



## BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

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

<p><b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>          Mr I Richards (IR)          Mr B Smith (BS)          Mr S Nichol (SN)          Mr I Cruickshank (IC)          Mr G Darge (GD)          Mr B Rickwood (BR)          Mr A Thomson (AT)          Mr R Duncan (RD)          Mr A Donald (AD)</p> <p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>          Mr L Seal (LS)          Mrs M Young (MY)</p> <p>Mrs C Thomson (CT)</p> <p>Cllr T McEwan (TM)</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Mrs Bev Leslie (BL)</p>	<p>Chair          Vice-chair          Secretary</p>	<p>Cllr B Brawn (BB)          Cllr C Shiers (CS)</p> <p>Ms C Damodaran (CD)</p> <p>Mr Paul Smith</p> <p>Seven members of the public</p>	<p>Councillor PKC</p> <p>Press</p> <p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</p>
<p><b>Item 1 – Welcome and Apologies</b>          IR welcomed everyone to the last meeting of this incarnation of the community council. Apologies were received from LS, MY, and Police Scotland. Seven members of the public were present.</p>			<p>IR</p>
<p><b>Item 2 - Adoption of minutes</b>          The draft minutes of the October meeting were considered for adoption. Amendments were noted. BS proposed the adoption of the minutes. IC seconded.</p>			<p>All</p>
<p><b>Item 3 – Matters arising</b>  <b>Recreation centre</b> – No dates for formation of the User reference group. Responsibility lies with the design team. Council wishes their extreme disappointment and displeasure at the unacceptable delay in the project and formation of the group.  <b>Hatton Road Issue</b>, LS has contacted owners Delson Contracts of Kirriemuir. No response. Isobel Butt of PKC will take this matter up to try to get some movement on clearing up the site.</p>			<p>BB          CS</p>

<p><b>Bonfire Night.</b> Highly successful night, 1000 attendees. Thanks to MY in particular but to the many helpers, sponsors, businesses who gave help, support, use of premises and transport. The fire brigade for damping down afterwards. A true community effort.</p>	
<p><b>Item 4 – Police and Fire reports</b>  There was no report submitted from the <b>police</b>.  PS from the <b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)</b> 18 incidents in October Concentrating on Operation Intelligence focus on those with sleeping risks. Care Homes, Hotels etc.  Anthony Nolan charity event scheduled for the New year in conjunction with the High School after the xmas break.</p>	
<p><b>Item 5 – Subjects raised by members of the public</b>  Call for a public viewing platform opposite the Beech Hedge. Cllrs will make suitable representation.  Call for lights to be installed on the footpath through Rattray common from the School to the top of the Hill. BB will investigate possibility.  Poor state of the environment, anti-social behaviour and poor provision of refuse bins and its collection in and around Fergusson Park was raised. Agreed to investigate the re-establishment of a resident’s association to generate neighbourhood pride was agreed. Pete Richie agreed to lead for the community, CS agreed to contact council officers to try to set it up.  SJ updated the meeting about a long list of initiatives instigated by the business Association to generate interest and trade in the town, promotion of the town to a wider audience and to create a more integrated approach to “selling the town” between the businesses and the accommodation providers. Excellent work.  AT. Proposed thanks, on behalf of the community, to all outgoing members of BRCC for their contribution to the work of BRCC over the term of the council.</p>	<p>BB          CS</p>
<p><b>Item 6 – Myreriggs Footpath Extension.</b> Raised by a member of the public to extend the footpath from Myreriggs to Coupar Angus. It is remitted to the new CC whose geographic coverage will then include this area. (currently out with our remit) CS has made some progress and will report to next CC.</p>	<p>CS</p>
<p><b>Item 7 –CCTV Update.</b> Remitted to new council. Proposal found favour with public on balance. Latest proposal is to erect cameras on buildings throughout the town. This is currently with the Business Association to discuss. Roddy Ross main contact.</p>	
<p><b>Item 8 – Hand Over Arrangements for Next CC</b>  Current postholders have notes etc to hand over to new post holders.  Agreed to hold a meeting of the new council as early as possible to appoint post holders and to get to know each other. BB or CS will chair that meeting. The scheduled meeting for 12<sup>th</sup> December will have all post holders in place and a regular meeting can be held. RD volunteered to coordinate. Contact details of new members to be sent to RD a.s.a.p.  Contacts for arranging room bookings to be sent a.s.a.p.  The Resilience group will require a new co-ordinator appointed and a new team. Existing members IR, AD, BS can continue if they wish. BS offered help when new coordinator appointed.</p>	<p>RD  SN  RD BS</p>
<p><b>Item 9 – Treasurer’s Report.</b> RD presented his report explaining the purpose of the two bank accounts. The no. 1 account for BRCC expenses etc. will have a balance of £563.03 when all transactions are complete.</p>	<p>RD</p>

