



BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th October 2017

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

<p><u>ATTENDANCE</u> Ms E Forrest (EF) Mr I Richards (IR) Mrs P McGregor (PM) Mr S Nichol (SN) Mrs D Cushnie (DC) Mr G Darge (GD) Mr B Smith (BS) Mr A Thomson (AT) Mrs M Young (MY)</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Mr I Cruickshank (IC) Mr A Donald (AD)</p>	<p>Chair Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary</p>	<p>Cllr B Brawn (BB) Cllr C Shiers Cllr T McEwan Jonathon Menzies 2 Members of the public</p> <p>Craig Smith, Crew Manager, Fire Safety Enforcement Officer</p>	<p>Councillor PKC Press</p>
<p>Item 1 1.1</p>	<p>Welcome & Apologies. EF welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave apologies for the above.</p>		
<p>Item 2</p>	<p>Adoption of minutes. Proposer: MY Seconder: AT</p>		
<p>Item 3 3.1 3.2</p>	<p>Subjects raised by members of the public. Blackthorn Place Development: Query was raised regarding BRCC's "voice" and opinion regarding the proposed development. Despite agreement for BRCC to officially object to the proposal no formal objection is noted or recorded with PKC. GD confirmed that objection had been officially lodged. Discussion ensued on method of rectifying omission of BRCC's objection and it was agreed a letter would be written to PKC.</p> <p>Elm Drive, high speed vehicles: There was no further progress to report on this matter at this time. Suggestion was made to contact the Community Campus schools to request cooperation in reporting incidents.</p>		<p>GD</p>
<p>Item 4</p>	<p>Fire reports. <i>Craig Smith reported for September. 21 fire calls, 3 calls to same premises due to faulty alarm. 2 vehicle fire at Beech Hedges caravan site, all out on arrival, fire fighters made vehicles safe. Balochan Farm House totally destroyed by fire, and a hedge fire at 6 Coralbark Cresc. 14 Home fire safety visits carried out. 8 high risk, 3 medium risk and 3 low risk.</i></p>		

	<p><i>Fire engine attended Breamar Night celebrations.</i></p> <p><i>Fire station was open for Doors Open Day.</i></p> <p><i>Fire fighters held a car wash at Tesco in aid of Firefighters charity and raised £925</i></p> <p><i>Parking problems around fire station still an issue to be resolved.</i></p>	
Item 5	Arising and Ongoing Issues.	
5.1	<p>Community Market Stall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion was made for BRCC to take up an information stall at the monthly community markets for local organisations to publicise groups and events. Strathmore & The Glens would offer this facility free of charge on the condition that no fundraising will take place. It was agreed a sub-committee would be formed to take this forward. 	
5.2	<p>BRCC Blair In Bloom Liaison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PM is standing down and IC will be taking her place but can't manage until November. Volunteer requested to step in until then. EF agreed to go. 	BS/IR
5.3	<p>Berries & Cherries Garden:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DC agreed to take on maintenance (weeding) of the garden. 	EF
5.4	<p>Market Operations License Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As previously agreed BRCC has applied for a 3 year Market Operator's License which cost £280 and will provide cover for the Bonfire Night event at the Davie Park. This license is area specific and cannot be used for any other location, in accordance with the application limitations. Approval is anticipated by the end of the month (October) 	DC
5.5	<p>Farm Workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MY expressed increasing awareness of the detrimental impact seasonal workers are having on the town, their benefit to the farmers notwithstanding. Discussion ensued regarding possible ways of tackling the problem. IR has already discussed with Rosemount Farms and was informed that, generally, seasonal workers are employed through agencies and not by local farmers therefore induction regarding the locality was not their responsibility. BRAN have already informed the police of the situation. PKC have provided an additional litter bin Welton Road. Query was raised as to whether additional policing could be requested but this would need to be backed up by increased incident reporting. 	
5.6	<p>Hamish Henderson Festival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tickets are on sale in the Library and Community Connect for the Saturday evening Ceilidh, tickets priced £10 and £6 concessions. Eventbrite for the film which will be on the Saturday afternoon in Rattray Hall. - There will be an event in the Library on the Friday afternoon which will run from 1.15 – 2.45 and will include songs from Alyth Primary, St Stephen's Primary and Newhill Primary and possibly Rattray Primary. - The stART group are going to look at dressing the hall for the evening MY will contact Blairgowrie Advertiser. - CS and MY are meeting with Maurice Fleming 18th October. - SCYD events team have been asked to volunteer on the night. 	
5.7	<p>HEAT Energy Fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plans are progressing well. The fair will be on Friday 24th Nov 3 - 8pm in the Town Hall. Stall-holders are being arranged for the event and the banners are currently at the printers and should be up shortly. Anyone who is thinking about building a house, renovating a house or 	

