



# BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup>. January 2018

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

<p><b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>          Mr I Richards (IR)          Mr B Smith          Mr S Nichol (SN)          Mrs D Cushnie (DC)          Mr I Cruickshank (IC)          Mr G Darge (GD)          Mr A Donald (AD)          Mr R Duncan          Mr A Thomson (AT)          Mrs M Young (MY)</p> <p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>          Ms E Forrest (EF)          Mrs P McGregor (PM)</p>	<p>Chair          Vice Chair          Secretary</p>	<p>Cllr C Shiers (CS)          Cllr B Brawn (BB)          Cllr T McEwan (TM)          Ms C Damodaran (CD)          8 Members of the public</p> <p>Paul Smith</p> <p>Mrs B Leslie</p>	<p>Councillor PKC          Councillor PKC          Councillor PKC          Press</p> <p>Fire</p> <p>Head High School</p>
<p><b>Item 1 – Welcome &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>1.1 IR welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave apologies for the above.</p>			
<p><b>Item 2 - Adoption of minutes.</b>          After minor amendments made, minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were approved.          Proposer MY. Seconder IC</p>			
<p><b>Item 3 – Matters Arising.</b></p> <p><b>3.1</b> Resilience group carried out a table top exercise on 10<sup>th</sup> January using a major crash scenario as the exercise base. A future table top exercise will be carried out jointly with Coupar Angus resilience group shortly. The resilience group is seeking additional volunteers and a public appeal will be made for new members. BS</p> <p><b>3.2</b> IR reported that a meeting will be held with Jenny Kinnear of PKC Museums Trust on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January to take the initiative forward. A further meeting of the museum group will be organised after that to take the project forward. IR</p> <p><b>3.3</b> CCTV. BB followed up from last meeting with PKC officers who will look into the practicalities of installation and report back later. CS reported that contact with Roddy Ross of PKC, who could arrange for portable CCTV to be installed for limited periods. BB</p> <p><b>3.4</b> Defibrillator location update. Links to PKC website had been circulated which was helpful but maybe not up to date. E.g. High School location not noted on the site. BS          SCYD have a defibrillator donated by The Lyon's Club and have funding for its installation at their premises. It is understood that planning issues are to be resolved before installation can proceed. The reception area of The Angus Hotel is still an ideal location for further units in the future.</p> <p><b>3.5</b> Beeches Road/Park Drive parking issues. PKC acknowledged the issue and will investigate. CS offered to contact Chic Haggart to arrange a meeting in the town to get an update on a range of outstanding road and parking works in the town. CS/SN</p> <p><b>3.6</b> Regarding the Westpark Development. Response from Developer and PKC planning were noted. Concern was raised about the errors by planning officials in GD</p>			

<p>loading information onto the publically accessible web site that should not be part of the official application. PKC planning dept. be asked to “clean up” the web site to remove inappropriate information and to ensure information on the site was up to date.</p>	
<p><b>Item 4 - Subjects Raised by Members of the Public.</b></p> <p><b>4.1</b> Beeches Road parking was raised, particularly the overall lack of parking as a consequence of the High School. The residents opposite the school have great difficulty accessing the car parking outside their houses due to parking by users of the High School. The historical background requires investigation to determine if legally the parking immediately in front of the houses was designated for the residents only. The difficulty with parking requires a resolution as soon as possible and it was agreed that this subject would feature as part of the meeting in the town with Chic Haggart. As 3.5 above.</p> <p><b>4.2</b> A question was raised about the usage of Wellmeadow House which used to be used by PKAVs for the Old Peoples Welfare Service, but now by SCYD. Since moving The Old Peoples Welfare has moved locations several times and the service they deliver has been suffering as a result. It was explained that the building was needing upgraded and renovation, The Old People’s Welfare committee were finding it hard to continue and agreed to hand over the building for use by the youth of the town. PKC as owners of the building then leased the building to SCYD.</p> <p><b>4.3</b> The relocation of the Post Office and its potential downgrading of services was raised by a current employee of the Post Office Service. A six-week consultation on the proposals begins on 12<sup>th</sup> January and everyone was urged to respond. It was agreed that BRCC would help raise the awareness in the town of this issue using various communication routes. BRCC would make a representation once the consultation documents were to hand. MY volunteered to circulate when available.</p>	<p>CS/SN</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MY</p>
<p><b>Item 5 – Police and Fire Reports.</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> No police report available.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> Paul Smith reported on activity in December 2017. 18 call outs, 2 to assist ambulance crews, 1 chimney fire, 3 cooker/microwave fires, 1 flooding due to burst pipes, and 11 false alarms. There were no major incidents of note. 10 home fire safety checks were carried out and these are free and always available on request. Local crews are carrying out risk management and familiarisation of premises visits to make sure all details are up to date on the services records. Particular thanks to The Angus Hotel for hosting a fire exercise in their premises.</p>	
<p><b>Item 6 – Treasurer’s Report.</b> There has been no transaction since the last meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Item 7 – Local Councillors Reports.</b></p> <p><b>7.1</b> BB had raised the issue of the potentially dangerous junction at Golf Course Road and Woodlands Road. Chic Haggart has referred this to his road safety colleagues and a further report is awaited.</p> <p><b>7.2</b> BB reported that PKC would assist with the production of the anti-littering posters to be created from the school’s competition on the subject. IR will follow up.</p> <p><b>7.3</b> BB requested feedback from the consultation on the cleaning of the war memorial from the BRCC Facebook pages. MY reported that response was split roughly equally for and against. BB concluded that the memorial would be cleaned but a full renovation unlikely due to cost.</p> <p><b>7.4</b> CS reported that meeting was to be arranged to deal with outstanding issues following completion of works to Old Mill Road, and that further meetings are to be held with Daryl McKeown regarding the road safety issues around Rattray Primary School. (Hatton Road in particular)</p> <p><b>7.5</b> CS reported that the consultant’s report (PMR..Penny Lochhead) on the brief for the new recreation centre would be considered at a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Thereafter the results would be available for further engagement with the community. It was noted that there had been a five-month slippage in progress so far and concerns were raised that the proposed completion of the centre would be delayed beyond 2020. CS agreed to seek confirmation of timescales after the February meeting had taken place.</p>	<p>IR</p> <p>CS</p>

