



<p>protect time for community contact including attendance at Community Council meetings. At present, he further explained, officers cannot guarantee their presence at any non-emergency event. Emergencies take precedence for all officers but from November some officers will have community contact duties prioritised.</p> <p>MY suggested that a police stand at the Community market in Blairgowrie would be very helpful. She explained that she had already spoken to Sgt Karen Harrison about this earlier in the year and suggested that they might like to spend some of their budget that is designated for community engagement on this opportunity. AC said he will contact Sue Cole about this.</p> <p>IC asked what area is currently covered by the local police force. AC answered that it includes Killin, Pitlochry, up to Scone Airfield as well as the Strathmore area.</p> <p>MY emphasised the need for a high policing profile in Blairgowrie from someone who knows the area well. AC accepted this.</p> <p>The issue of “boy racers” was raised. AC informed the meeting that this is being looked into and that there are a number of sanctions that can and will be used if necessary including ASBOs and Vehicle Defect Tickets. These have already been used. MY responded that she looks forward to seeing an improvement in the situation.</p> <p>IC noted a spate of graffiti recently. AC said that this is under investigation.</p> <p>IR asked whether the police still make visits to Primary Schools. AC responded that visits are made from time to time.</p> <p>IC raised the issue of speeding, particularly in Golf Course Road. AC said he will see if a traffic unit can monitor this.</p> <p>MY thanked AC and encouraged members of BRCC to use the feedback form which accompanies the Commander’s Bulletin.</p> <p>There was no-one from the Fire and Rescue Service present as Alex McCutcheon has been relocated to another area. MY thanked him for his contribution to BRCC and wished him well in his new post.</p>	
<p><b>Item 5 – Arising and ongoing Issues.</b></p> <p>5.1 Dictaphone for minutes.</p> <p>The question of using a Dictaphone to record meetings was raised. Recordings will be deleted once the minutes have been formally approved. A vote was taken and it was agreed to do this in future.</p> <p>5.2 Action Partnership.</p> <p>MY reported back as follows on a meeting she had on 10<sup>th</sup> October with Rosa Huczynska from PKC Planning who facilitated the LCPP consultation meeting in June:</p> <p>The meeting was to discuss the proposed Community Advisory Partnership, its aims and its structure. MY said it was a very productive meeting with positive outcomes and a good exchange of information and gave thanks to Rosa for this and for her time. The proposed size of the areas (something that was a major concern for all who attended the Blairgowrie meeting) will be reflective of the senior level of attendees who will make up the working group from both the service providers i.e. the NHS, PKC, Police etc, and the community, i.e. the Community Councils and other community group representatives. MY said she feels it makes sense to work with smaller, focused groups who can deal with the various issues and act accordingly.</p> <p>It is hoped that the CCs can work together in their respective areas and send 1 person who can give feedback from the meetings to all the groups – this could be at a forum meeting or by email. This would be a perfect time to try again to set up the</p>	

Community Council Forum Group, particularly now that the surrounding CCs have more stability.

MY expressed the view that it is also a great opportunity for Blairgowrie to work with the other smaller communities around it and show that we don't just have BRCC interests at heart. There is, she said, a need to be able to work with the wider communities and bridge their needs gap, and show that we can all represent everyone responsibly.

The first couple of meeting will be closed in order that the working group can establish itself, its protocols and its aims, after that the meetings will be open to the public. MY also suggested that they might like to start televising these meetings. Rosa liked and has agreed to take back both of these suggestions.

MY also asked Rosa, in the interests of Council transparency and community equality and empowerment, to see if it would be possible to generate a comprehensive phone directory, one that can be pinned/linked to PKC's homepage and given to CCs. Rosa was unaware of the difficulties in trying to get hold of the right people easily, but agrees that such a list would be hugely beneficial and mean that significantly less phone traffic would have to be channelled through their busy switchboard service.

MY suggested that the next thing to do will be to establish what kind of person will take up such a position on the working group. The Forum/One Voice group have been discussing the position of Community Funding Applicator/Events Manager. MY asked whether this person might be suitable. Alternative possibilities would be: a CC Chair, a CC representative, another group representative who can liaise with CCs and report back. Rosa has suggested that it be someone with a good deal of local knowledge of what is going on or of the issues.

IR asked what the timescale for implementation is. MY said she didn't know but emphasised that the groups will be action groups.

