

<p>would find out from BE what progress he had made with this. CS said that there was a possibility of a Residents Association being formed again and they would be able to obtain funding for maintenance. Susi Burt is the person to liaise with. The fence which was requested is not possible without external funding. The member of the public was astounded that Andy Clegg called Glenalmond Rd a cul-de-sac as it is a long road, has another road running off it and is a bus route. CS said that she is having a meeting with the Carsie Residents Association and they are applying for funding for their playpark. She would invite Susi Burt to that meeting and asked the member of the public if he would like to attend also. Another member of the public asked if SCYD would be interested in helping out but AC said that he wasn't involved in that part of SCYD and the person to ask was Jamie Stewart or John Corrigan.</p> <p>3.2 2 members of the public are the owners of the Cateran Café in the High St and GD gave the background to their visit. The owners of the Cateran Café have applied for planning permission (in retrospect) for permission to site tables and chairs on the broad part of the pavement outside their café. There have been several objections and GD requested that BRCC support this initiative because it is in the spirit of the charrette that the café culture is nurtured. One of the owners said that when they bought the café, previously known as Blackberries, the previous owner said that they had permission to put tables & seats outside. Since Easter 2015 tables & seats have been put out on the pavement and there had been no problems or complaints. PKC Roads dept were happy enough about the seats but pointed out that they had no planning permission. Then PKC got complaints stating, wrongly, that there had been cooking of food outside on the pavement. Also that a child had fallen over a seat and had hurt their face. One objection stated that there was no room for a wheelchair on the pavement, whereas the total width of the pavement, before it was extended, is left clear but there have been many expressions of support, saying that it is a benefit to the town and that foreign tourists prefer to sit outside. He said that since taking over, they have increased the full time staff from 1 to 3 and the part time staff from 2 to 5 and were supporting the local economy by buying supplies locally. AT thought that BRCC should not be supporting one business over another but MY said that it was not the business but the application we were being asked to support. GD proposed supporting the application, LS seconded and the vote was carried 12 for and 1 against. GD would write in favour and advised all members who supported the motion to write separately.</p> <p>3.3 A member of the public wanted to make a comment about taxis in the town but MY said that it was invalid. He then said that the clean-up of the Recy had been a success but was unsure of how often the steam cleaning was to be done. CS said that it was as required. He also said that he was glad that there had been a U turn about the public toilet closure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LS said thank you to all involved in the clean-up of the Scot-Mid car park.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GD All</p>
<p>Item 4 - Police and Fire reports.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There were no Police or Fire personnel present.</p>	
<p>Item 5 – Arising and Ongoing Issues.</p> <p>5.1 Glenalmond Road planning application.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GD said that there was no further information. The applicants have put in a PAN (proposal of application notice) which they must do 12 weeks before an application of this size. It is for 220 houses on the north side of Glenalmond Rd. There is no agenda or time scale but the implications for Rattray and the wider area are huge, including transport, schooling, medical facilities and sewage. There is to be a</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MY</p>

public meeting in Rattray Connect on 15 June from 1 – 7 and MY said that notice of this would be put on BRCC’s Facebook page and website.

5.2 Parks and Greenspace.

AT said that he had attended the SCYD forum which was very interesting and he had chatted about many issues such as litter and dog waste bins, football, the Recy which most don’t use as it is a. too small, b. too cold, c. too dirty. They would like to see a completely new building with an Ice Rink, Bowling Alley and flumes.

AT then gave an animated and entertaining presentation about Parks and Greenspace with many props including 3 baseball caps (BRCC councillor, BRCFC chair and Joe Public), a football, a toy dog, a golf club and a ream of copier paper. He started by asking everyone “what is a public park”? Many suggestions were given and AT quoted many examples given by PKC and on the internet, including use for sports of many kinds, dog walking, picnicking and other public recreation. The local parks are maintained by PKC for the use of all but the football clubs which play on the pitches have to pay a significant amount each year, depending on the number of teams and the number of pitches. AT said that all the other users of the parks use the grass and damage it, but it is the football teams who have to pay the charges. The teams in Perth get their pavilion maintained at a nominal charge but Blair have always maintained their own pavilion. PKC want to reduce the number of pitches but this is short-sightedness. They say that 4 teams only need 2 pitches as there are 2 teams at home and 2 away, but AT said that you could have 3 teams all wanting to play on 1 pitch. After a lot of debate, it was agreed that CS would email all the Environment Committee members.

CS

5.3 Fair Trade Organisation.

BE was not able to attend but CS said that an obvious choice for a Fair Trade Champion would be Anna Bowman of All Things Fair shop in the High St.

