

<p>gave her apologies for the next meeting and LS volunteered to take the minutes for that meeting.</p>	
<p>Item 3 - Subjects Raised by members of the public.</p> <p>There was nothing raised by members of the public but AT reported back on the complaint raised last meeting by TD about Town Hall booking fees. He said that he had met TD and that matters had been resolved to the satisfaction of both parties.</p>	
<p>Item 4 - Police & Fire reports.</p> <p>AM said that the local crews had made 16 Home Fire Safety visits this month and asked that BRCC spread the word that these were available. On AD's query previously, AM said that this had been resolved and if anyone had a faulty smoke detector, they should phone the station or helpline and it would be replaced. The crews had attended several public events. In the Town Hall they had given advice about smoke alarms etc to about 150 migrant workers and one of the crews speaks Polish so this was a great help. Perth personnel were at Blairgowrie High School for their annual demonstration to 120 1st years about the dangers of fire both in cooking and in the home. They had attended the Loon Braes Parknership day in Rattray and also Braemar Day. Cadets from the Air Training Corps had been in the Station in George Street for a week learning about firefighting and teamwork. There had been 20 incidents in the month of August mostly automatic fire alarms but there had been a grain dryer fire which required 3 appliances. The crews are holding a Charity Car Wash at the Station on 17/9 from 10-3.</p> <p>There was again no representative from Police Scotland and AD commented on the lack of Police generally. There had been an incident at Davie Park with a moped and quad bike damaging the pitches. Lindsay Cruickshank, the Rattray Amateurs manager had called the Police and it took 45 minutes for them to appear by which time, all responsible had disappeared. AT had brought this to the attention of CS and BE previously and the names of the offenders are known. This is not a new occurrence and some of the offenders are coming in cars and letting their children out to damage the grass. A member of the public said that she had also had occasion to remonstrate with bikers, on 2 and 4 wheels, who were coming through her rural premises and they took the hint in the meantime. MY would speak again to Sgt Karen Harrison.</p>	<p>MY</p>
<p>Item 5 – Arising & Ongoing issues.</p> <p>5.1 Extended Town 20mph limit.</p> <p>Daryl McKeown (PKC) had sent information about the proposed change to the town speed limits and also a Raised Table-top Ramp with new Give Way markings. SN said that some members of the Ctte had been in favour of the 20mph limit and some had not, however if the speed limit at the point of the ramp was 30mph, then signs would have to be erected warning of a ramp; if the speed limit was 20mph at the point of the ramp, then signs would not have to be erected. SN said that there would be 1 ramp and not 2. The existing island would be extended and the ramp would be from the edges of the island to the pavement and along to almost the bottom of John St. The cycle lane would therefore not start until after John St. MY commented that this had flown in the face of what we had been told the previous week by BE & CS, but neither was at the meeting to comment.</p> <p>5.2 Tesco Foodcloud.</p>	

LS said that Tesco nationwide were wanting to reduce the amount of goods that are wasted to zero. They have sophisticated systems to work out what is excess and will start at the Blairgowrie store on 19/9. Food which, at the moment is reduced drastically in price to clear at the very end of the day, will now go to Charities and suggestions are being sought for organisations which could use this on a regular 5/7 day basis. Some suggestions were SCYD, 5 Davie Park, Wisecraft and several members suggested the breakfast clubs at schools as well as the Old Peoples' Welfare who run lunches at ARC on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Those organisations nominated would have a visit from Foodshare to ensure their equipment and hygiene were up to standard. MY had been contacted by Wendy Kierans of Tesco and had suggested that she contact LS. A member of the public queried if SCYD was not in competition with other cafes and restaurants and LS replied that they are teaching young people cooking skills.

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5.3 Visit of Government Minister.

SN had met with the minister and others at the Police Station and during his 45 minute visit, the Minister had been very interested to hear about the Charrette and its outcomes. SN thanked Gary Brown of Police Scotland for setting up the visit, it had been very helpful and he looked forward to working together.

5.4 Allotment update

BS had a meeting 3 weeks ago at SCYD and agreement was reached that a committee of 4 would set up a Constitution as until they are constituted they cannot apply for funding or enter into renting agreements and they will then be able to contact the landowners of the ground which could become allotments. A member of the public asked if Scotland had similar legislation to the English Allotment Act, to which BS replied yes. Another member of the public asked if the Scottish Act prescribed the Constitution which should be followed and BS said no, it was up to Association to set up.

5.5 Charrette update

SN reported that the focus was now on getting various groups to take initiatives forward and that BRCC were the facilitators and catalysts and not the delivery agents for these projects.

DISCOVER BLAIRGOWRIE Great progress and the greater coordination of events, activities, festivals and better promotion of the town is underway by this group. His observation was that the Charrette is potentially a fantastic vehicle for the town but based on dedicated volunteers. He thought that funds should be sought to appoint a town coordinator, someone with local knowledge to ensure this great work is sustainable in the future.