BS commented that there is already a profusion of existing planning groups and that all issues could be dealt with within existing structures. MY responded that the existing groups operate at a "grass roots" level and lack access to high level officers in the relevant public bodies. She added that what is being looked for is one person to represent BRCC, CA, Alyth and Mount Blair areas.

BS expressed the view that few people could adequately represent all 4 CC areas. MY pointed out that the representative will be accountable to all 4 CCs and will be held to account.

IR asked what recourse there would be if officers fail to take agreed action or prevaricate. MY said that the minutes would be public, that meetings (after the first 2 establishing ones) will be open to the public and that people taking on actions will be identified to enable the right questions to be asked of them.

CS said that she will be a member of the local group. BE pointed out that this initiative had been thoroughly discussed at a full Council meeting. Some councillors thought the area too big. There is no date yet for the first meeting in this area. Fiona Robertson of PKC asserted that all meetings will be open to the public. This leaves an issue of not knowing what size of venue to book given uncertainty about numbers attending. CS said that other areas have made this work. One meeting she has attended dealt with

issues of transport and access to health care and was attended by competent officers and representatives. BS said his preferred option would be for Ccs to have more powers. CS informed the meeting that this has been rejected by the Government.

SN made the point that the new structure does not change the role of CCs. He felt that the reality of the new structure has to be accepted and that it may give CCs an additional avenue through which to deal with issues.

CS said she sees potential in these groups and will keep BRCC informed. Her preference is to have 2 closed meetings before opening to the public to allow the groups to establish ways of working together.

BS asked if it would be possible to see this structure working elsewhere. CS said that she would send details of future meetings.

### 5.3 Charrette projects update.

SN reported as follows:

#### PUBLIC SPACES AND STREETS.

Following meeting with Caroline and Chic Haggart on 7<sup>th</sup> September at which Chic was very enthusiastic and positive, no further contact has been made. Chic agreed to write up the list of actions but as nothing has come forward SN did it and sent it to Chic for agreement but to date nothing has been heard. Chic has been on holiday and only returned to work this week. SN will follow up in next week or so.

The footpath at the hospital is complete, and the original agreement was that PKC would try to coordinate crossing of A93 at the same time. Officers of council have been copied into all correspondence but SN has heard nothing about progress or proposals.

Riverside group are taking issues forward, report elsewhere on agenda.

#### POLICE STATION

Police Scotland has given consent to move ahead with proposals with their blessing. Keith Colville of PKC has been in contact and wants a meeting to discuss possible shared services with the Police and a meeting will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> October to take this further, along with possible other community use. Time to be agreed. AT and SN will attend.

Regarding the steering group formation, so far no-one has come forward either from the excellent article that appeared in the Blairie, from web site, or forum meeting etc. It was felt at the forum meeting that a tour of the Police Station by those who might be interested would help and SN hopes this can take place on 27<sup>th</sup> October, targeting those who might be interested. However, at this stage a positive outcome looks doubtful.

#### WIDER INTEREST.

Megan MacPherson from NHS Scotland, one of the original authors of the "Place Standard" (the tool used in the Charrette process) is compiling case studies of where

this tool was used and will use Blairgowrie and Rattray as one. SN will meet her to give BRCC input on 26<sup>th</sup> October.

#### 5.4 BRAN update.

IR gave a brief overview of BRAN's work: established in January 2015, operational since February 2016, since when there have been working parties on almost every weekend. He particularly commended the hard work done by AD. BRAN maintains all of the local paths and the CATERAN Trail and is well supported by volunteers. On 14<sup>th</sup> October, the working group was due to be joined by the Countryside Ranger and PKC's Greenspace Officer. BRAN still struggles to obtain financial support. BE said that a grant from PKC has been agreed and should be paid imminently. There is a shortage of equipment and storage space. A local retired farmer has offered to help with his tractor and equipment. Paths For All is supportive. An application is being made for £1.8k. If successful, this will be paid in June 2017.

#### 5.5 Wishing Well.

This has been broken for some time. MY has been in touch with Steven Kane who said he is in touch with the company who made the collection box about having it replaced. IR mentioned that GD has spoken to a local blacksmith about a sturdy replacement. It was also suggested that an approach could be made to the High School to ask if they would like to take on looking after the wishing well as a project.

#### 5.6 Recycling

LS told the meeting that there will be a presentation on recycling in this area given by Vivien Milford, Waste Management Coordinator, at SCYD on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7pm.