5.4 Rug Hanging.

LS said that the rug, which he showed members, had been made by the late Charlie Murray and it was now owned by BRCC on behalf of the town. He had 2 suggestions for the display of the rug. It could be displayed in the Library along with its history for a period of up to 6 months, during which time possibilities for display in the Town Hall could be looked at. The ideal solution was, of course, to have it displayed in our local Heritage Centre (when it happens). LS would meet with AT to discuss the Town Hall possibilities.

LS, AT

5.5 Cycle Path Update.

LS said that everyone would be aware that if you cycled on the Blairgowrie to Coupar Angus Rd you took your life in your hands, such was the speed of traffic and he has been in discussions with John Palfreyman, organiser of Coupar Angus Cycling Hub. Conversations with Alyth are much simpler as there is a suitable track for part of the way. One Voice will sponsor an Awards for All application into the feasibility and routes/costs of the project and support from all 3 Community Councils would facilitate the application. LS asked would BRCC support the application and it was agreed unanimously to so do. SN said that this was another point that the Charrette had favoured as a benefit for local people. A member of the public said that there had been talk of this before and that there were tracks that could be used. IR said that BE would have the local knowledge. IR said that the Town Map Group (Discover Blairgowrie) were also producing a new town map which would show Commercial property and paths. BRAN is to offer a circular walk using existing footpaths that will form the back page of the map.

5.6 Orange Walk.

MY said that this would be the second time that the new Orange Lodge would have a march from Rattray to Blairgowrie. CS said that the Police are aware of the march. GD wanted to object to the march as it was not constructive, but MY said that there should be freedom of speech.

5.7 Charrette Public Meeting update.

SN said that he had a good chat with David Thomson and the Open Meeting will be on Wednesday 29 June at 7 pm in the Town Hall. There will be 4 tables with each group getting a shot at each table. If there is a great number of people attending, there may have to be 8 tables. David and SN will do the Intro and feedback from the Charrette and Jessie Shaw had volunteered to be at one table. Other people are needed to man the other tables.

5.8 KBRB & BRAN updates.

IR said that KBRB is still very much a work in progress and they are concentrating on litter just now; they worked with Blair in Bloom at their litter pick, and they are also focussing on education & behaviour. They want to get local businesses involved and were successful with Scotmid clearing up their carpark. They had a wonderful meeting with Fiona Patton, head teacher at Newhill Primary and it is the quest of the school to be more involved. They would like to make posters and design attractive litter bins etc. After the school holidays, IR hopes to meet with the head teachers of Rattray Primary and St Stephens Primary. At the moment KBRB are focussing on primary school children as they are the lesser half of the schoolchildren who drop litter; if they are educated while at Primary not to drop litter, it will work through to the High School in time. While not all of the litter on Welton Rd and Parkhead Rd is caused by the fruit farm workers, a lot is and KBRB hope to meet with the Farm Manager. There have been work parties out on the Ericht Path where the growth is shoulder height. PKC say there is money available but not just now, PKC cannot communicate; they say there is knotweed growing on the path and they cannot cut it but KBRB say it is not near the path, there is only Himalayan Balsam. KBRB have only 1 strimmer but McCarthy & Stone have given them a grant of £400 and they intend to buy more equipment and while they need more tools rather than more volunteers, no one will be turned down who wishes to help. A member of the public said that the forerunner to BRAN had 2 brush cutters and perhaps BE would know what happened to them. Tomorrow there is to be a survey of the Rattray side of the river from Kitty Swanson's bridge towards Rattray.

BE

5.9 Community Resilience Plan.

BS had a hard copy of the Resilience Plan which is not yet final and they are asking for comments. He had a response from an ex-fireman who had experience of resilience planning and it was hoped that he might take the role of co-ordinator. On the late summer it was hoped to have a desk top exercise to test the plan.

5.10 Citizen/Young Person of the Year.

PM reported that the judges had chosen a Citizen of the Year and Young Person of the year and Johnathon Menzies would present the cups at a ceremony in the Wellmeadow on 25 June at 11 am; Jessie Shaw, the present Citizen of the Year, would present the certificates and IR would make the speech. Johnathon is getting the cups engraved, IR has contacted AL about borrowing his PA equipment and PM has arranged for Something Special to donate the bouquets again this year.

