



BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th. November 2017

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

<p><u>ATTENDANCE</u> 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) Mr I Cruickshank (IC) Mr A Donald (AD) Ms E Forrest (EF)</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Nil</p>	<p>Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary</p>	<p>Cllr B Brawn (BB) Cllr C Shiers (CS) Cllr T McEwan Ms C Damodaran 8 Members of the public. Sgt N Forrester (NF)</p> <p>Mrs B. Leslie (BL)</p>	<p>Councillor PKC Councillor PKC Councillor PKC Press</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Head High School</p>
<p>Item 1 1.1</p>	<p>Welcome & Apologies. IR chaired the meeting as Vice chair, welcoming all to the meeting. Due to pressure of work EF has had to stand down as chair but will remain on the council. IR thanked EF for her time as chair.</p>		
<p>Item 2</p>	<p>Adoption of minutes and matters arising. Proposer: MY Seconder: IC</p> <p>a. Wellmeadow newsagent. Confirmed as a condition of planning for change of use, the outside of the premises would need to be brought back to original condition. No works planned, so no action likely. GD would try to contact the owner to see if they are prepared to carry out improvements. GD</p> <p>b. Resilience works... No progress due to poor performance by the electrician. If no immediate action taken an alternative contractor will be employed. BS</p> <p>c. Big Guns....Historic Environment Scotland will relocate guns to a new facility in Stirling for Fort George. Indication are that the guns will come to Blairgowrie. Ideas for location for these guns and funding are needed. Public consultation on this may be required. BS</p> <p>d. Works to road markings around Fire Station now complete. SN</p> <p>e. As part of the Rights Respecting programme involving all primary schools and high school, a mass litter pick will take place Tuesday morning 14th Nov. at various locations. IR</p> <p>f. "Pop up" Cultural centre/museum. A very positive meeting held at PKC Leslie Street premises to consider a one year temporary facility (Easter until Autumn 2019) in the old council chambers. Further meeting will be IS CS</p>		

	<p>held at the end of November to explore this further. All major stakeholders have been contacted and are all in support.</p> <p>g. New recreation centre. No progress reported. (see below)</p>	
<p>Item 3</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>Subjects raised by members of the public.</p> <p>Blackthorn Place Development: Work started on site, reports that residents have suffered verbal abuse from workmen although apology received from foreman behaviour unacceptable.</p> <p>Some site traffic using Blackthorn Place as access against planning conditions and site access should be well signed by the contractor. Planning enforcement to be contacted by residents.</p> <p>Much concern raised that due process in terms of planning consideration of this development was not satisfactory. Members of Committee not fully informed regarding nature of site and its capacity to take proposals. Members of public felt BRCC had been badly let down by the Council being misrepresented in the papers to committee. Even though error was pointed out at committee meeting.</p> <p>Mrs Chandler was full of praise for the recent Bonfire Night organised by BRCC. MY who did all the organisation received an ovation for her work.</p> <p>New leisure Centre. Consultant's report on final brief still awaited and has delayed the process. Follow up meetings with residents directly affected by the proposals still to be arranged as well. To be organised once final report is available.</p>	GD
Item 4	<p>Police and Fire reports.</p> <p>No fire report.</p> <p>Police..... Sgt Nicky Forrester is new Community Sargent for the town. Contact: - nicky.forrester@scotland.pnn.police.uk. Police strategy changed, moving to more community based engagement and aims to improve community footprint to tackle and reduce incidents of vandalism, anti-social behaviour, drugs etc.. with a greater presence in terms of officers in due course.</p> <p>Nicky is working with Safer Communities team to increase community warden presence in the town.</p> <p>Regarding the bridge poles thrown into the river. She had requested that as part of the police diver training they visit the river and try to retrieve them.</p> <p>Regarding the migrant workers "camp" at the Ericht riverbank. Police are working with agricultural establishments to manage workforce and hopefully prevent future issues of the same nature.</p> <p>Request made for BRCC and others to promote Perth and Kinross Community Watch and guidance on dogs, livestock and wildlife. Agreed this would be posted on web site, Facebook etc.</p> <p>Work also ongoing with High School to improve contact and engagement between pupils and police Scotland to build better relationships.</p>	
Item 5	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Admin Account. Balance £303.</p> <p>Bonfire Night Account Balance of £446. Receipts £4783, Outgoings £4337</p> <p>Resilience Balance from 2016 £8033, outgoings £1799 remaining balance £6234 (This is still pending work for electrician as above)</p>	PM
Item 6	<p>Arising and Ongoing Issues.</p> <p>a. Agreed at community markets BRCC would make available a stall for organisations to promote themselves and generate more interest at the market.</p> <p>b. Vandalism and anti-social behaviour raised as an increasing problem in the town. Initiative taken by Police Scotland with Dundee force and bus operators hopefully will reduce traveling trouble makers. Need</p>	BS

