steelend John Crane Saline/Steelend	
Police Report	There was no police report.	
Previous Minutes	Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by JH and seconded by AM.	
Matters Arising	DL not yet contacted John Evans. Fife Council consultation on supplementary planning guidelines – comments to be in soon. WH commented that he does not received notifications as he has no internet access. BC advised that when it becomes the West Fife Planning Committee, it may be that you will only get notifications for the West Area rather than the whole of Fife.	DL
Elected Members Reports	COTY – accounts not yet written out. Cllr Ferguson – Kincardine Bridge was closed last weekend and despite emails advising them to tweak the traffic lights, this was not done and the queues were horrendous coming from Fife. The traffic lights are Bear Scotland’s responsibility. Hopefully this will not happen again this weekend. Other than this, he is still receiving a lot of complaints about potholes and advised that people should	DL

<p>Community Council Feedback</p>	<p>keep reporting them. Patch repairs are being carried out. A discussion was held at this point regarding the online reporting system. DL was advised that the system is faulty and not all comments are getting to the destination. BC asked DL to email him about this and he will pass it on. He went on to say that the system is antiquated and will cost millions to upgrade. This needs to be done though so that Fife Council can deliver a decent service to their customers.</p> <p>Cllr Callaghan - dealing with flooding problems in Cairneyhill and Limekilns. She received an email to say that the gala field in Cairneyhill is a big piece of work which needs to be costed as drainage will need to be put in.</p> <p>The youth club started up last weekend. Members of the community are working hard to get this up and running. Karen Scott has been excellent although they got no support when they asked for help to deliver advertising leaflets and questionnaires. When Cllr. Callaghan emailed about this she was told that this is because it is not a council club. AM commented that she was not aware that it is a private club. AC went on to say that she did find it strange that no-one from the council was prepared to support them even if it is a private club. Karen Scott had said that she was disappointed that there is no youth worker in post for Cairneyhill yet. 2 older young people are keen to help run the youth club. The only people who did not attend on Friday were representatives from Fife Council.</p> <p>There was another accident at the junction at Limekilns recently, AC has already emailed Bob McClelland enquiring about some sort of traffic signalling at that junction. Hopefully now, something will be done.</p> <p>Cllr. Clelland – Meeting with some young people in Saline re getting some facilities for them, likewise young people in Blairhall. Public consultations have been held regarding the new 4 bin system which starts next month. There are some problems with bins not getting emptied in the rural areas. West Fife Villages has a lot of these areas. Part of the problem is the shift patterns and drivers not being accustomed to these areas.</p> <p>The West area Planning Committee will hold their first meeting on the 24th April. BC will be the chair of this committee. Individuals can still contact their councillors with comments or concerns. The chair will not be told of any decisions made by delegated powers. This will be raised at committee though.</p> <p>A meeting will be held in Inzievar Campus on 7th March re school closures.</p> <p><u>Saline/Steelend</u> The Art Exhibition will be held on 20th and 21st April. 11 primary schools will be taking part along with Queen Anne High School.</p>	<p>DL/ BC</p>
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<p><u>Torryburn/Newmills</u> The playpark group has raised almost all their money now. There is also a group who are trying to negotiate a lease with Church of Scotland to take over Torryburn Church. The community council is still chasing the Section 75 for Craigflower. It has taken 6 years to get the council to implement it but now nobody is monitoring it.</p> <p><u>Cairneyhill</u> The community council has been contacted by a number of parents regarding the lack of play areas in the village. The youth club started last Friday and will continue to run every Friday from 8pm – 10pm in the Scout Hall. Trying to get First Responders up and running. They are concerned about the distance to Victoria Hospital. A discussion was held regarding this. DL suggested that the money from the wind turbines could be used to fund First Responders equipment in the villages. WF advised that the Scottish Ambulance Service provide the equipment for free. They also provide training. It is an excellent service. DL will email the community councils about this. WF to email DL with First Responders contact details. BC advised that Blairhouse open cast funded 2 units at their last meeting. The churchyard burial ground wall has had substantial repairs carried out to it. Cairneyhill in Bloom starting again soon.</p> <p><u>Kincardine</u> Half of the shrubs put in by the council at Feregait have been taken. Tubs of winter flowers have also been vandalised.</p> <p><u>Carnock/Gowkhall</u> during the recent road closures, diversions were put in place and 'Residents Only' signs put on Bonhard Road. Unfortunately this made no difference and by the second weekend most traffic used Bonhard Road as a diversion. DL felt the signs were inadequate. BC advised that it is not legal, anyone can use this road and common sense dictates that they would use it rather than the official diversions given. There is a drainage problem on Bonhard Road which has been reported and recognised as a problem. With regards to the flooding in the gala field, they do not know which part of Fife Council owns the problem. AC suggested that it will be Community Services. DL to ask Lynn Hoey to arrange a meeting to agree on some action. The village Community Trust is still an ongoing issue. The interim management team have been having some disagreements.</p> <p><u>Crombie</u> AC had attended a public meeting in Crombie recently. Their community council has disbanded and they are trying to re-establish a community council. There is a lot of bad feeling in the village. The previous community council spent £900 on a bench</p>	DL WF
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<p>Planning Issues</p>	<p>and no-one knows where it is. They also gave £500 to Limekilns playgroup even though there are groups in the village who could have benefited from the money. AC has challenged the legality of all this with Bill Welsh.</p> <p>JD asked if the Forum could support individual community councils' objections to the Fifeplan. DL thinks that they should not. JD disagreed with this and commented that there is no point in having the forum if this is the case. DL asked if members of other community councils would have the knowledge to comment. WF advised that in the past this was the strength of the forum, planning was always seen as an important agenda item when support of the forum is required. AM agreed and said that the backing of the forum was always seen as an extra support to community councils. JD went on to say that the Forum should spend more time looking at documents like the Fifeplan and discussing the impact on the West Fife Villages. BC said that he saw nothing wrong with this as long as the situation did not arise where the Forum would support something that communities did not. DL commented that the timescales are relatively short. JD went on to say that if the community council has already agreed what they want to object to, then the Forum should automatically support their decision. BC said he did not think the Forum could make a blanket statement, they can discuss it and decide whether they agree or not. JD said that he thinks that the Forum missed an opportunity to discuss the Fifeplan around the table.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting</p>	<p>28th March 2013</p> <p>Dates of future meetings:- 25th April 2013 30th May 2013 27th June 2013 29th August 2013 26th September 2013 31st October 2013 28th November 2013</p> <p>All meetings will be held at 6pm in Comrie Community Centre.</p>	

