

<p>town centre but we could put a question on Facebook and see what people think, IR would much prefer a real police presence and not to see just a patrol car or police on their way to buy their lunch. MY had been in contact with Sgt.Amanda Nicolson and there is a new sergeant appointed, Sgt John McKeag, who wants to get back to community policing. We had a community officer here last month, PC Alistair Crowe, so hopefully we should soon see more Police on the street. MY had a meeting with Amanda, and she and CS had expressed all these things. She would send out the Community Action Plan to everyone but the new structure would not be in place until February. They have been made aware of local issues, problems and hot spots and reminded of the intelligence that they have already been given like drug and drinking areas.</p> <p>IR asked about the white vans which are parked in Rattray outside a business on the main road leading out of the town, before The Cross saying that people have commented about the bad first impression this is giving on entering the town from Alyth. BE said that PKC have tried before to get them removed but as it is private land, they cannot do anything.</p> <p>GD had a request from a member of the public about the number of Castle Water employees using the free car park at the Riverside, staying all day. Either there needs to be a maximum stay or it is metered. Castle Water are still interviewing personnel and that once they are in full operation things should be better. BE said that there should be a softly softly approach in the meantime. He would speak to John Reynolds about it. MY said that they should be asked to use some of the other car parks.</p>	<p>MY</p> <p>MY</p>
<p>Item 4 - Police and Fire reports.</p> <p>There were no Police or Fire personnel attending.</p>	
<p>Item 5 – Arising and Ongoing Issues.</p> <p>5.1 Resilience Group update.</p> <p>BS said that he had contacted SSE in the hope that they would put in the plugging systems but they don't do this. BS contacted Erich Electrical but they haven't returned his call yet. BS would purchase the items needed for the resilience group and present the invoices to PM who would reimburse him. IC IR and BS have been to resilience training meetings which were very good and the impression gained was that what we have developed seems to be very good although some tweaks may be necessary but until it is tested they won't know. If there are orange warnings given out, a system is needed so that they can be disseminated to nursing homes etc. The other groups there agreed to share their test procedures. BS said that he had had an invitation to join the Hutton Institute in Dundee "Local assets, Local Decisions and Community Resilience research. The first meeting is in Birnam</p> <p>There is a leaflet about "Your Community, Your Budget, Your Choice" on the website, where PKC will allocate funding for 3 projects in Rattray. There will be presentations from local organisations in the Balmoral Hall and then voting in Rattray Connect, One Voice and the Balmoral Hall and all attending fill in their choice of 3 from a choice of 17, one of which is a group that BS is involved in and LS is involved with another. There was confusion about how much money was to be allocated. MY said that it was Fiona Johnson who had organised this and she would contact her to see what the total amount of money available is. The maximum an organisation can ask for is £4000 over 2 years.</p> <p>5.2 Solar Farm Opportunity.</p> <p>LS spoke to a director of the company, based in Brechin, offering help to set up community solar farms and explained that he had explored something similar last year and as far as he was aware, the offer of the land still holds as he spoke to the landowner relatively recently. A meeting has been arranged for Monday 21/11. LS had also written to the members who were involved in the previous idea</p> <p>5.3 CCF</p>	<p>MY</p>

LS said the Climate Challenge Fund is administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful and has the potential to address fuel poverty and reduce the carbon footprint of the town. He heard very recently that there was a new round of CCF funding. Unfortunately there was not much time to put things together and it was looking for community involvement. LS thought that he could wait until the following year but was told that there was no certainty that the fund would continue to be available. He was asked if BRCC could apply to benefit the community and LS said yes. The expression of interest which he had made, had been accepted. LS and MY had met with John Corrigan (PKC), CS and Mike Stevenson. PKC are one of the pilot authority for a Scottish Government scheme to improve home energy efficiency and this could pay for insulation, boiler replacement etc. identified through a Home Energy Team. Assessments would target things needing done and who to contact to see to these. It was suggested that the MBCC area be also included and not just Rattray. The initial discussions were very positive. The draft application had to be submitted by 19 November, the final by 16 December and the decision would be given by 22 February 2017 with a start at the beginning of April 2017. LS apologised for having gone ahead without consulting the full meeting and asked if it was OK to go further. This was a new departure for BRCC and there needed to be discussions about how the funding would be managed, perhaps by PKAVS. This would be brought up at a meeting LS & MY would have next week and he would give an update at the next meeting. SN said this would be the third or fourth year that the Scottish Government had given these grants and the list of recipients was extensive. Coupar Angus did this and we should ask their advice as well as PKAVS. MY said that LS planned for 1 full-time and 2 part-time employees who would visit residents and they hoped to action assessments and referrals for at least 2 houses per week, including follow-up reports. AT asked if they would knock on every door or would residents apply. MY said that the campaign would be proactive and there would be adverts etc. BS said that when the CA team gave presentation to us last year, we supported them and we should support this now. MY said that Mike Stevenson of the Ericht Trust may be able to administer the money, as Treasurer of the Ericht Trust and the CCF group could have their own treasurer who would report to him. The team would be predominately based in Rattray but also in the Glen areas. In reply to a question from GD, LS said that there were 2 levels of assessment; looking at the building to make it more energy efficient and looking at the use of energy to reduce consumption and therefore cost. Council housing has been improved and it may be more the behaviour that needs to change. There was lots of information out there. There would be a partnership with PKC to help people access grants as some people may need a lot of help. The vote to go forward with this was unanimous.

