

**West Fife & Coastal Villages Community Council Forum  
Comrie Community Centre  
Thursday 29 November 2012**

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion Points</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Present</b>	<p>Sheila Carribine      Low Valleyfield  Marie Crane            Saline/Steelend  John Bonnar            Oakley/Comrie  John Crane              Saline/Steelend  Willie Hepburn        Kincardine  John Duffy              Torryburn/Newmills  Cllr Clelland            Fife Council  Sgt. Henderson        Fife Constabulary  PC Harvey                Fife Constabulary</p>	
<b>In attendance</b>	<p>Hazel Jow                Minutes</p>	
<b>Apologies</b>	<p>Jim Hensman            Saline/Steelend  Ann Macdonald        Cairneyhill  David Lord               Carnock/Gowkhill  Jo Ross                    Fife Council  Lynn Hoey                Fife Council  Cllr. Callaghan        Fife Council  Cllr. Ferguson          Fife Council  Cllr. Stewart            Fife Council</p>	
<b>Police Report</b>	<p>Sgt. Henderson introduced himself to the group. He is new to this area but has been in Dalgety Bay for the last 6 months. There have been very few calls in the past week. There are no official priorities at the moment but they are aware of speeding problems. Carnock, Crombie and Cairneyhill have recently had speed cameras.  A discussion was held regarding the traffic lights at Kincardine. These are Bear Scotland's responsibility and won't be taken away until after the bridge is fixed.  There has been a complaint from Cairneyhill re moving the dome hawk camera. There is a demand for it in Kincardine at the moment. There are 4 community police officers in SW Fife and there will be another one in the new year.  They cannot commit to attend all the community council meetings but will attend now and then. However, if you need them to attend a meeting they can be emailed.  Previous minutes were amended on page 3. John Crane will write</p>	

<p><b>Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p>not John Bonnar. The minutes were proposed by WH and seconded by JC.</p>	
<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	<p>Reference Blair House. Coal had to be mined due to the collapse of land. The rock has been used to stabilise the piece of land. There is £3.167 million in the bond. If anything goes wrong with the company, the council will implement the bond to restore the site, this would not happen until March 2014. Pumps will be kept running, security staff will be there and a security fence will be erected round the site.</p>	
<p><b>Council Officers/ Elected Members</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Clelland gave his report.  Final set of flats to come down in Kincardine, the council is in discussions with the contractor.  Discussions being held with Karen Scott (CEW) and young people in Saline re setting up a youth shelter.  Consultations were held re the one way system in Oakley. Some suggestions will be carried out but due to pressure from shopkeepers, it won't be one way at the shops.  Cllr. Clelland has received some complaints regarding the new, energy efficient street lights. He asked anyone with comments or complaints to contact him.  Rintoul Avenue in Blairhall has been resurfaced. Lomond Homes has asked for an extension to the time allowed to complete their paths and roads. This was refused and these are now complete. They are now under some pressure to deliver on their section 75 agreement.  High Valleyfield has received £6k towards an experienced conservation architect. This will help them towards receiving further funding to reconstruct the heritage site.  Cairneyhill Youth Voice held their AGM recently. They are trying to get volunteers and a new youth worker for their youth club in Cairneyhill.  Cllr. Clelland attended a meeting re a garden for heroes in Dunfermline. SWF, Dunfermline and The Lochs have all committed money towards this. They are bidding to get help from Beechgrove Garden.  Re flooding throughout Fife, transportation department is working on this and small alterations are being made.</p>	
<p><b>Community Council Feedback</b></p>	<p><u>Saline/Steelend</u> approx 450 people attended their bonfire night.  Re the Knockhill Wind Farm – a consultant has been appointed to organise a community steering group. A meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December re community benefit. The community council will probably be objecting to the applications as there are some in the parish who live near the area. The Knockhill Circuit may also have problems with this due to the flicker effect of one of the turbines. They will be visiting the site. Cllr. Clelland said he would like to</p>	

<p><b>Planning Issues</b></p>	<p>attend this site visit. The Community Council held their AGM. Jim Hensman is now vice chairman and John Crane is the chairman.</p> <p><u>Torryburn/Newmills</u> Their application has been approved for £20k towards developing the play park at The Ness.</p> <p><u>Oakley/Comrie</u> 250 people attended the Community Futures drop in. Various films and power point presentations were shown and those who attended were given the chance to vote on local issues. Remedial action has been taken to resolve local flooding. The burn is overflowing at Burnside which is the lowest point. Cllr Clelland commented that people complain about leaves etc blocking drains, he would like to see more people doing things for themselves. If you see a drain blocked by leaves, clear them away.</p> <p><u>Kincardine</u> The problems with the Mercat Cross are ongoing. A considerable sum is required to fix it. Cllr. Clelland said that they are still awaiting an architects report so there are no costs available as yet. They held a successful commemorative day but the poppy appeal funds were down approximately £400 on last year.</p> <p><u>Low Valleyfield</u> there is ponding on road; this is particularly bad on the North side.</p> <p>JD had sent out an email asking for comments on the level of service from planning department. He has had some replies which he handed round at the meeting. He would still like some feedback from other community councils. Final comments will be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Clelland would like to know how the community councils feel about the new proposals. JD suggested that he email the community councils directly about this. Saline/Steelend cc is still in discussions re the application for housing in the village. JB has issues with the lack of consultation regarding the Holy Name site which is now up for sale.</p>	<p><b>Cllr. C</b></p>
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<p><b>Inner Forth Landscaping Project</b> – JD advised that a community event was held in High Valleyfield recently. There was no representation from Fife Council. They were asking the communities for ideas for projects. The closing date for suggestions is the 30<sup>th</sup> November. The money is coming from the Heritage Lottery Fund so there would need to be some connection to cultural heritage and environmental ideas. A steering group will look at the suggestions but unfortunately, West</p>	

<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Fife will not be represented by Fife Council on his group. JD asked Cllr. Clelland if they could attend the SW area committee meeting.</p> <p>The Citizen of the Year awards will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> November. SC commented that it would be nice to see some representation at this from the Forum.</p> <p>Re the £6k coming to the Forum. JC commented that this may set a precedence for similar situations re other turbines in the area. Would this mean the Forum would need to become a trust? Could the Forum not set up a separate trust for this? Are we, as a Forum, going to be in the situation where we would have to award money to communities? JD advised that we would need to look into the constitution. Cllr. Clelland commented that with some sites, e.g. the Outh, the money would not come to the Forum because of the various areas that would benefit from this.</p> <p>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013</p> <p>Dates of future meetings:-</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> February 2013  28<sup>th</sup> March 2013  25<sup>th</sup> April 2013  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>	
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