PUBLIC SPACES AND STREETS. He had met Chic Haggart (CH) and CS on 7th Sept. CH is writing up what things were proposed and is keen to take these forward, being sensible about what is affordable. Early things to take forward might be changes to on-street parking provision, with the half hour extended; review signage in the town with a view to decluttering it and making signs to car parking provision more visible; looking at congested traffic issue in Rattray - Balmoral Road junction and traffic flows along trunk road; review of where yellow lines are with a view to removing some (Around former Hill Primary for example); review street furniture with a view to having a themed consistent renewal scheme (legacy

memory benches would fit also); review loading bay usage... He will lead on this meantime. Riverside.- Proposals for this are being taken forward by the “map for the town” group.

EMPTY PREMISES. Police Station. He has written to Police Scotland asking for official consent to begin to bring a group of people together to take forward proposals for the building. Once consent is received they can get a group together from those interested in the potential usage of the building. Museum, walking centre, men’s sheds etc. A keen group of end users is needed to take this on, rather than a proposal worked up and a group of end users sought out to deliver. Tannage Street is in the hands of owners.

STRATHMORE CONNECTIONS Cycle routes are being taken forward by LS and others and initiatives are being explored to consider how to provide transport solutions to the more isolated people in our community. There is the Local Community Planning Partnerships to consider which arguably should address some of these aspects. An embryonic committee has been set up to look into development of the Riverside.

OTHER ISSUES. He has contacted PKC re suggesting a meeting to consider asset rationalisation and joint working, maybe with the Police - No reply. Contacted Mike Morgan to talk through where PKC could help, but he is very busy so will arrange to meet maybe end October.

BS said that SCYD were looking for darkroom facilities. SN said that he will continue to report but will pass on the work to another group. AD asked if SN would be co-ordinator and SN replied that he would need to think about that. MY said that SN was doing a great job.

5.6 Walkers are welcome update.

IR was not available to give an update. A member of the public asked what Walkers are Welcome was and MY read from the previous minutes to explain. The Member of the public asked if this was part of Visit Scotland and MY said no.

5.7 Cycle Path update.

LS said that they had applied to Awards for All (A4A) for funding towards a feasibility study but A4A required more information A consultant from Cycling Scotland was here for one day to give them ideas and they had hoped by now to have been able to speak to landowners but harvest time is not a good time to speak to them. BE & LS hope to talk in 2 weeks. The consultant’s view was that the Blairgowrie to Alyth route was realistic and wouldn’t involve a lot. Coupar Angus to Blairgowrie was more difficult not only because of the crossing of the River Isla and the route would have to be planned stage by stage. It could be a 5 year plan. Some landowners had been approached and were very positive. John Palfreyman (Forward Coupar Angus) had contacted PKC to do a survey of the pillars of the old railway bridge to see if they could be used for a path. The surface for the paths had not been decided but the likely source of the funding necessary would be Sustrans and they always put in paths 2 ½ metres wide and tarmacked. There are still lots of “ifs” but when there is progress LS said he would let BRCC know. AD said that Sustrans does not engage with local communities and just puts in paths where it thinks they are needed. A further mini Charrette could be run in a couple of years’ time if perceptions of the town had

<p>improved following completion of some of the projects emerging from the original programme</p> <p>5.8 Piggy Lane update.</p> <p>AT said that since the new changing facilities were opened 7/9 months ago, there had been increased activity and 146 young people use the pitches. Also dog walkers, keep fit enthusiasts, horses, and schools. However there has been increased vandalism, not only the thousands of pounds of damage caused to the solar panels but also the joy riding and churning up the grass and using the car park as a turning circle. There has been an increase in Carry-out litter and he is fed up at no action by the Police. He consulted some dog walkers he met and had a discussion with BE and PKC Greenspace officers and it was agreed that the barriers would be closed. He had expected that there would have been time to announce this to all interested parties but PKC acted more swiftly than usual and the barriers were closed and locked the next day. The football clubs have been given a key so that the car park for supporters can be used. The pedestrian access is still available just not the vehicular one. The only drawback is that when the gates are open, the persons in charge have to make sure that all walkers are out before locking the barrier. There is now a ditch and a bund to stop vehicles getting on to the grass. AT also commented that, while a great proportion of dog walkers use the dog waste bins, about 15% do not and this is a health hazard for all using the pitches.</p>	
<p>Item 6 - Local Councillor Reports.</p> <p>None of the councillors was present.</p>	
<p>Item 7 – Pending Planning Applications.</p> <p>GD mentioned the Chair’s application for planning permission for signage as a matter of disclosure. In response to GD’s complaint that McCarthy & Stone had appropriated part of the pavement in their development in Coupar Angus Rd, he had spoken to Eddie Jordan (PKC) who visited on 22/8 and the Planning Department are not concerned, the response from the Roads Dept was no action. MY asked if there had been anything further on the proposed development behind Beech Manor Care Home on Golf Course Rd (GCR) but GD said not at the moment. He said that this is the site that Corryard are intending for the “affordable housing” part of their Hill Primary application. There was much discussion about the legislation governing affordable homes and IC said that there was a plot of land behind Old Silverside on the corner of GCR and Woodlands Rd that if purchased would afford access into the site behind the Care Home. GD reiterated that Corryard would pass on any affordable housing contract to another developer as they did not do that type of project.</p>	
<p>Item 8 – Secretary’s Correspondence.</p> <p>As there is no Secretary at the moment, PM said that the only correspondence had been emails from PKAVS which had been forwarded to members.</p>	
<p>Item 9 – Chair’s report on follow ups since last meeting.</p> <p>MY asked GD if he had managed to have a meeting with the Chairs of Alyth and Mount Blair CCs about the Community Benefit Fund from wind farms. He said he had tried to arrange one but only received a reply from Alyth’s Chair but that she cancelled 10 minutes before the agreed time. He would try to arrange another meeting.</p>	

