



## BLAIRGOWRIE AND RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Meeting & Extraordinary General Meeting,

12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### Attendance

Cllr Bob Brawn (BB), Carla Sutherland (CS), Sandy Thomson (ST)

Philip Seymour (PS), Robin Duncan (RD), Euan Donald (ED), Kim Wood (KW)

Ms C Damodaran (Press)

Sgt Nicky Forrester (Police Scotland)

#### Apologies

Brian Rickwood (BR), Cllr Tommy McEwan (TMc), Cllr Caroline Shiers (CS)

Howard Chandler (HC), Mr Mark Purrmann-Charles (MP-C)

#### Members of Public

5 present- which included CD, Ian Richards (former Chair), Brian Smith (former Vice Chair).

### Extraordinary General Meeting

#### Nominations to Council Committee

- Chair: Phillip Seymour (proposed by RD seconded by ED)
- Vice Chair: Brian Rickwood (proposed by CT seconded by KW)
- Secretary: Euan Donald (proposed BB, seconded RD)
- Treasurer: Robin Duncan (proposed CS, seconded ST)

Constitution signed and accepted.

Dates and venue of next meetings 2020 made available by RD and will be emailed accordingly.

Thanks and acknowledgement of the hard work and diligence to previous community council given to Ian Richards and Brian Smith and the rest of the previous members of BRCC.

#### EOGM complete and continuation of BRCC meeting

1. Minutes from BRCC meeting 7.11.19 proposed by ST & accepted RD
2. Recreation Centre - PS

RD expressed extreme disappointment with lack of progress with recreation centre design and development. RD questioned BB over this. BB stated Chief Exec PKC written to and reported back providing reassurance that 'despite recent delays the completion date of the build will still be March 2023'. Unfortunately, the design process will not be completed until some point next year 2020.

Ian Richards suggested CC write to Chief Exec. PS agreed this was a good suggestion and said he would action.

### 3. Police Scotland

Sgt Nicky Forrester reported on recent crime issues

- Antisocial Behaviour- youth issues Arthur Street. Blairgowrie High School working with Police in relation to this.
- Pubwatch Licences – Owners/Managers of Public Houses had discussed individuals who cause regular issues and identified those who are to be banned from attending and enjoying the services of the Public Houses.
- Blackthorn Place – Multiagency meeting between Police Scotland, Hillcrest Housing, Fire and Rescue and Newhill Primary School, had led to formulation of action plan to address antisocial behaviour.
- Smithfield Crescent – parking in and around still an issue with residents. Questions raised by Brian Smith on plans to tackle this issue. No immediate resolution offered by Nicky Forrester on this ongoing problem for the residents.
- Blair High School – anti social behaviour sporadic but not causing the Police any real issue given the size of the school and catchment area.
- A93 winter resilience plan
- Community speed watch underway in Meigle. Seems to be working and, as yet, no problems encountered. Blairgowrie & Rattray may adopt in future but not at present.
- Commanders Bulletin  
Recent Rattray area house break ins – Person arrested  
Littles Restaurant broken into; Police may have identified suspect  
Despite this reassurance given that Blairgowrie & Rattray is a safe town
- Sgt Nicky Forrester would like to promote the local Community Policing Team to the public and would like to offer their assistance with presentations to groups of locals on: Personal safety, after dark campaigns etc.  
Any ideas submitted will be welcomed by Sgt Forrester.

### 4. Treasurer Report -RD

RD has completed and will disseminate to BRCC via email.

2 BRCC accounts explained by RD. One account holds BRCC annual budget which is provided by PKC. The other account holds funds raised by Fireworks/ Bonfire night (ringfenced for next display) and monies for a nativity which previous BRCC member Morag Young was keen to reinstate.

5. Nativity & Xmas tree -RD

RD offered idea of PKC Initiative for slow growing tree to be dressed for different annual occasions. Concern over planting in well meadow because of potential upheaval to water pipes as tree roots grow and tree matures.

CS suggested it could be placed elsewhere in Blairgowrie so the town had a few areas of interest instead of everything being central to the Wellmeadow.

CS keen for idea of slow growing Christmas tree to be explored – would reduce cost, eliminate waste and reduce carbon footprint of transportation. Also, the idea of dressing it for example for Halloween, Easter etc would generate interest throughout the year to the town.

Ideas of organising a nativity scene for the town should be explored in 2020.

6. Agenda for next meeting -RD

RD- Sub-committees to be agreed next meeting: Citizen of the Year, Xmas tree, Bonfire night, resilience team.

7. Ratray Xmas Tree - RD

Difficulty with public support and health and safety issues for erecting annual Xmas tree which is transported each year. Public Liability is an issue & Location as needs to be near power point.

8. Ratray Residents Association- RD

Peter Ritchie has so far formed a very small association of 3 individuals to tackle issues such as:

- State of Fences & associated undergrowth
- Littering

Site visit of Local Housing and repair team conducted. Outcome: Glenalmond Road fences repaired, undergrowth removed and ground to be reseeded. Start date Jan 2020. Lighting Glendevon road to be addressed.

9. Electric Charging Points -BB

Double charging points to be sited in Blairgowrie. Apparently, the current site should take two cars but where it has been situated it is impractical and only allows one car to be charged at a time.

Kirkmichael currently has 1 charging point.

Suggestion of other charging points in PKC, BB referred to an email which had been sent in relation to this.

10. AOCB-All

- ST raised concerns over town planning and siting of affordable housing. He related current issues with Blackthorn place to poor planning of other housing developments which did not take into consideration adequate provision of social housing.

- Previous council member Gordon Darge has kindly offered his professional experience in continuing with helping the BRCC with planning issues.
- PKC have offered BRCC help with understanding town planning. BRCC would be keen to benefit and take up this offer.
- CS raised issue of disabled parking spaces on the High Street- currently two adjacent spaces on right side of road. She would like to see one placed on left and one placed on right to allow disabled people access to both sides of the street. Especially outside the Blairgowrie Physiotherapy Clinic where disabled service users find it difficult to park close enough safely for carers to assist them to the Clinic. Currently they are stopping on the corner of High Street and Upper Allan Street (close to junction) to do this.
- Previously member Ian Cruickshank had raised concerns with Crossing at Post Office- No safe place to cross to access Post Office as cars swing around the corner from Reform Street allowing very little time for pedestrians to cross the road safely. Cllr Caroline Shiers was to be dealing with this.
- Town Map – RD would like large laminated town map for use at BRCC meetings. BRCC decided PKC should be able to provide. Issues around access of a A2/A3 printer- Architect Gordon Darge may be able to assist. KW advised Solo Press Online company are reasonably priced and offer good service.

**11. Date of next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Adult Resource Centre, Jessie Street.**

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