**Luncarty, Redgorton and Moneydie Community Council**

**Chairman’s Report for the year ending May 2017**

**18th May 2017**

**Foreword**

**Welcome to the LRMCC annual report for the year ending May 2017. This completes my first full year as chairman having taken over the role from Alex Cook who stepped down from the role during the year 2015/16 when he took over the role of Vice Chair from myself. During the current year we have not had a full complement of eight councillors following the passing of Norman Strang just over a year ago as well as a pre-exisiting vacancy. Long serving member Alex Cook also announced at the beginning of 2017 that he was standing down with immediate effect due to personal reasons. We have, however secured the services of Frank Stevenson on our books as a new member who completed our line-up for the year ending as follows;**

**Chairman – George Black**

**Vice Chair – currently vacant**

**Secretary – Elizabeth Comrie**

**Treasurer – Moira Hutchison**

**Other members – John Andrews, Iain Matheson and Frank Stevenson.**

**At the time of writing we are hopeful that at least one new member will be joining us after the May AGM.**

**Grateful thanks should go to the Community Councillors who have worked as a unit over the past year with special mention going to Alex Cook, without whose drive in the early days of re-establishing a community council in the area in 2011 we would not be in the position we are in today. No annual report would be complete without making reference to our two local Perth and Kinross Councillors, Barbara Vaughan and John Kellas who regularly attended our meetings during the past year and provided an essential link to Perth and Kinross Council as and when assistance was needed. Of course Barbara Vaughan did not seek re-election and has now retired from her post on the Council and John Kellas was not re-elected at the recent Council elections and we wish them well in retirement and other ventures respectively. We now look forward to seeing our two new Councillors for the area in the form of Anne Jarvis and Ian James. Of course we accord a hearty vote of thanks to those members of the public – both regular and new – who attend our meetings to voice concerns or raise issues.**

**Below is a summary of our activities over the past year.**

**Issues addressed (current and complete)**

**1.     Removal of loose debris from an old caravan adjacent to the railway line at Denmarkfield.**

**2.     Ongoing maintenance to the Luncarty Memorial Hall.**

**3.     Upgrade of the local bus service to Luncarty late in the evening at the weekend to include a later service by redirecting the Pitlochry bus through the village.**

**4.     Establishment of a footpath at Redgorton near to the garage.**

**5.     Trimming back of the hedge at Kirkhill which was narrowing the existing footpath.**

**6.     Liaising with the owners of Maxwell Cottage (opposite the Spar shop) to raise the height of the overhanging tree branches at their boundary.**

**7.     Establishing a pedestrian barrier at the kerbside of Marshall Way, Luncarty at the foot of the pathway that leads down from Marshall Place to reduce the chance of children leaving school running into the roadway.**

**8.     Siting of a new bus stop on Marshall Way near to the Spar shop and re-positioning of existing road signs for ‘school’ and ‘playground’ making them more visible.**

**9.     Clearing the choked SUDS basin at Coats Drive, Luncarty.**

**10.                        Wreath laying and re-dedication of the re-sited War Memorial following the development of new flats where the social club formerly stood.**

**11.                        New battery and applicator pads for the public use defibrillator situated at the Spar. Funds for same kindly provided by CJ Lang (Spar).**

**12.                        Ensuring weed killing and general maintenance of the ground at the Luncarty Memorial Hall car park.**

**13.                        Continued liaison with Perth and Kinross Council Roads department with a view to bringing forward resurfacing work on Marshall Way, Luncarty.**

**14.                        Establishment of a Facebook page with links to the existing Website. This has proved to be a valuable tool and expanded the message reach to a wider audience.**

**15.                        Consultation with prospective proprietor hoping to start up a Pharmacy in Luncarty serving the general area. This looks to be going ahead sometime in 2017.**

**16.                        Objection submitted regarding the proposed expansion of Luncarty House following representation from local residents affected. Application withdrawn but subsequently approved after amendment.**

**17.                        Luncarty is taking part in a Perth and Kinross trial setting up a traffic exclusion zone around primary schools at peak times. This is being closely monitored after a delay in implementation.**

**18.                        Liaison with BEAR Scotland regarding pot hole repairs on the main A9 between Luncarty and Perth. This has been carried out.**

**19.                        Update from Perth and Kinross Council Roads department re previous request regarding perceived road safety concerns between Redgorton and Moneydie. Extensive research was carried out and decided to remain status quo but to hold on file should circumstances require re-examination e.g. increased traffic flow due to CTLR works.**

**20.                        Replacement of the bus shelter on the main road through Luncarty which was subsiding to the gardens below at Westfield.**

**21.                        Consultation with proposed developer of an Eco Camp site at Kinvaid, Moneydie and subsequent objection thereto following a meeting with local residents. (This is currently outstanding with PKC planning.)**

**22.                        Ongoing monitoring on the potential impact of the new Cross Tay Link Road on our surrounding area including an address and presentation by senior planning team from PKC.**

**23.                        Luncarty in Bloom group reported having raised £800 on a ‘Just Giving’ appeal.**

**24.                        Consideration being given to new road safety measures at the north end of Luncarty following complaints of vehicle speeds entering or leaving the village. Possible ‘gateway’ furniture or Vehicle Activated Signage to be requested.**

**25.                        Continued monitoring of the proposed Luncarty South housing development.**

**New to the table and not yet raised are a couple of issues which will receive attention over the coming weeks include further works on Marshall Way, Luncarty to establish more kerb build out work to try and create a drop off and pick up point for children going to and from the school and we have been invited to comment on a Member’s Bill raised in the Scottish Parliament requesting a default 20 mph speed limit (with exceptions) in built up areas. Both will be highly emotive issues which we as a Community Council will be sure to have input on and I look forward not only to doing so but to but to hearing arguments on all sides.**

**In closing I would like to say thank you to the Luncarty Church Centre whose hall we use for our regular meetings and invite members of the public not only to keep an eye on the Community Council website but to look at and ‘like’ the Facebook page. That way you will get regular updates or see local issues raised as they happen. Of course there is still the notice board outside the Spar shop where you will see the monthly agenda and other relevant notices.**

**We meet at 7.30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month except July and December at the Church Centre, Marshall Way, Luncarty**