



BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 April 2017

Held in the Adult Resource Centre, Jessie St, Blairgowrie at 7pm

<p><u>ATTENDANCE</u> Mrs M Young (MY) Mr I Richards (IR) Mrs P McGregor (PM) Ms E Forrest (EF) Mr I Cruickshank (IC) Mr A Donald (AD) Mr S Nichol (SN) Mr L Seal (LS) Mr B Smith (BS) Mr A Thomson (AT)</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Mrs D Cushnie (DC) Mr G Darge (GD)</p>	<p>Chair Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary</p>	<p>Cllr B Ellis (BE) Cllr C Shiers (CS) Ms C Damodaran (CD) C/M P Smith (PS) Ms P Lochhead (PL) 2 members of the public</p> <p><u>ABSENCES</u> Mr A Cannon (AC) Cllr L Grant</p>	<p>Councillor PKC Councillor PKC Press Fire Scotland PMR Leisure</p> <p>Associate member Councillor PKC</p>
<p>Item 1 – Welcome & Apologies.</p> <p>1.1 MY welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave apologies for the above.</p>			
<p>Item 2 - Adoption of March minutes.</p> <p>There were no amendments to the minutes. IR proposed adoption and IC seconded. Passed.</p>			
<p>Item 3 - Subjects raised by members of the public.</p> <p>None.</p>			
<p>Item 4 - Police & Fire reports.</p> <p>Crew Manager P Smith attended and gave his report. They had attended 26 call-outs of which 2 were false alarms. They had attended the RTC at Meikleour crossroads, at which there were 5 casualties. Also in attendance were Dunkeld Fire Service, Police Scotland and the Coastguard helicopter. There were 2 malicious fires at Davie Park and these have been passed to the community wardens. They would be continuing their programme of nursery and group visits and home fire safety visits and also hoped to attend the Loon Braes event. AD asked if the area around the fire hydrant near his house could be painted as he tries to make sure it is kept clear but others may not. PS agreed to pass to PKC for action.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There was no-one from Police Scotland.</p>			

<p>Item 5 – Arising and Ongoing Issues.</p> <p>5.1 New Recreation Centre consultant.</p> <p>MY introduced Ms P Lochhead of PMR Leisure, who has been appointed the consultant for the new Recy. She told the meeting that she would create a brief and a business plan in the next 3 months and that it was exciting that within 3 years there would be a new Recy. Time has moved on since the building of the current building and she is determined to listen to the community through a mix of open drop-in sessions and by email and phone. She would be at the open day in the town hall on 21 April and hoped to meet lots of interested parties; sports organisations, swimming, football, hockey and also the pupil sports ambassadors at BHS. There are many things to consider, not least parking and changing rooms. The site has its challenges too. She intends to invite all the neighbours to a private meeting to address issues like noise and light pollution and asked BRCC to be part of this event. MY said BRCC would be happy to be involved. She would have an A1 Google Earth image of the site at the open day so that people could see where the building could be sited. BS said that he would help deliver any localised invitations. She also was aware of requirements for transport from other areas of East Perthshire to the Recy. SN said it was most important to get the brief right from the very beginning and stick to it. PL said that she understood this and as it is a once in a lifetime project, it has to be right. A member of the public suggested that the old Recy site should be made a multi storey car park. LS asked if each stage of the process would be made public and PL agreed that the process would be open. SN agreed to help take comments at the open day.</p> <p>5.2 Dears Pharmacy.</p> <p>No one attended from Dears Pharmacy.</p> <p>5.3 Carsie/Campus Lollipop person.</p> <p>CS said that interviews have been conducted and references are being taken up, so the posts will be filled shortly.</p> <p>5.4 Community Market.</p> <p>MY had been in dialogue with Sue Cole, one of the directors of Strathmore & the Glens, who organise the monthly community market to see if there was anything that BRCC could do to help invigorate it. EF said that she had been a stallholder at the Perth market and while it had been a success the first year, after that it tailed off. Stallholders have to justify their expenditure, both in terms of the rental of the stall and also their time. The footfall at the Blairgowrie markets is often not enough to justify this. EF would like to see hot food stalls and MY has approached Mr M Scott of the Angus Hotel who might be willing to have them sited in front of the hotel. BE paid tribute to the work that the Coles do setting up the market, transporting the stalls, fire extinguishers and first aid, litter picking when finished etc. MY thought that more activity would not detract from the town's shops, rather the increased footfall would benefit the local shops. MY has been in touch with AC of SCYD with a view to providing live music. AC also suggested pipers and dancing. BS said music would turn it from a market into a community event; Sue Cole holds the licence for the market and MY said that as long as performers use their own music there is not a copyright or PRS issue. Other incentives suggested included a mobile climbing wall as an attraction for younger members of the community, free stalls for local organisations, buy 5 get 1 free, looking after the stall holders with tea, coffee and snacks and a Christmas market.</p>	<p>BS</p> <p>SN</p>
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5.5 ABO Wind Application.

MY said that the ABO Wind Greenburn windfarm application had been rejected by PKC. GD expects that they will appeal the decision. BE said that he would sit down with them and chat about their possible appeal.