	<p>places and activities for youths to go to with an activity focus. It is only a very small minority that cause the problems.</p> <p>c. SCYD could once again help with this but they need volunteers to help and support, and maybe BRCC could help.</p> <p>d. Blackthorn Place meeting with residents and representatives from PKC and Hillcrest Housing Association met 22nd July. A large turnout put their views and concerns about the development forward and officers were expected to take these concerns on board in considering the planning application. This turned out to be a false hope. Planning now consented, concerns not taken into account.</p> <p>e. Bonfire Night. A huge success with over 2000 people attending. Everyone was well behaved, no trouble, no litter etc. Feedback from community very positive and the event can be widened in scope next year and some lessons learned about timing. Sincere thanks go to Rotary Club, One Voice, Thomas Thomson, Trade Solutions, Proctors and Castle Water for bulk sponsorship and to others who contributed. Peter Thomson for providing land for car parking. East Perthshire Farmers and Matt at Howe's for pallet supply and collection and to Eddy from the Gig who provided extra security cover. The bucket collection raised £540</p> <p>f. BRCC fund raising. After discussion it was agreed (9 v 2 on the vote) that BRCC could raise funds for specific projects that are not funded by other organisations. E.g. Hosting the Canadian Pipe Band next year, The bonfire night, and the Xmas tree in the Wellmeadow.</p> <p>g. New Chair. Election of new chair would take place at the December meeting. Nominations now accepted.</p> <p>h. Agenda Item "Group Updates" It was agreed that rather than have general updates from members it would be better if there was specific process or actions to report these appear as separate agenda items in future.</p>	<p>MY</p> <p>MY</p> <p>MY</p> <p>All</p>
Item 7	<p>Local Councillors Reports.</p> <p>BB reported that he had requested police presence to prevent speeding at the cycle proficiency event next Monday 13th November.</p> <p>TM reported he had been working to reduce traffic problems in Rattray, Ferguson Park and other areas, and help dealing with abandoned cars near Hope Park and Loon Braes.</p> <p>CS reported that PKC had agreed that all off street car parking would be free on Saturdays in the run up to Christmas and that signs would be erected to that effect.</p> <p>Local Development Plan LDP2 will go to full council for approval (22nd November) to begin consultation on the final draft of the plan. The plan should be on PKC web site a week before.</p> <p>"Pop up" Museum to be supported but asked that aspirations be kept in check this was a one off experiment to gauge reaction etc. She encouraged that the petition for a permanent museum be continued.</p> <p>25th November is switch on date for Christmas lights. Volunteers from BRCC needed for the event starting at 2.00pm</p> <p>Pea lights in the Wellmeadow all working and looking good. Grant Key and John Beverage of PKC to be congratulated on getting this work done with speed and enthusiasm. BRCC will write to thank them. CS to supply e mail addresses.</p>	<p>BB</p> <p>TM</p> <p>CS</p> <p>All</p> <p>SN CS</p>
Item 8	<p>Pending Planning Applications.</p> <p>There were no applications pending.</p>	
Item 9	<p>Secretary's correspondence.</p> <p>There was none.</p>	
Item 10	<p>Chair's report on follow ups since last meeting.</p>	

	There was no report from the Chair. Except a call for volunteers to fill the 4 vacant places on BRCC. Blairgowrie Advertiser asked to mention this and posting on web site and Facebook will be made.	CD MY
Item 11	<p>AOCB</p> <p>a. MY asked if PKC had noticed any increase in fly tipping since charges were introduced at the recycling centres. CS will check. CS recommended that any fly tipping spotted should be reported so that logging and monitoring can be accurately recorded.</p> <p>b. MY requested that PKC employed litter pickers pay more attention to seating areas in the Wellmeadow and Riverside areas. CS agreed to follow up.</p> <p>c. Member of public raised the issue of implementation of £25 charge for uplifting brown bins. Local authorities are obliged to uplift food waste but not garden waste. How and when this is to be done was questioned. CS agreed to update position at the next meeting.</p> <p>d. PM highlighted that the paid minute taker had stepped down from the job and replacement needed. Position to be advertised on Facebook pages, web site and on One Voice volunteer pages.</p> <p>e. IC raised the issue of the condition of the boundary wall between PKC and private owner at the berries and cherries garden. As a mutual wall this might be difficult. Private owner to be contacted to gauge their thoughts.</p>	CS CS CS BS MY IC
Date of next meeting	The next meeting will be on Thursday, 14 th December 2017 at 7pm in the Small Hall, Rattray Church, Balmoral Road, Rattray.	All

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