

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014**

2013 – 2014 it's been a very traumatic year for the Lumphanan community council.

The year has seen lots of changes within the council with new members coming onboard and old ones leaving with Chairman resigning twice with no Vice Chairman, no Secretary and without anyone wanted to take over chair so I agreed to run the chair only up until the AGM 2014. Obviously we are hoping to elect a new Chairman so more changes afoot no doubt but we did manage to get a new secretary in February, Julie Reevie. This has really helped and we appreciate Julie's hard work sorting out all the paperwork nightmares!! Without the members of the Community Council and the input and assistance from Councillors Cllr Katrina Farquhar Cllr Geva Blackett and Cllr Peter Argyle their contribution has been invaluable so I would like to thank you all for your input. Also, the police that attended LCC with update on what is happening in and around the area we would like to convey our appreciation.

#### **We have achieved some positive improvements for the village:**

1.

Yet again we gained match funding so three more Christmas lights were added to the ten which we already have which made the village very festive last December. We must also thank Stuart Ferries for his help with the lights putting up and taken them down. Ian Cruickshank also yet again turned out to install the extra three electrical fittings and we appreciate his kindness. New lights were also purchased for the Christmas tree, the tree this year was donated by Mr Valentine at Dess and we put a message of thanks in The Deeside Piper.

2.

Work is on-going to improve local footpaths, thanks to Kenny Bain.

3.

Regular care and attention yet again has been lavished on the village toilets thanks to Kenny Bain.

4.

The Website is up and running for the Community Council/Village to use but has been misused over the last year, and is now in a state of flux. I have asked a company Status Design to take over temporarily the running of this until we can sort out which direction we are going. We have a LCC Facebook page which was set-up by Claudia but I don't know what will happen now as Claudia has resigned.

5.

The dead trees at the water works have now after 6 years been removed thanks to our councillors.

6.

Drainage at Burnside Bridge is now complete with new brander fitted thanks to Cllr Geva Blackett

7.

Macbeth Shelter has now been completed with stone in place and looks like it has always been there.

8.

Yet again a wonderful show of flower tubs around the village thanks to the hard work of Bill Donald.

#### **Some more notable community council business items which I feel some progress has been made but more still has to be done are:**

1.

School road has been the big issue this year and thanks to Cllr Blackett it is now on the list to be resurfaced, although patching has been taking place in and around the village, this is only a short term measure so we are informed.

2.

At long last the drainage in the park is now being looked at which has taken 4 years!

3.

Village Hall outside was painted this year and we are hoping that the inside will be done shortly.

#### **For the future**

We need to get the young generation interested in the village and on to the LCC to secure the future of the LCC.

Get the stones and the container removed from the Peelring, a lot of the villagers are not happy with this also there has been visitor comment on the eyesore. Cllr Katrina Farquhar has been looking into it.

Need to get more paths and walkways opened up especially the one around Craigton Wood and the one that links Burnside Leyhead to Bogentassie road via Broomhill, this would help in bring more visitors to the area.

Would like to see more Christmas lights added to the ones we have, three to six more would be great if we can get some match funding again.

Just a side note after eight and half years the village has now purchased the church, the keys should be handed over to the Lumphanan Heritage Society on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

The Macbeth day scheduled for September 2014 is a non starter due to lack of interest in village groups.

### **To Finish**

I would like to thank the Treasurer – Jane Jefferies for keeping accounts in order. (Attached)

Apologies to anybody I have forgotten.

I would not say I have enjoyed my time as Chairman of the Community Council as I would be lying!! I hope that someone more suitable will take on this position,

My best wishes go to the new Chairperson.

Regards

Jim Sugden

Acting Chairman Lumphanan Community Council 2013-2014.

<b><u>LUMPHANAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL</u></b>						
<b><u>ACCOUNTS 2013- 2014</u></b>						
<b>INCOME</b>			<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>		<b><u>1,726.43</u></b>
	12TH MARCH		IAN CRUICKSHANK- XMAS LIGHTS FIXTURES (2012)	165	537.6	1,188.83
ABERDEENSHIRE TOILET GRANT 2012	19TH MARCH	£500.00				1,688.83
	5TH APRIL		J. SUGDEN XMAS LIGHTS BRACKETS	166	£57.45	1,631.38
	5TH APRIL		SPRINGHILL NURSERIES- PLANTS FOR TUBS	167	£93.67	1,537.71
	7TH APRIL		STEVE DANTON SECRETARY HONOUARIUM	168	£100.00	1437.71
	7TH APRIL		IAN NICOL WEB HONAOUARIUM	169	£50.00	1387.71
	7TH APRIL		GIFT TO K. BAIN (TOILETS)	170	£100.00	1287.71
	4TH JUNE		ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL INSURANCE	171	£38.64	1249.07
	11TH JUNE		QUAICH- STEVE DANTON THANK YOU	172	£135.00	1114.07
	11TH JUNE		REFRESHMENTS- STEVE DANTON LEAVING DO	173	£289.00	825.07
ABERDEENSHIRE TOILET GRANT 2013	12TH SEPTEMBER	£500.00				1325.07
ADMIN GRANT	26TH SEPTEMBER	£440.18				1765.25
	1ST OCTOBER		K. BAIN - TRAVEL COSTS TO MEETING	174	£27.00	1738.25
	1ST OCTOBER		BILL DONALD - COMPOST	175	£77.99	1660.26
	1ST OCTOBER		LOTTERY ACT RENEWAL	176	£20.00	1640.26
	26TH NOVEMBER			177	£613.80	1026.46

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL -XMAS LIGHTS			BLACHERE ILLUMINATIONS- XMAS LIGHTS			
	4TH FEBRUARY		IAN CRUICKSHANK- XMAS LIGHTS FIXTURES	178	£209.80	816.66
	4TH FEBRUARY		GRAMHAM DIACK- XMAS LIGHT FITTINGS	179	£58.75	757.91
	4TH MARCH		GIFT TO K. BAIN (TOILETS)	180	£183.87	574.04
	4TH MARCH		J. SUGDEN XMAS TREE LIGHTS	181	£27.04	547.00
	19TH FEBRUARY	£443.00				990.00
			<b><u>CLOSING BALANCE</u></b>			990.00
			<b><u>4th MARCH 2014</u></b>		-	
			<b><u>£990.00</u></b>			