

left but the Commander's bulletin should be produced as normal. The Police still want feedback about their service.

Item 5 – Arising and Ongoing Issues.

5.1 Charrette. SN said that the grant offer from the Scottish Government had been received and accepted. He had requested that the grant be paid to PKC and not to BRCC so that invoicing and VAT matters would be easier. The consultants are DPT Urban Design and their David Thompson has been appointed. The first meeting took place with the steering group, PKC officers from Planning & Economic Development on 11/1/16. The main points were to ensure that there was no confusion between the Charrette and the LDP2 as they are running together and this will be made clear at all meetings. The 4 day Charrette event (29/2/16 – 3/3/16) would be preceded by the Consultant engaging with PKC, NHS, businesses, community groups etc to encourage discussion so that issues emerged. Background info regarding the town is now being compiled and will be completed in the next 2 months. This framework will be divided into Fact, Informed views and Speculation. It is hoped that the action plan will be a living document and change with time and encourages people to volunteer so that it is not just the “old faithfuls” who do it all. The Town Hall is booked for 12 hours, 4 days and the emphasis will be on interactive and visual presentation and representation. Communication and awareness raising is the key over the next 4 weeks and the network in place via One Voice, web site, Facebook etc is the key to success. KN said that the hints from SN of which passages to read was a big help. A member of the public asked what was a Charrette and SN replied that it was a discussion about where the town might go, but decided by the people in the town. DB said that the focus had to be the websites so that people will want to take part and that publicity was really important. SN has put posters up around the town to help awareness. MY would bring the matter up at the Forum meeting next week to help disseminate the information.

5.2 LDP consultation. SN reported that the Main Issues report was published for consultation and is substantially different from the version that we have already seen. Many of our comments have been acknowledged – lack of community facilities, sports facilities, the need for a new bridge to unlock Rattray's potential development. The timing and funding of an infrastructure review study, as proposed by CS is yet to be confirmed. Blairgowrie will be the focus of major housing provision in the future and the main housing proposals going forward are now focussed on Westfields of Rattray – 90 houses and Golf Course Rd (Riding for Disabled field) for 30 houses. The main proposal is the so called Eastern expansion which will take development way beyond the LDP2 period with 30ha designated and 600 houses. It will be these sites that will no doubt form a focus of the integration of the LDP2 with the Charrette. SN asked for more volunteers to distribute the posters and flyers which have already been placed in all Co-ops, Adult Resource Centre, Leisure Centre and Youth Café. Details to come via PKC so that Discover Blairgowrie website can cover this and he said that we should also post this on our website and Facebook page. Public drop-in sessions on Saturday 23 January and Thursday 25 February. The consultation ends on 16 March. SN asked if BRCC wanted to put forward a view in light of the Charrette or do we want to do it individually, given that BRCC's role is to represent the views of the majority. KN asked how accessible the drop in sessions were for parents with small children, the disabled and residents of homes. DB suggested that the Freedom Coach could be used to provide transport for home residents etc. MD said that a neighbour had complained that she was refused planning permission for a house in her own grounds because of “amenity” yet here was the LDP2 saying that it was OK to build 30 houses next to her. This didn't make sense. SN replied that the local plans are always changing and the latest iteration differs from previously when new houses were not encouraged on GCR. MD raised the issue of drainage in the area.

<p>5.3 Solar Farm. SN said that nothing had happened since the October meeting except that Government changes to the feed-in tariff may make it the viability difficult. If BRCC want to take this forward, then a subcommittee is needed. LS, AL and SN agreed to form this subcommittee.</p> <p>5.4 Taxi investigation results. This was covered earlier.</p> <p>5.5 Silver Arrow. BE said that the Silver Arrow is still in the hands of Robert Mercer Nairne of Meikleour Estate. As a matter of history, for those not Community councillors at the time, BE said that the Silver Arrow had been on its way to auction at Sotheby's when it had been spotted and a fuss raised as it belonged to the people of Rattray. BE had contacted John Swinney MSP and he would investigate. Robert Mercer-Nairne would be happy for a competition to be held to win the arrow as it was previously. There would be media interest in this and the competition could be held at a Gathering of the Clans or Highland Games. The Silver Arrow and Silver Ball were competed for every year at The Park Inn in Rattray. We would discuss at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>Item 6 - Local Councillor Reports.</p> <p>6.1 BE reported that a couple of roads were still not passable because of the flooding. When the water eventually goes down, PKC will do an audit of the damage. Bridges, trees, potholes; Leystone Rd (Isla Bridge to Burrelton via Leystone cemetery) is particularly churned up and the verges destroyed. He also asked for the repairs to be costed. We must prioritise. Bleaton Hallet bridge is important.</p> <p>Thanks to the BRCC volunteers who helped put up the Christmas lights and take them down again. . Some of the lights are becoming tatty and in the summer they will be checked and some may be thrown out – more volunteers required!!</p> <p>BRAN. There has been a new landslip on Oakbank Rd and BRAN will clear the ditches. PKC will start the work to clear the pathway in February. The tree trunks should be cut and used as benches. There is to be a clean- up and litter pick on the River Ericht walk from West Mill Fish Farm to Kitty Swanson's Bridge on 30 January and all are welcome to help.</p> <p>There has been an outbreak of Phytophthora Ramorum (which kills larch trees and affects shrubs and rhododendrons) on part of the CATERAN Trail near Pitcarmick. Although this is not BRCC's area, walkers need to be advised as it is spread by air or by feet or bikes. MY offered to post a notice on the website and Facebook page asking walkers etc to clean their boots/ tyres when past the area? The CATERAN Yomp is in June and there is a meeting of landowners on 25/2.</p> <p>6.2 CS said that the resilience group had not envisaged that there would be an emergency so soon after they were formed and would need to have plans in place for a reoccurrence. St Catherine's Church has an emergency flat that is available for people in need. BS said that there is to be a meeting with first responders to see what is needed. CS said that there had been a problem getting school pupils home when the buses were cancelled. KN & PM both said what a great help the PKC Facebook page had been, giving the information about closed and "passable with care" roads. In reply to a question about Thursday 7 January's power cut, CD said that an overhead line had been damaged between Coupar Angus and Blairgowrie, but the power was off for less than ½hour. CS thanked the community for their help at the Christmas Lights Switch-on and said that there would be a meeting in February to start the preparations for the 2016 event. She also has a meeting with Active Leisure about the Recreation Centre revamp. £415K has been spent already but only on things that were really maintenance and not improvements. There is a meeting in February about</p>	