LS

5.4 Reform St/Perth ST junction.

SN didn't have anything else to say about the junction but asked to give a quick update to the Charrette. He will meet next Tuesday with CS, BE and Chic Haggart (PKC) to walk around the town paying attention to the points made in the Charrette & Police Station etc. There has been much publicity about the proposed utilization of the Police Station for community use but there have been no volunteers except BE & TD. There are other things going on and as a major project, it would require revenue funding and very few of the ideas come with any revenue generation at all and if no one is prepared to help then it will go nowhere just now. AT praised the amount of work and time that SN had put in and said that it was a fantastic idea, a once in a lifetime opportunity to put the heart back into Blairgowrie & Rattray, it would be a travesty to have to abandon it; there were so many interested but no one to take it on.

5.5 Treasurer's Report.

PM gave a 6 month report on the accounts. Receipts included the annual grant from PKC and the money collected from the wishing well, which has

<p>unfortunately been damaged so there will be no income from that until it repaired. AD asked how long that would take and MY replied that she had been in touch with Steven Kane (PKC) who said that the company who made the box initially have been asked to try and repair it but there has been no update. IR said that the suggestion from a previous BRCC meeting that the Technical department at Blairgowrie High be asked to take it on as a project had been knocked back by the headteacher; there is a new principal just started and they cannot take on any projects at the moment. There were various outgoings including the donation to the Braemar Day committee who were the recipients of last year's wishing well collections. PM stated that the grant from SSE received by the Resilience group had been deposited in a separate account.</p> <p>5.6 Meeting dates for 2017.</p> <p>MY had sent out the dates for next year's meetings to members and they would be posted to the website and Facebook page.</p> <p>5.7 Secretary Nominations.</p> <p>MY asked for nominations for the post of secretary but none was forthcoming and it was passed until the next meeting.</p> <p>5.8 CCTV.</p> <p>This was covered earlier.</p> <p>5.9 Blair in Bloom Report.</p> <p>PM reported that AD, IC, IR, PM and IM have worked with B in B keeping the Berries & Cherries bed at Bankhead tidy. IC has propagated new strawberry plants and these will be planted when the weather is right. IC has agreed to organise the weeding and let the rest of the group know when they are needed. The B in B prizegiving will be on 16/11 at 7 in St Catherine's Church hall. The coffee morning is on 19/11 at 10 in the Town Hall.</p>	MY
<p>Item 6 - Local councillor reports.</p> <p>BE said that he had contacted Live Active Leisure (LAL) re the closure of the Recy during the festive season. All of the LAL centres except for Perth Pool are closed over this period because of staff costs and other expenses. MY asked how many people were on the Board of Directors of LAL. BE wasn't sure but thought it was about 10, 3 PKC councillors and the rest were from business. AT asked where the accounts for LAL were available and MY replied Companies House. AT asked if they were or were not part of PKC and was given the reply that they are an "arm's length association" part of PKC; they are for the community but also to make a profit. BE couldn't comment on the costs involved and IR said that when the contract was given, details like opening times should have been stipulated. AD said that surely they would make money at Christmas when lots of people were on holiday. BE said that the Recy was originally part of Recreational Facilities then PKC Leisure and then LAL and he suggested BRCC write to them and query this policy. MY said she had already spoken to Jim Moyes and had been hopeful that this year they would open. The decision was nonsensical and the poorest choice,. AT asked what the situation was in Angus. BE replied that in Inverness, it is called Highland High Life and all authorities have cut their grants. Steven Crawford is the person in charge of the new Recy project. A survey on Survey Monkey will be started to reach as many people as possible with regard to the facilities required at the new Recy. Caroline Lawrie is the Active Schools Coordinator. IR said that the survey should have boxes for people to put</p>	