<p><b>7.6</b> CS informed the meeting of a consultation being launched on the unmet demand for taxi services in the town. Commissioned by Scottish Government via PKC. CS will circulate to members when available.</p> <p><b>7.7</b> CS highlighted that the gritting and salting of roads and pavements around Erich Court was raised as a result of the residents petition. A review will be carried out to improve conditions in the event of future bad weather.</p>	CS
<p><b>Item 8 – Pending Planning Applications.</b></p> <p><b>8.1</b> The application for 52 houses at Glenalmond Road was an application resulting from a material change in the proposals for the affordable rented housing on the site. This site being a part of the larger site of 217 houses. It was agreed that the changes were not significant in their overall impact of the development and no submission from BRCC would be warranted. However, what did emerge from discussion was that the overall development had been granted planning consent, but that the PKC planning web site still had the applications status as “still to be determined”. It was agreed as per 3.6 above that the planning department be contacted to ensure the information on the planning portal was up to date, accurate and relevant.</p> <p><b>8.2</b> The proposed four house development at Darkfaulds was discussed, and all agreed that no representation from BRCC be made to this application.</p>	GD
<p><b>Item 9 – Secretaries Correspondence.</b> Nil</p> <p>SN confirmed that all of the following would be circulated. Planning lists, (though GD would check for BRCC input) Police reports, PKAVs bulletins and circulars.</p>	SN
<p><b>Item 10 – AOCB.</b></p> <p><b>10.1</b> IR urged everyone to respond to the consultation on the Local Development Plan 2. SN had circulated to all members the link to the PKC comments form. Of particular concern was the separate paper on the Infrastructure review and provision in the town which merited much comment.</p> <p><b>10.2</b> Sourcing timber for the construction of the memorial bench for the past BRCC chair David Bailey was proving difficult and it may be that a bench would need to be procured instead. MY had been in touch with a possible lead and would follow up to investigate if a supply of raw timber could be obtained.</p> <p><b>10.3</b> Volunteers were still required to help with the Classic Car Event that Colin Stewart addressed the meeting on last time. The event in Blairgowrie and Rattray is on Sunday 22nd April. The focus on viewing the cars would be the Sunday morning with the cars driving through the town and the Wellmeadow in particular. MY IC volunteered. RD a Rotary member would keep BRCC informed of progress with the event.</p> <p><b>10.4</b> It was agreed that the drop in sessions for the public at the library were a good idea in principle but bore little fruit in terms of issues of concern from the public. These would not be held in the future. It was agreed that the several suggestion boxes were still in place, issues were raised via the Facebook page and members were approached by members of the public. In addition, we were present at the community market in the summer months so adequate channels exist for members of public to raise their concerns with us.</p> <p><b>10.5</b> The plug in installations at The Town Hall and Rattray Halls which would allow generators to be connected to ensure heat and light in these premises in case of dire emergencies are now back on track for installation.</p> <p><b>10.6</b> IC has reported the state of the boundary wall at the berries and cherries garden to PKC. Outcome awaited.</p> <p><b>10.7</b> BRAN are holding a fund raising charity Shop from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April and volunteers to help in the shop would be welcome. Donations of articles to sell are also welcomed. AD will organise delivery/uplifting of articles for sale in the week before the shop opens. BRAN also intends to mark the paths that they maintain to highlight that the paths are maintained by a volunteer organisation and not the council.</p> <p><b>10.8</b> The British Legion are organising a visit to France along with all other British Legion Branches in Scotland to participate in the ending of the first world war</p>	<p>All</p> <p>MY</p> <p>BS</p> <p>IC</p> <p>IR/AD</p>

<p>commemorations. Support to help fund the trip is being sought. Suggestions included donation of wishing well money, an approach to Rotary Club for funds and maybe encouraging the cadet movement to help with organising fund raising events. Total cost estimate needed is £1000.</p> <p><b>10.9</b> Christmas lights are being taken down in the town this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Patience is urged by public whilst this activity is underway. Public reaction to the new lights has been positive and funds are available to improve the lights further for 2018.</p> <p><b>10.10</b> AD raised the cost of printing leaflets (£53k) to raise awareness of the up and coming charges for brown bin collection and that the contract was awarded to a company based in the south of England. Councillors confirmed that proper procurement rules had been followed resulting in the contract being awarded as a consequence.</p>	
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the Adult Resource Centre, Jessie Street, Blairgowrie @ 7.00pm</p>	All

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