<p>MY congratulated the committees of Braemar Day, to whom the proceeds of the wishing well were given, and the Highland Games. The organisers of the games had taken on the points raised last year and the food vendors were much more pleasant, with even veggie options being offered and the litter problem was better controlled.</p> <p>MY thanked all the members who had attended David Bailey's funeral, this was much appreciated by his wife Deirdre.</p> <p>MY said that the go ahead had been given to have a bonfire night at the Davie Park but it was probably too late to organise for this year. Lesley Mayberry (PKC) would help with funding and local residents would be consulted. Smaller local stall holders would be approached but not the big outfits that tour the country. AD said there was a worry about noise for animals, domestic and farm, and GD said that there are now silent fireworks!! MY thought that the schools could be involved with a "Guy" competition. The Hamish Henderson film will probably be shown at the Newhill campus as no other venue in town had the required equipment and it will be for schoolchildren only.</p> <p>MY asked BS how the meeting on Monday about the Campus school drop off problems went and BS replied that it was disappointing. He was the one who had asked for the meeting, yet he was only informed about it on the Friday and told only he from BRCC should attend. 4 PKC Officers including CH and the 2 head teachers met with John Swinney MSP. A lot of old ground was covered but PKC wouldn't agree to anything. PKC will look at a couple of suggestions and the school will devise some sort of programme re driver education and put it in the Blairie. PKC will look at the possibility of a path from Hazelwood Rd as a Park & Stride facility and speak to the bus operators to explore the feasibility of a local bus, maybe an extension of the no 63, to pick up schoolchildren, especially from the east side of Coupar Angus Rd. There has been no communication, no follow-ups and the School Parent Council weren't even informed. BS said that he would write to John Swinney again to ask if there is anything else he can suggest.</p>	<p>BS</p>
<p>Item 10 – AOCB</p> <p>AD said that the Christmas lights committee need more helpers and a Secretary. MY asked if they would be putting out cones so that they could get the cherry-picker in better to put up the Christmas lights.</p> <p>AD said that he is also stepping back from involvement with the Braemar day committee and hoped that someone else would take it on. They do a fantastic job with absolutely no funding from PKC and they are not constituted so cannot apply for external funding, relying totally on their own fundraising events.</p> <p>AD gave an update on BRAN saying that they had cleared all the main paths but they too need more volunteers and PKC need to help with funding.</p> <p>GD said that the East Perthshire Planning Partnership needs to be discussed so that BRCC could give our response to another tier of democracy which is really just a larger Community Council. PKC are only paying lip service to the Community Empowerment Act, and Community Councils have been set up since 1975. The areas should be getting smaller not larger to give people "empowerment". Did we want to take part in this? MY said that the CCs in Alyth, Mount Blair and Coupar Angus are a large part of the consultation process and need to figure out the strategy for the area. There are a lot of people in different groups. What may work in the various parts of Perth city will not work in the parts of Perthshire which are bigger in area but smaller in population. MY said that we need to meet other CCs and set up a meeting with RosaLS asked what did our areas in NE Perthshire have in common with Longforgan and the Carse of Gowrie, yet we would be banded together. What each area needs should be considered and not just tick boxes. Add to next agenda.</p> <p>MY clarified a query from BS about the previous minutes which said that PAT testing was required for the Resilience Team's equipment. While that is what was said</p>	<p>MY</p>

<p>and therefore correctly minuted, the information was incorrect and no testing would be required.</p> <p>LS said that the Low Carbon Transport Hub would be of the area of the catchment area of Blairgowrie High School. Forward Coupar Angus, Alyth Development Trust and One Voice pre-application support fund for £10k has been successful. The consultant said that it was a credible plan and hoped they would be successful as there was a lot of competition. Very surprised and pleased. He would keep the members informed in the next weeks.</p> <p>IC asked if there had been any nominations for the 3 vacancies. MY replied no.</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting.</p> <p>Thursday 13 October in the Adult Resource Centre, Jessie St, Blairgowrie at 7pm.</p>	All

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