<p>requests/opinions in and not just a tick the box for questions that PKC think up. In reply to GD's questions of whether a design team had been set up yet for the new Recy, BE said no.</p> <p>BE said that the Christmas lights would be put up on Sunday 20/11 and volunteers would be very welcome. In reply to whether there were to be some new lights this year, BE said no; there had been a mix-up due to holiday clashes and the lights that Blairgowrie Illuminations group chose were from a different company than the one PKC uses and PKC wouldn't go with Blair's choice. They offered instead 3 sets of new lights but because of difficulties finding out whether the connectors would fit the fittings in Blairgowrie, it was decided not to accept the offer and go with the existing lights and then look at next year's well in advance. Cones will be put out on Allan St to clear the road of parked vehicles and help speed up the process of putting up the Christmas lights.</p> <p>BE said that Santa and his elves would be going around the town on the week commencing 12/12 and would be at Tesco on Saturday 17/12. There would be a Christmas raffle. Becky Moran, Young Person of the Year would be asked to be one of Santa's helpers.</p> <p>AT passed on a complaint from a local taxi operator about illegal taxis ie not licensed to operate in Blairgowrie, seen in Blairgowrie which seemed to be patrolling the town looking for custom. BE said that as convenor of the Taxi Licensing Committee, he would look into this.</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>BE</p>
<p>Item 7 – Pending Planning applications.</p> <p>GD said that he had sent in an objection to the Victoria Hotel's application for extended operations and his response had been registered. He has been asked to attend the Licensing Board meeting. If anyone else has any objections they should let GD know and he will take it up at the meeting.</p> <p>Springfield Homes has sent GD a CD with their full planning submission for Glenalmond Rd which anyone can borrow if they wish to look at it. It may take some time to appear online. He thought that Springfield had taken our input on board and had made some amendments. They will negotiate with PKC over BRCC's suggestion of street names. They have made alterations to the path network and connecting paths into the site. Unfortunately, they are not prepared to pay a development contribution to the Skate Park. AD said that the Kirklands Path needs levelled with topsoil as it has become rutted with farm traffic. MY asked when the development would start and GD thought, if the planning application was successful, it would be about April. MY said that the mobile phone mast above the development is too close to the houses that are already there and to the caravan park. GD thought that would be a valid planning objection, stating that guidelines state masts should be x metres away from houses. MY said that there are no guidelines at the moment and PKC needs to put a policy together and she is currently in dialogue with Kevin Stewart, Minister for Housing.</p>	
<p>Item 8 – Secretary's report.</p> <p>There have been a lot of emails this month which PM forwarded to everyone. Police community meeting. CCs on Twitter; community planning, PKAVS, Scottish community alliance re Land rights and responsibilities statement; participatory budgeting event; low carbon & renewable energy assessment workshop;</p> <p>PKC have informed PM that the certificate for BRCC insurance (renewal date 1/9) is not available yet but that we are covered.</p> <p>In reply to a letter to John Symon, PKC head of finance, querying the low rate of interest on the common good fund, he stated that surplus funds are invested in the Council Loan Fund as passed by PKC in 2014 which does not permit external investment. Last rate .85%.</p>	

