

Luncarty, Redgorton and Moneydie Community Council

Chairman's Report for the year ending May 2018

10th May 2018

Foreword

Welcome to the LRMCC annual report for the year ending May 2018. This concludes my second full year as chairman and I must say it has been a full and sometimes intense year with some high profile matters coming to the attention of and being tackled by the members of the Community Council. Shortly after the turn of the year we attended and spoke at meetings of the Perth and Kinross Council Development Management Committee voicing concerns regarding two large scale planning applications with mixed results. This is the extent we will go to to represent our local community.

We now have a full complement of eight councillors following last year's AGM when two new members were co-opted. Our line-up for the year 2017/18 is as follows;

Chairman – George Black (police liaison and Facebook Admin)

Vice Chair – Frank Stevenson (webmaster and Facebook Admin)

Secretary – Elizabeth Comrie (data controller)

Treasurer – Moira Hutchison

Other members – John Andrews (core paths and greenspace)

Iain Matheson (planning)

Alison Hood

Bruce Burns

We began the (Community Council) year with two vacancies and as we had four applicants for the positions a vote was taken and Alison and Bruce were successfully voted on taking their places immediately following last year's AGM.

A special mention must be made of John Andrews who has been on the community council since it was re-established some eight years ago and who on a couple of occasions over the past few years has thought about retiring or standing down. I, and many others, am extremely grateful that he has decided to remain with us and stand for re-election again this coming year. His knowledge of the environment and procedural matters is without reproach and he is a valued member not only of the community council but also the wider community. No annual report would be complete without making reference to our local Perth and Kinross Councillors, Anne Jarvis, Ian James and Grant Laing who have regularly attended our meetings during the past year and provided an essential link to Perth and Kinross Council as and when assistance was needed. It is with deepest regret however that I have to mention the untimely passing of former Councillor Barbara Vaughan, OBE, in December 2017 following a road accident. She had only retired from the Council at the preceding May elections and was enjoying her retirement when the incident happened. It goes without saying that Barbara was a stalwart of local politics who represented her constituents with steely determination.

Of course where would we be if not for those members of the public – both regular and new – who attend our meetings in all weathers to voice concerns or raise issues as and when they arise.

Report

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

1. Concern re the siting of the new bus shelter on the main road through Luncarty and the narrowing of the pavement. Resolved as no substantive complaint made and the only option would be to remove the shelter which would be cause for more complaints.
2. Concern re vehicle speeds at Trinity. Monitored and consideration being given to have vehicle activated signage installed. This is carried over.
3. Public defibrillator equipment sited at Spar shop regularly checked by chairman re battery condition (spare battery available) and general condition of cabinet.
4. Request made to roads department to have signs erected at the north end of Luncarty warning of persons leading or riding horses.

5. Liaison with Jacobs, the design contractor for the A9 dualling, representatives of whom attended the June meeting.
6. Ongoing monitoring of the school traffic exclusion zone the results of which will be shared with the community council when the trial ends.
7. A special meeting was held in June to discuss the proposed Luncarty South Housing development, to which there were numerous objections. It was anticipated that this would go to a full Committee meeting which it subsequently did in the New Year.
8. Outdated road markings and signage at the railway arches at the north end of Luncarty were rectified.
9. Concerns raised regarding property advertising boards placed at junctions away from the actual properties for sale. Ongoing monitoring in that regard and requests made to selling agents to have them sited properly.
10. A member of the public had reported that he had been charged “developer contribution” of over £6400 when he submitted a planning application to extend his house. Negotiation with the council revealed this had been improperly charged and the fee was returned to the householder.
11. Ongoing monitoring and liaison with BEAR Scotland regarding the traffic build up on the A9 at Inveralmond at peak and other times.
12. Negotiation with bus service providers and the council was successful in getting a later service to Luncarty at weekends.
13. Published health service consultations regarding services at PRI and provision for mental health issues transferring to Ninewells.
14. Following a concern regarding the loss of TV signal in certain areas, liaison was made with PKC regarding the possibility of trimming overhanging trees.
15. In September we had a stall set up at Luncarty Primary School advertising who we are and what we do. This was a successful event, attracted several enquiries and resulted in a few more “Likes” on the Facebook page. It also provided a platform for us to distribute a flyer sheet letting the public know who we are and what we do.
16. A meeting was held at Moneydie between some of ourselves and a Council Road Safety Officer to have road signs re-erected following a

serious road accident in July. Also at this time it was argued that Moneydie itself is poorly signed and a 30 mph limit is to be introduced in due course along with better signage warning of habitation.

17. Request made with the cleansing department to discourage the refuse collecting truck from parking at the new bus stop outside the Spar shop.
18. Public meeting at Kinvaid, Moneydie regarding a second application for an eco camp site. This was withdrawn at the start of the year but re-submitted. It was anticipated this, too, would go to Development Management Committee which it did. This is currently subject to appeal by the applicant whose plan was refused thereat.
19. Ongoing liaison with the Roads Department regarding the new cross Tay link Road.
20. Residents' concerns regarding a newly instated path leading from the playing field (Langlands park) in Luncarty to Marshall Way and it's overall poorly finished state.
21. Concern raised regarding rubbish and bottles left lying at the same area mainly at weekends.
22. Attendance and wreath laying at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.
23. Monitoring the proposed new housing development at Stanley and its impact on the traffic situation at Luncarty. Also maintaining contact with Scone with their large scale development too.
24. Received a talk from another potential developer regarding an application for a hutting development at Gellybank woods, Moneydie.
25. Visits from contractors who are tendering for road construction work on the A9 and questionnaires left for members of the community to put forward suggestions how the contractors, if successful, could work with us to improve the local amenity.
26. Provision of new glass disposal bins in Luncarty.
27. Query raised regarding whether Planton Square is a public or private road.
28. Environmental and ecological impact walks along with a local expert to consider the impact on the area once the Luncarty south development goes ahead.
29. New footpath laid between Luncarty flyover and Redgorton Village.

30. Luncarty and Redgorton in bloom group success in securing community funding for ongoing work.
31. Fly tipping at Moneydie and potential success in tracing those responsible.
32. Abandoned trailer on what appears to be private ground near the church centre.
33. Concerns raised regarding two large scale road race/ trial cycling events in springtime and the knock on effect of minimal notification particularly with regard to road safety. Police and Council notified and better liaison to be requested for future events.

At the time of writing this report we have recently received notification that Marshall Way, Luncarty is to be re-surfaced between Westfield and Marshall Road with a proposed start date of 28th May for a period of around two weeks. There will be a 10 mph speed limit in force and this has been broadcast to the community via the Facebook page. Also current is the appeal against the decision to refuse the Kinvaid Farm eco camp which has just been submitted to Scottish Ministers. The outcome of this will be published when it is known and will of course feature in next year's report. We are also about to be involved in the "Great Plastic Pick Up" rubbish clearing programme.

In closing I would like to say thank you to the Luncarty Church Centre whose hall we use for our regular meetings. I would also invite members of the public not only to keep an eye on the Community Council website (and the recently repaired notice board at the Spar) but to look at and "like" the Facebook page. That way you will get regular updates or see local issues raised as they happen.

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

George Black, Chairman, LRMCC