<p>5.8</p> <p>5.9</p>	<p>living in a house (!) should come along and find out what they don't know about materials, appliances or eco power solutions.</p> <p>Wellmeadow Newsagent Shop Front:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern was raised regarding the state of disrepair of the building and request was made if BRAN could do anything to assist with improvements. Planning approval is still outstanding on the new licence of the premises, BB would check if this has yet been obtained. BRCC agreed to contact the owner to request temporary improvement to the shop front. <p>Resilience Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still no progress from contracted electrician, BS to follow up. <p>Big Guns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Historic Scotland want both guns to stay together but there were objections to this. <p>½ hour parking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This can't be altered until a decision has been made regarding the loading bays. <p>George Street parking restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A paper will be going to committee on this in November. <p>Wellmeadow 20mph flashing light:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement has been made to position the signs on Gas Brae and Boat Brae. A services survey is currently awaited but it is hoped the lights will be installed by Christmas. <p>BRAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob Ellis has donated 2 large ordnance survey maps and it was agreed they be stored by GD. - Newhill Primary School's Miss Middlesmith is to be coordinating the Unesco/Respecting Rights project. - There will be litter picks in November - Riverside. PKC have agreed to move benches to face a better view. - Piggy Lane. PKC will not provide a seat. - Countryside Trust have invited participation in improving the environment landscape. It was agreed more information was required on this and that it may be more relevant to the potential new development trust. <p>Pop up museum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be a meeting on Wednesday 18th October regarding this. <p>Bonfire. Volunteers are required for marshalling and fundraising from 6-9pm. GD/BS/DC offered. The fireworks will be at 8pm. Site plans and further information to be emailed to members.</p> <p>New recreation centre. Due to unknown delays by PKC there was nothing further to report.</p>	<p>BB</p> <p>GD</p> <p>BS</p> <p>MY</p>
<p>Item 6</p>	<p>Local Councillor reports.</p> <p>Loading bays: this issue is in hand.</p> <p>War memorial: As a result of a request from the public, enquiries have been made into options for cleaning the memorial. It was initially thought that there was funding for this but this is no longer available. Contact will be made with the War Memorial Trust for potential support with this. There was some discussion as to the necessity of this and it was agreed to seek public opinion via social media.</p>	<p>MY</p>
<p>Item 7</p>	<p>Pending Planning Applications.</p> <p>There were no applications pending.</p>	
<p>Item 8</p>	<p>Secretary's correspondence.</p> <p>There was none.</p>	
<p>Item 9</p>	<p>Chair's report on follow ups since last meeting.</p>	

	There was no report from the Chair.	
Item 10	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>Retail rents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MY queried if there was any action BRCC could take in approaching local shop landlords to discuss more affordable rents to encourage retailers into the area. There was discussion and agreement that this was not within BRCC's remit however if BARBA requested backing from BRCC then this may be a possibility. <p>Fundraising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MY suggested BRCC applying for funding from the Tesco Bag Charge. There was discussion as to whether it was appropriate for BRCC and agreed further information and discussion was required. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting. <p>Congratulations were noted to Ally Donald on being awarded Volunteer of the Year with Paths for All.</p> <p>Thanks were noted to Strathmore & The Glens for another season of community markets and also to all members of BRCC for their help and support.</p> <p>Invest in Perth: interview article is ready for print.</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on Thursday, 9 th November 2017 at 7pm in the Adult Resource Centre, Jessie Street, Blairgowrie.	All

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