<p>Bookings have been made for next year's meetings. 8 at ARC and 4 at Rattray.</p> <p>PKC advised that they would renew PM's register entry as Data Controller for BRCC and they would pay the £35 fee.</p>	
<p>Item 9 –Chair's report on follow-ups since last meeting.</p> <p>MY wished to say thank you to SN for his contribution to the new path at the Cottage Hospital; it has made a huge difference. BE said that there had been complaints that it doesn't extend far enough and join the other path to the car park. IC asked about the pedestrian crossing on the A923 and was told that this wouldn't happen yet and was down to PKC. SN said that it would be part of their conversation during the planned walk about with Chic Haggart.</p> <p>MY said that BT want people to adopt a phone box and there are 84 in PKC district, however none are significant in our area. AT said that the one at Davie Park was crucial in their dealings with the SFA as they stipulated the location of the nearest phone box be given. If anyone wants to adopt a phone box they should contact PKC to put in their representation to BT. MY suggested to AT that he make representation about this particular phone box via the link sent by PKC.</p> <p>MY had contacted Andy Clegg (PKC) about the erosion of the bank of the Ericht down Welton Rd. This has exposed the old rubbish dump and all kinds of unsavoury rubbish from decades ago have surfaced. AD said that the water board was meant to do something but because it had been so long and nothing had happened, the barriers were removed. Maybe gabion baskets would help. The Blair Angling Club had contacted MY about the Japanese Knotweed problem as well as the rubbish and BE said that the farmer wants something done and SEPA are also involved. IR asked if it was an ownership issue and BE said that there had been various surveys and reports but it is up to SEPA. IC said that there needs to be work done to return the river to its proper course as it looks like a bomb site after the floods. IR said that since it is now known to PKC, it is the Council's responsibility to do something to stop it.</p> <p>MY reminded everyone of the Remembrance Service on Sunday and MY would be laying the wreath on behalf of the town.</p>	<p>SN</p> <p>AT</p>
<p>Item 10 – AOCB.</p> <p>IR said that he heard from Clare Coupar that the Cateran Common Wealth Project had received its funding and would be proceeding with it.</p> <p>Steven Kane would have to be contacted again as the Oakbank Rd is still not finished and not to plan. JB Corrie are to reduce the height of the fence to 1.2 metres and are taking the central stakes out. The Bat sculpture, which was damaged, has been remade and reinstalled, they cost about £2000 each; the culvert is complete; the revised wall work requires SEPA approval and has to be done between October and June to protect the salmon; The work will now be carried out in the summer of 2017; the bottom path along the riverside is to be surfaced this year and the owl sculpture, which was beheaded, is awaiting repair; (there is funding available for art restoration)and then it will be relocated.</p> <p>BRAN held a very good meeting with 16 present including Alan Dorman the new Countryside warden. He is now based at the office beside Tayside Contracts. Ross Mills. Confirmation has been received that BRAN are getting a 2nd strimmer and the equivalent of £500 to spend on other equipment including a decent rotary mower for next season. BRAN's winter work will include the Loon Braes area behind the greenkeeper's cottage to clear the banking which will take some time. The AGM will be on 18 January 2017 in the Royal Hotel.</p> <p>MY congratulated Aileen...and CS for organising the screening of the Hamish Henderson film at the Community Campus. It was excellent and very well attended. The centenary of his birth is in 2019 and it would be a very good idea to commemorate this with something "huge and folky". She had approached Fiona Robertson, Head of</p>	

<p>Culture PKC who is all for the proposed change of name of BHS to Hamish Henderson High. The cost of changing would have to be estimated as it would entail lots of things including letterheads etc but if it was phased in as things needed replaced, it shouldn't be that much over 18 months and not in a oner like Police Scotland. It was noted that Police Scotland is still sending out letters signed by Steven House.</p> <p>IR also thanked Blairgowrie Players and Graham Reid for staging the "Really Interesting Experience" in the Town Hall last Saturday. This display of Perth- held artefacts pertaining to Blairgowrie was very well attended. If anyone needed a demonstration that Blairgowrie needs its own museum, this proved the point.</p> <p>AT said that BRCFC will again be holding a soccer school at Rattray Connect for primaries 2/3, boys and girls; if it is successful, it will be continued for years to come. Volunteers, particularly first aiders, are required. 9.30-10.30 for boys and 10.30 – 11.30 for girls. This is promoted by the SFA and SYFA and is all about having fun based on football. MY asked AT if the pitch at Piggy Lane had been damaged again since the barriers were installed and he said no.</p> <p>SN said that on Sunday April 23, 2017, Blairgowrie Rotary will be taking over and hosting one of Scotland's most prestigious classic car tours—the Drive-It Day, 100-mile fundraising event, attracting dozens of Classic Cars of every age and type from throughout Scotland and further afield. They will start from the Golf Club where they will be on display then tour the town and go up by Kirkmichael, Pitlochry and Aberfeldy. They will probably need stewards from SCYD and BRCC. MY wondered if they would want to bring a couple of the cars to the Community Market on the previous day to publicise the event.</p> <p>IC said that he will be absent for both the December and January meetings. He asked about the vacancies for BRCC and MY replied that there was only one so far and she was the member of the public attending. Morag gave her a form to fill in. IC said that the bollards on the Coupar Angus Rd are in a bad state; some are not lit and all are difficult to see in the dark. Visitors don't know they are there and oncoming traffic with headlights on makes them even more invisible and they are run into, which is obvious from the state of the concrete surrounding the bases.</p> <p>MY asked BE why the pealights on the Wellmeadow trees are not on. They should have been on from the time change at the end of October. He will find out.</p>	<p>BE</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting. Thursday 8 December in the small hall, Rattray Community Hall, Balmoral Rd at 7pm.</p>	<p>All</p>

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