#### 5.7 Safe Routes.

LS gave an update on progress towards creating safe routes between Blairgowrie/Rattray and Alyth and Coupar Angus. He and BE had walked the existing riverside path to see if it would serve as part of the Alyth route but ruled it out as a realistic option. This will mean further discussions with landowners, one of whom has expressed reluctance about having a signed public track through his land. The next stage will be for the consultant (assuming the Awards for All application is successful – the outcome should be known by December) to take negotiations further. With regard to the Blairgowrie – Coupar Angus route, the old ford at Bendochy was identified as a possible alternative site for a bridge over the Isla. LS told the meeting that there will be an open meeting for all interested people on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at SCYD, starting at 7pm.

#### 5.8 Food Cloud.

LS informed the meeting that Tesco's offer of food which would otherwise have been wasted has been taken up by three organisations, leaving three days on which no-one is in receipt of food. SCYD has set up a "Pot Luck Café" offering free meals on Tuesdays. This is well used and is promoted by the Food Bank. MY asked if the SCYD meals were on a sit in basis or whether people could take meals away. LS undertook to find out and let BRCC members know. LS suggested that the system be extended to include organisations in Coupar Angus and Alyth. This was felt to be a good idea. LS to suggest this to the manager of the local branch of Tesco.

#### 5.9 Riverside Group update.

IR

LS

BS reported that he and Graham Reid had looked at the current state of the riverside and made notes on what they saw as improvements and how these could be achieved. These were sent to the Ericht Trust and the Charrette steering group. The issues were raised at the recent Forum meeting and at the Ericht Trust AGM. One idea is a graffiti wall. MY commented that these can work well and are usually whitewashed monthly to allow the artists to use the space again.

Allotments Association:

There is to be a meeting of this group on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Community campus, starting at 6.30. the aim will be to agree a constitution, to establish the Association and to begin the process of identifying suitable land.

The big guns:

BS has been in touch with Historical Environment Scotland who have promised to get back to him by early 2017. The aim will be to have the guns in place in Blairgowrie by 2018.

The resilience fund:

BS asked for agreement for him to contact potential contractors for quotes to carry out the installation of equipment as set out in the funding application. This was unanimously agreed.

#### Item 6 - **Local Councillor reports.**

CS told the meeting that the Hamish Henderson film will be shown on Wednesday November the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Community Campus. LS asked if tickets to this free event will be available at the door as well as through Eventbrite. CS said that they will be. CS went on to commend the Campus as a successful venue for the Bookmark book festival and said it could and should be made more use of as a venue. The authors and the Provost all spoke highly of the book festival.

CS next told the meeting that on November 5<sup>th</sup> between 11 am and 3pm there will be artefacts from Perth Museum on display to the public in the Town Hall. IR asked if the Silver Arrow would be on display. CS undertook to find out and said that the Silver Ball/s will be on display.

CS announced that work on the Carsie Play area will begin next week.

CS and MY will meet with the police authority on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to ask for a commitment to effective community policing.

The Guide Hut in Blairgowrie will have to be replaced and significant sums of money will have to be raised locally for this. It was noted that a number of groups are seeking funding and that it could be helpful to have a coordinated approach.

CS said that Sport Scotland had told the group working towards restoring a BMX track that they had not asked for enough money.

AT thanked CS and others for ensuring that barriers were in place promptly at Davie Park.

BE told the meeting that a project team for the new recreation centre is almost complete. BE said he hopes that consultations will start later this year.

There is to be a meeting of the East Perthshire Community Sports Hub on November the 26<sup>th</sup> in the Community Campus. It is hoped that each locality will form its own sports hub to feed in to the overarching one.

BE reported that he and CS had been successful in delaying work on the A93 until after the October holidays.

BE together with officers from PKC had examined all possible alternative routes for large lorries to use to avoid Upper Allan Street but none proved realistic. One possible