<p>playparks and user groups in Blairgowrie and Rattray were to be asked what they need not want. A properly constituted group could apply for funding.</p> <p>After waiting 8 years, a vehicle activated sign is to be installed at the Aberbothrie junction on the Alyth Rd to warn motorists of traffic emerging from the side road.</p>	
<p>Item 7 – Pending Planning Applications.</p> <p>There were none.</p>	
<p>Item 8 – Secretary’s Correspondence.</p> <p>Coupar Angus Community Council has asked if they could come to our next meeting to observe! Their new councillors are relatively inexperienced and wish to see how it is done in BRCC. No one objected to this and DB pointed out that our meetings are open to the public and CACC have every right to attend.</p> <p>A letter had been received from the PA to the Provost asking for nominations for the Queen’s Garden Party. It was agreed that we put together a list by 16 January and email NF.</p>	
<p>Item 9 – Chair’s report on follow ups since last meeting.</p> <p>MY has had a meeting with Chic Haggart (PKC Transport) (CH) on the plan for the Pedestrian crossings. It is proposed that there will be 4 sets of Puffin crossings which are pedestrian activated essentially where the temporary ones are at the moment. DBT asked if there could be one on Back Brae close to the junction with Tannage St as people coming from Tesco find it difficult to cross the road up to the Wellmeadow. MY asked the PKC councillors to ask for clarification that there would still be 2 lanes marked at Coupar’s and at the Bus stance. It was also noted that the road in front of the Crown Hotel would again be 2 way. It was felt that yellow box junction would be helpful at this exit and on the A93/ Commercial St exit. After a question from a member of the public, who said that if you pressed the button to cross and then stepped back to avoid being splashed by a puddle etc, the detector would then think that you had crossed, CS agreed to find out if this was the case with the equipment scheduled to be installed. Another member of the public asked if there would be an audible signal from the new lights as she and several of her friends were visually impaired. BE said yes, it was only the temporary crossings which were not. The lights could be installed in as little as 2 weeks. MY thought that zebra crossings would be more suitable as drivers would have to be more careful and aware of pedestrians. DBT said that the taxi rank is useless where it has been shifted to in the car park as people want the taxis at the bus stance or in front of the Crown Hotel. The new system would be reviewed at Easter and in the summer. KN asked about the 20mph limit and BE said that it would remain where it is just now but be extended to the far side of Haugh Rd. DB said that while the contractors are putting in the pedestrian lights they could also do the dropped kerbs for the hospital crossing point which is hoped to come from the 2016/17 budget. MY would pass this on to Bernadette Malone. MY asked about a crossing at Tesco’s and CS said maybe. BS said that BRCC should write to the police after the new crossings and 20mph limits are in and request a police presence. ST said that because the temporary lights were often not working, people were not paying attention or disregarding them and going through on the red. CS said that CH would listen to suggestions. Despite many thinking that there should be more crossings etc. this was the best that could be managed without returning to the hated traffic lights. MD asked if the whole central triangle should not be 20mph but MY said that the speed on the High St was not excessive due to the pedestrian crossing there and it was the A93 that needed slowing down. PM asked about the proposed 30mph limit from Rosemount crossing in to the town (changed from 40mph) as the road markings of 40mph had been removed. BE said that this was</p>	<p>MY - CH</p>

<p>in the pipeline and could take 6/9 months all in. MY will write to CH with the feedback from the meeting, detailing the points and concerns raised.</p>	
<p>Item 10 - AOCB</p> <p>BS is having a meeting with Historic Environment Scotland at the end of February regarding the ceremonial guns that were mentioned last meeting.</p> <p>He also mentioned the ongoing Campus parking, Walks of Interest.</p> <p>AD mentioned that Dog Wardens were needed on Balmoral Rd and while the work was being done on the path at Gean Grove, could underground ducting be laid so that in the future lighting could be installed without having to dig up the pathway?</p> <p>The council are looking for comments on how they could save money and ST said if they sent the dog wardens down to Piggy Lane they would make enough from fines. AD asked if it was correct that street cleaning is to be cut in Blairgowrie & Rattray. BE said that the budgets had yet to be set.</p> <p>AD said could there not be gates to stop people driving through roads closed by floods? CS replied that it was on the list. AD also asked could Tayside Contract staff be given decent waterproofs? The emergency services had decent wet weather gear but Tayside Contract staff got soaked.</p> <p>SN said that, unfortunately, the first meeting had been held to de-list the equipment of Hamilton Scott's printing works. MY had spoken to Bernadette Malone last week about it.</p> <p>AL said that the recent landslip at Oakbank Rd showed how impossible it was to predict slips and how tree roots were no guarantee to stabilize slopes. BE said the trunks would be cleared and signage and fencing installed.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 2110.</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 11 February at the Adult Resource Centre, Jessie St</p>	

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