<p>5.11 BRCC vacancies.</p> <p>MY said that as there had been 2 resignations at the last meeting, BRCC now had 2 vacancies for members. She asked if the members wanted to co-opt 2 new members, invite new members to nominate themselves for election or leave the positions vacant. AT and NF both suggested that the positions should be advertised and all agreed.</p>	
<p>Item 6 - Local Councillor Reports.</p> <p>CS said that the floods last year had brought up many issues which the resilience group will cover being community safety and also a "Flood Route". She would ask PKC to bring forward the list of concerns that had emerged. MY said that there had been an advert for a flood management person at PKC, who could earn around £35,000 per year. CS said that there had been a community planning meeting and PKC are way behind other councils on this.</p> <p>After a lot of emails, it is hoped that something may be done about a memorial to Hamish Henderson, the Blairgowrie born Folklorist, Author, Poet and Songwriter.</p> <p>There is the possibility of making Woodlands Rd one way due to concerns about speeding and difficulty in vehicles passing each other due to the narrowness of the road.</p> <p>CS had tried to contact Chic Haggart (CH) re the lack of beepers on the pedestrian crossings but he was not available.</p> <p>Concerns had been raised about the lack of signage to the Piggy Lane facilities, the Blair Tennis Club and the Rattray Tennis Club. PKC say there is no money for signs but the signs which were made for the Riverside Walk were not erected because of the Oakbank Rd slippage. A member of the public said that QR codes on signs would be helpful and CS replied that this had been suggested.</p> <p>CS said that a number of people were interested in allotments and AD said that a group was maybe being set up. BS asked for a contact and was told Susan Duncan.</p> <p>BS asked about outdoor exercise equipment for adults in places like the riverside. CS would discuss this with Sue Allan at their meeting at Carsie on 15 June. BS said that Forfar had 3 sets of outdoor gym equipment.</p>	CS
<p>Item 7 – Pending Planning Applications.</p> <p>GD thanked BS for the reliance plan and asked if it was available online but BS said due to Data Protection issues it was not.</p> <p>GD said that he had made a formal objection to the plans for cottages behind the Care home on Golf Course Rd.</p> <p>GD had been contacted by AT about the development at McCarthy & Stone on Coupar Angus Rd breaching the pavement line and he had contacted the Planning Department.</p>	
<p>Item 8 – Secretary's Correspondence.</p> <p>NF said there was nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Item 9 – Chair's report on follow up since last meeting.</p> <p>MY said that there was nothing that hadn't been already covered.</p>	
<p>Item 10 – AOCB</p>	

<p>SN said that he didn't have any more news about the proposed path from Perth St to the door of the Cottage Hospital and had been told that nothing would be done before 24 June. CS said this was because there was a Capital Budget meeting on 22 June.</p>	
<p>GD said that some ideas had come from the Hamish Henderson film which was shown at the DA in Dundee, namely that Hamish Henderson needs to be recognised. If the High School were to be renamed as the Hamish Henderson High School, pupils and parents would question the name and find out who he was. Documentation of the culture of the travelling people was and is a very important part of Blairgowrie & Rattray. MY asked GD to look into it. A member of the public said that many people would be interested in it and instead of an exhibition being in a hall, it could be in the fields, tents etc.</p>	GD
<p>IC said that some of his neighbours had said that there were extra buses running along Golf Course Rd. Had the trial of the new timings started? MY confirmed that this may be part of the trial that was suggested a few months ago. No advertising of the proposed trial had been done presumably to see if there was legitimate demand for the service. PM would find out.</p>	PM
<p>IR said that many people were not adhering to the new 20mph limit on Gas Brae/ Boat Brae but there had been speed traps on Coupar Angus Rd for the new 30mph limit there. Why Coupar Angus Rd and not the more pedestrian active area of the centre of the town. CS said that she would raise the matter with the Community Police Sergeant. It was asked if there should be 30mph repeater signs on Coupar Angus Rd but MY said she had been told no – if there were street lights that meant the limit was 30mph.</p>	CS
<p>AD reported that there was a dangerous sign on the old Coop building in High St, Rattray. He asked if it was possible to get waste bins at either end of the path from Welton Rd to Parkhead Rd and there were problems with high hedges. CS said that she would see Willie Mahoney. There is also a high hedge in Harriet Row. MY said that a local handyman should leave business cards at the addresses that have problem hedges. AD said if we could get more modern, fancy bins, then we could put the old ones where we perceive a need.</p>	CS
<p>The Fire Service passed on their thanks to all involved in their latest fund raising exercise and they have raised £2500 for medical equipment for Jodie Crawford.</p>	
<p>MY informed the group of the new Participation Requests that could be made to the council. At a recent engagement with a third sector organisation the information had been passed on by Robin Jamieson. If there is something that you want to discuss with PKC, they must get involved. MY said that GD may want to discuss the Common Good Fund. MY said she would forward the relevant links from the Scottish Government website.</p>	MY
<p>IR then presented MY with a bouquet of flowers and a thank you card from all the BRCC councillors, saying that she was an ideal Chair – she had the determination to get things done – she had needed a little persuasion to take on the post again but it was a great relief to everyone that she would again be Chair. MY thanked ID for his kind words and the group for the beautiful flowers.</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Thursday 14 July at the Adult Resource Centre, Jessie St, Blairgowrie at 7 pm.</p>	All

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