<p>solution was thought to be for the fruit farmer to transfer the load to smaller vehicles at Haugh Road but this also proved not to be feasible. The remaining alternative appears to be for all large vehicles to be escorted. MY pointed out that the lorries were passing through a conservation area and causing some damage to buildings. BE replied that permission to use that route had been given before the area was given conservation area status.</p> <p>BE said the Ericht Trust AGM went well.</p> <p>BE asked whether the Piggy lane issues had been resolved. AT replied that there has been some progress but still some issues remain.</p>	
<p><b>Item 7 – Pending Planning Applications.</b></p> <p>There were no relevant applications.</p>	
<p><b>Item 8 – Secretary’s correspondence.</b></p> <p>MY is going to the Education Governance Review event on 15<sup>th</sup> November. GD is going to the Walkable Communities Workshop also on 15<sup>th</sup> November.</p>	
<p><b>Item 9 – Chair’s report on follow-ups since last meeting.</b></p> <p>MY asked BE if he had spoken to Anna Bowman about the idea of Blairgowrie becoming a Fair Trade town. BE said he hadn’t. MY said she has had correspondence with Anna and with Alex McCutcheon about this.</p> <p>MY then asked if any local schools had attended the Homecoming event. It was thought that none had.</p> <p>MY asked if the issue of carrying firearms had been raised by CS with the police. CS said it hadn’t but that she believed that they were not being carried in this area.</p> <p>MY next asked if there were any designated areas for travellers in Blairgowrie. The answer was that there are none here but that there are some within Perthshire and that these are known to the travelling community.</p> <p>MY expressed her thanks to PKC for rolling out WiFi to the Town Hall and other local buildings.</p> <p>Finally, MY expressed health and safety concerns about the proximity of a communications mast to residential areas in Rattray. CS thought that the mast would have to be moved because it is being obstructed by a tree on which there is a preservation order.</p>	
<p><b>Item 10 – AOCB.</b></p> <p>MY explained that, if successful with its planning application, ABO will distribute 80% of its community benefit fund to the 3 CCs in the vicinity of the proposed windfarm. 20% is to go to fund set up by Growbiz, Perth College and Blairgowrie High School. The split between the CCs of the 80% will be subject to further negotiations between the 3 CCs.</p> <p>BS told the meeting that some Rattray Primary school pupils participated in a Junior Wardens course and that they had been awarded a prize. BS said he would like to set up meetings with children from all 4 Blairgowrie schools. BS and AT were at the recent Rights Respecting event at Newhill PS and found it helpful.</p> <p>It was suggested and agreed that a memorial seat for David Bailey should be considered. IR made the point that Deirdre, David’s widow, would need to be consulted. BRCC would be responsible for funding and maintaining this, possibly situated beside the Gallowbank path. JM said he would be happy to promote this through the Blairgowrie Advertiser and would print a memorial piece about DB in the paper if DB so wishes at the point when the seat is in place. BE suggested the cost of a sturdy seat would be in the region of £200. MY to forward seat pricing detail to IR.</p> <p>BE undertook to ensure that the fence at Oakbank Road is reduced to the required height and that the red and white barriers in Welton Road are removed as soon as possible. Regarding the riverside area and Oakbank Road, it was suggested that</p>	<p>BS</p> <p>MY</p>

<p>lighting would make the area safer and that this could be powered by a micro hydro scheme. BS and Graham Reid will follow this up.</p> <p>LS pointed out that as MD had been the BRCC representative on the Strathmore Transport Group, there is now a vacancy which he offered to fill. LS will speak to PM about this.</p> <p>LS informed the group of progress in putting together a bid for funding to create a Low Carbon Transport Hub in the Blairgowrie High School catchment area. He offered to send further information on what can potentially be achieved to BRCC members via email. He asked for 4 BRCC members to take part in a meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at SCYD, starting at 7pm. One Voice, the Ericht Trust and the Mount Blair and Spittalfield CCs will all be asked to put forward one person each to attend. The meeting will present worked up options and look for help in ensuring that the proposals are achievable and likely to be effective.</p>	
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting: November 10th at 7PM Adult Resource Centre Jessie Street.</b></p>	<p>All</p>

Distribution (email unless specified):

Community Council Members:

Mr I Cruickshank  
 Mr G Darge  
 Mr A Donald  
 Mrs M Duncan  
 Ms S Fowlie  
 Mrs P McGregor  
 Mr S Nichol  
 Mr I Richards  
 Mr L Seal  
 Mr B Smith  
 Mr A Thomson  
 Mrs M Young

Associate Members:

Ms T Dick  
 Mr A Lang  
 Mr A Cannon

Local Councillors:

Mr B Ellis  
 Mrs E Grant  
 Mrs C Shiers

External:

PKC Community Councils  
 Clare Damodaran (Press)  
 Mrs B Leslie Blairgowrie High School

Approved Minutes Distribution:

Website  
 One Voice  
 Blairgowrie Library