5.6 Discover Blairgowrie Update.

MY said that Discover Blairgowrie would like to give a monthly update to BRCC and asked it to be put on the agenda. This month's read as follows:-

Welcome packs are to be given to people moving to the town, with a trial at Darroch Gate. A leaflet is being produced and BRCC is requested to comment on the content.

McCarthy & Stone are offering a £1000 reward for successful referrals. They are holding their next board meeting in Blairgowrie and look to invite local businesses. They are keen to include opportunities for crafter and local businesses to hold sessions in their main residents' lounge

Maggie Urquhart, part-time development officer of the Transport & Isolation Group is developing the use of taxi vouchers. Funding has been received from NHS Innovation Fund Participatory Budget, Old People's Participatory Budget, Co-op Community Fund, A Proctor Group, Miller Gerrard, Stagecoach and Tesco.

They aim to produce What's On posters, one each for Summer, October & Christmas funded by profit from the Hub magazine/Discover Blairgowrie.

4500 copies of the 60 page Hub Magazine's Easter edition has just been delivered. Next deadline 26 May.

Next forum meeting 18 May.

A 2 sided map of the town is being produced; one side the town centre with a points of interest local walk (QR coded to audio on the website) The other side the town area with longer walks.

There is a new page on their website with forms for groups looking for volunteers and for the public to volunteer.

They are currently supporting the Strathmore Cycle Network and the Climate Café.

IR said that he was disappointed that only 20% of the town's 4500 adult population had signed up for Discover Blairgowrie updates.

5.7 Sub-group updates.

LS said that HEAT should have their full team in 2 weeks' time.

He said that the plans for the Blairgowrie to Alyth cycle path are in place for both ends but there is a section of 500m in the middle that needs to be sorted out. It may be longer before the Blairgowrie to Coupar Angus path is available. MY asked if the Recy consultation would include cycle paths and PL said yes.

IR said that after various meetings, Erich Trust and Mount Blair Development Trust have withdrawn their Note of Interest in Drimmie Woods. BRAN is still in but the complexity of managing such a woodland would outweigh the rewards. Whoever buys it will have to maintain it and there would be no threat to the path network.

He said that BRAN goes from strength to strength and the team had just cleared the Bluebell Woods path. They have received funding of £1500 from Paths 4 All to help with maintenance costs. They had a loan of a flailer and AD had been clearing the paths which are now in their best condition ever.

He said that the Citizen of the Year closing date is 27 April and he had contacted Becky Moran, Young Person of the Year 2016, to see whether she had heard back about the Queen's Garden Party but she had not.

PM said that IC of the group that maintains the Berries & Cherries bed at Bankhead had replaced the strawberry plants and pruned the soft fruit canes.

<p>He said that the Rotary bed at the corner of the Wellmeadow will be cleared ASAP and the top of the Wellmeadow which has been cleared of bushes looks better and there is now no litter.</p> <p>He said that after 22 years attending CCs, starting with Adam Malcolm as Chair of BRCC, he has seen a change for the better and BRCC is working very well MY said that she wanted to thank BE & CS for all their hard work and dedication over the years and for everything they do on behalf of BRCC. Their work is very much noticed and appreciated. She presented them with gifts in personalised gift bags. BE replied that he & CS proved that multi-member wards DO work and while they have their political differences, the have worked well together and done their best together. Their respective political parties said that they were TOO close but they were the ones who got the most votes. CS said that she would miss BE and it could all have been very different.</p>	
<p>Item 7 – Pending Planning Applications.</p> <p>There were no applications of interest.</p>	
<p>Item 8 – Secretary’s correspondence.</p> <p>EF said there was nothing of interest.</p>	
<p>Item 9 – Chair’s report on follow ups since last meeting.</p> <p>MY said that Derek Pirouet of the West Park Development Co would be applying for planning in principal and would focus on zoning rather than individual plans. They would use the feedback from the consultations in their masterplan.</p>	
<p>Item 10 – AOCB.</p> <p>MY said that the next meeting would be the AGM and nominations would be invited for Chair and Minute Secretary.</p> <p>LS asked if BRCC should send a card to the President of the Rugby Club. This was agreed.</p> <p>AD said that he had been asked if a litter bin could be sited on Newton St between the Garage and George St. SN would action. IR said that the dog waste bins are scruffy and he praised Lucy Garthwaite of PKC for her prompt replies to his messages. He said that the dog waste bins are to be replaced with standard litter bins over a period of time.</p> <p>IR said that Castle Huntly personnel may clear the area behind the pavilion in the Davie Park. LS said he would see on 19/4. A Polish car has been seen in various places, long term parked, it is scruffy and looks like things are being stored in it. CS would see about it.</p> <p>AT said that the Town Hall is currently showing lots of class acts including Ally & Phil on 25 May. The painting of the hall is not finished yet but it is open again.</p> <p>PM said that she had enquired about whether BRCC could have a table in One Voice for a few hours once a week so that members could meet to discuss things and also to meet townspeople. One Voice would put it to their Trustees.</p>	<p>SN</p> <p>CS</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting.</p> <p>Thursday 11 May 2017 in the Adult resource centre, Jessie St, at 7pm.</p>	<p>All</p>

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