

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

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion Points</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Present</b>	David Lord                      Carnock/Gowkhall Jim Hensman                      Saline/Steelend Sheila Carribine                      Low Valleyfield Marie Crane                      Saline/Steelend John Crane                      Saline/Steelend	
<b>In attendance</b>	Hazel Jow                      Minutes	
<b>Apologies</b>	Willie Hepburn                      Kincardine Ann Macdonald                      Cairneyhill Cllr. Clelland                      Fife Council Cllr. Stewart                      Fife Council	
<b>Police Report</b>	There was no police report. DL has been in to the police station but they have not been able to send anyone. DL will continue to chase this up.	<b>DL</b>
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by JH and seconded by DL.	
<b>Matters Arising</b>	Re the First Responders - MC pointed out that Saline has a unit and a co-ordinator who has money for 2 more units but unfortunately cannot get volunteers who are willing to train to use them. The co-ordinator covers Blairhall, Comrie, Oakley, Carnock, Saline, Steelend and outlying farms. She also made it clear that the ambulance service do not supply anything free of charge. Money has to be raised to pay for the units. DL said that it was not well known that she was struggling for volunteers as Carnock has a few people who are willing to train. He will invite the co-ordinator to a cc meeting. The Ambulance Service website does not list the West Fife Villages as taking part in the First Responders scheme. He will follow this up. Re the patch repairs – DL has been in touch with Fife Council but has not emailed Cllr. Clelland as he was trying to find out the name of the person who gave him the information, he now has the name so will contact Cllr. Clelland. Re the planning – DL explained to JC, MC and JB about the conversation which took place last month regarding the Fifeplan. DL asked them for their opinions on this. JC thinks that collectively,	<b>DL</b>         <b>DL</b>

<p><b>Elected Members Reports</b></p> <p><b>Community Council Feedback</b></p>	<p>the forum could have done something about the difficulties people were having with the website, only 300 people have commented, more would have done if it had been easier. Also their policies on wind farms could have been disputed. DL will contact Jenni Whittle to find out who to email on behalf of the forum re the difficulty with the website.</p> <p>There were no elected members present.</p> <p><u>Low Valleyfield</u> SC is retiring from the Community Council. Usual complaints about the state of the roads, ponding etc. Also the bad maintenance of the footpaths around the lagoons. Cllr. Ferguson is dealing with this. The dispute re the dogs and birds is in its 6<sup>th</sup> year but is now going to court.</p> <p><u>Oakley/Comrie</u> The community action plan is now complete and will be printed this week. Coalfields Regeneration gave the village £30k. This has been given to various groups in the village. The launch of the Action Plan will take place in Oakley Centre on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. They have had an offer of a 'Bothy Project', this is an arts project which takes the form of a Highland Bothy, and it will be built near the centre. Children will get the chance to do arts and crafts etc. It will be there for one week, probably during the summer holidays. The cycle path from Comrie which leads to the back gates of the school has been resurfaced. Children can now walk to school without being anywhere near traffic. They are obtaining costs for lighting for the path as well.</p> <p><u>Saline/Steelend</u> Arts &amp; Crafts Exhibition is on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April. All schools are taking part. The post office in the village is under threat. A survey was delivered around Steelend advising of the planning application for a 160ft wind turbine in the village. 90 surveys were delivered, only 9 were returned. 7 of these were objections and 2 were in favour. The community council cannot object to this although the findings will be reported on the website. The phone box in Kinnedar Park has been refurbished. The Heritage Project did a presentation to the cc; their last talk was on the Preston family. They are also doing a lot of work in the graveyard planting wild flowers, fixing gravestones etc.</p> <p><u>Carnock/Gowkhall</u> There are some major issues with flooding in the recreation field. Nobody will take ownership of the problem. Water is not draining because of a drain which was blocked by roads department. They are now writing to Ronnie Hinds.</p>	<p><b>DL</b></p>
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<p><b>Planning Issues</b></p> <p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p>Discussed previously.</p> <p>Citizen of the Year – DL had received correspondence asking if this would be held again this year. He feels that it is now too far into the year to arrange one for this year as there is a lot of work involved. They need to be thinking of organising one for 2014 from the middle of this year. Also, do things change enough for this to be a valid annual event? SC – a lot of the nominations were made by community centre staff rather than members of the community. More pre advertising needs to be done as only active communities or villages with community centres got to know about it. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the best ways to advertise the nomination process.</p> <p>Because Sheila has retired from her cc she will no longer be able to attend the forum. DL presented her with a plant and garden centre vouchers and thanked her for all her years as chairman/vice chairman with the Forum.</p> <p>SC thanked the members present for the gift and said she has enjoyed all her meetings here and has met lots of friendly people during her years attending. She will miss attending these meetings. DL advised that we now need a new vice chairman. This has been carried forward to next month as there were not enough members present. DL will put out a formal request for nominations.</p> <p>The WFVPG are holding an EGM on the 17<sup>th</sup> April to change their name to the West Fife Villages Community Projects Group. All are invited. A discussion was held regarding the need to define what each group is doing. There is sometimes an overlap.</p>	<p><b>DL</b></p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>25<sup>th</sup> April 2013</p> <p>Dates of future meetings:-  30<sup>th</sup> May 2013  27<sup>th</sup> June 2013  29<sup>th</sup> August 2013  26<sup>th</sup> September 2013  31<sup>st</sup> October 2013  28<sup>th</sup> November 2013</p> <p>All meetings will be held at 6pm in Comrie Community Centre.</p>	