<p>The No 2 account which is primarily a “passporting money account” covering elements like the resilience fund, the Bonfire night, the Christmas nativity, bench fund, wishing well monies. Currently standing at £9390.76 but expenses and bills from the Bonfire night yet to be paid this figure will be substantially reduced.</p> <p>Annual accounts have been prepared to accord with change of financial year. These prepared by Graham Edwards accountants.</p> <p>Agreed reasonable out of pocket expenses can be claimed for those using their own transport and equipment to help with the bonfire.</p>	
<p><b>Item 10 – Local Councillor’s Reports</b></p> <p>BB Informed the meeting that Footway and road resurfacing is due shortly in Tannage Street and Terminus Street and these roads will be closed during the works.</p> <p>His meeting with Police Scotland revealed a range of electronic devises the police now use to reduce administration time and should allow more time for officers to out and about. A new initiative with NHS should also free up much more officer time in dealing with people with health issues.</p> <p>Community Investment Fund first round is nearing completion, decisions on which projects are awarded grants just needs ratified at the committee on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Groups will be notified of their awards by 30<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>The next round of bids is open now, revised deadline for submission 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.</p> <p>CS reported much works ongoing with installation of crossings on Coupar Angus Road, and those at elm drive. Details of next years proposed works are coming through. Works in Lower and Upper Mill Street are included.</p> <p>There has been reports of anti-social behaviour amongst some High School pupils and the cause is likely to be the taking of high energy drinks at lunchtime. There is a voluntary agreement in place to restrict the sale of these drinks to children and this need reinforced.</p> <p>A towns manager to help with initiatives to help town centres has now been appointed. CS thanked all members of the CC for all their input over the term of the council.</p>	
<p><b>Item 11 – Pending Planning Applications.</b></p> <p>No planning application to raise.</p> <p>ABO wind farm is no longer going ahead but if it should be reactivated then financial benefit would be available to the community</p> <p>Wets Park Development is about to start and will have a big impact on the town another one for the new council to keep an eye on.</p> <p>The retrospective deck outside the Angus Hotel could be controversial since it may be erected on common good land despite the owner’s assertions that it is theirs. Cllr McEwan is investigating legal position.</p> <p>GD volunteered to assist the new council with any planning matters.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Gordon for his contributions over the council’s term.</p>	TM
<p><b>Item 12 - AOB</b></p> <p>BS raised the issue of parking and vehicle movement round the community campus. An ongoing issue. Proposals that emerged from previous consultations are being drawn together and hopefully another community consultation of proposals can be held before the end of the year.</p> <p>The VAR on Boat Brae has been replaced and should be operational shortly.</p> <p>Yellow lines at the junction of Beeches Road and Park Drive still not painted.</p>	

Christmas Lights switch on will start in Rattray on 30<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm and then the Wellmeadow at 5.00pm, with entertainment until 6.00pm. A role for the junior citizen of the year has been found subject to her and her parents' agreement.

IR concluded the meeting by thanking the many that had helped this iteration of the community Council being a success and to the local councillors who regularly attended and acted on the issues raised. He wished the new council every success for the future.

Date of next meeting. 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Rattray Church Small Hall, Balmoral Road. @ 7.00pm

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