

Minutes of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Meeting

5th March 2020

Minutes prepared by E Donald

Attendance

Cllr Bob Brawn (BB), Phil Seymour (PS), Robin Duncan (RD), Kim Wood (KW), Mr Mark Purrmann-Charles (MP-C), Euan Donald (ED)

Apologies

Carla Sutherland (CSu), Sandy Thomson, Brian Rickwood, Police

Members of Public – 2 present

BRCC meeting

1. **Minutes from BRCC meeting** 6th February 2020 proposed by RD & accepted MP-C
2. **Police and Fire Reports.** Delivered by Craig Smith. The month was quieter than the previous February. However, there were two house fires. Both were severely damaged.

This was a partnership leaflet drop working together with P & K community wardens to address concerns within the Blackthorn Area.

From a question put by RD, it was stated that every First Appliance carries a defibrillator and crews are trained in its use. First responders.

From Secretary, please note: separate from the First Appliance, there are also Community First Responders. A Community First Responder is a member of the public who volunteers to help their community by responding to medical emergencies while the ambulance is on its way.

A Community First Responder is trained in a wide range of emergency skills, and use of specialised equipment such as automatic external defibrillators and oxygen therapy. The Community First Responder would then be able to provide an early intervention in situations such as a heart or asthma attack before the professional ambulance crew arrives. This improves patient survival and recovery. (from the Scottish Ambulance Service)

3. **Matters Arising**

Berries and Cherries Bed. The land belongs to Perth and Kinross Council (PKC). PKC are open to the land being given to Blair in Bloom. BRCC decision to be made by next meeting.

Recreation Centre. Waiting on a decision (by end of March) on date of PKC meeting. Initial designs finalised. PKC aim to get representatives from as many stakeholder groups as possible.

Improving communication with the Public. MP-C met with Steve Johnson to discuss linking the BRCC website with the Discover Blairgowrie website. PS suggested they should remain separate and look month to month to see what we want to communicate and whether the Discover Blairgowrie website is an appropriate route.

CCTV in the Wellmeadow. PS to meet PKC and local business association and hop to get a decision by middle of March

Community market BRCC Presence. Nick Cole suggested that the help provided by BRCC was useful and that he wanted it to continue. ED to draw up rota for next meeting.

4. Subjects Raised by Members of the Public

Wellmeadow. Can the railings around the Well Meadow get painted? This is already in the OPKC plan and depends on scheduling.

The East Mill Gate has been modified which makes it very difficult to open when riding a horse. The track is looked after by the Cycle Network. PS and the member of the public are to meet with the Cycle Network team to look for a solution.

5. Sub Committee Up-dates

Citizen of the Year

Kick off meeting to be held on 17th March. Poster done.

XMAS Tree & Bonfire

No update on Christmas Tree plan. Need to apply for a licence to hold the Bonfire Night. Event planned for 7th November. Ally Donald and Morag Young are happy to help. We need more volunteers for the night and for the lead up to the event. KW suggested that sideshows and other events on the night might be a way to increase the entertainment value for visitors.

Resilience Team

Meeting planned for before the end of March.

6. Defibrillator Training

There are still places available on the defibrillator training course. Details are on the BRCC website.

7. Drive It Day

RD reported that the arch required has been ordered. Road closures have been approved. RD thanked Ally Donald for his support in this area. Other preparations are well in advance.

- 8. Youth Initiative.** PS asked about the appetite for involving the younger people in the catchment area to get involved in the community. BB suggested approaching the Blairgowrie High School. PS to coordinate with BB, CS and RD about next steps.

- 9. Clean up the town initiative.** PS suggested an initiative to clear up litter from around the town perhaps 2-4 times per year. It could be promoted via the website and in cooperation with the Blairgowrie Gazette, Blair in Bloom, BRAN, PATH, etc. It could be associated with the 75th anniversary of VE Day, perhaps. PS offered to lead the project.

10. Treasurers Report - RD

No change in account ending 560. The balance includes sums on behalf of Fireworks cCollection, Resilience Fund and Wellmeadow Fund. Fireworks display team provisionally booked for 7th November 2020 but look for final approval from BRCC.

Account ending in -768 is our current account and now stands at £291.49 having paid £22 for hall hire in Rattray and £14.40 for encapsulation of Ward 3 map.

Colin Haggie at P&K Roads Dept contacted and form completed and sent to him ref the closing of the Wellmeadow Road on 19th April for Drive-it Day.

11. Local Councillor's Reports

Bob Brawn. Painting of railings at Well Meadow scheduled by PKC. Town wifi project is progressing well. There will need to be some roadworks but these are published on the appropriate PKC web page. Building plans for Maple Crescent/Piggy Lane development have been withdrawn. A change of use proposal

for the Co-op building in town has been rejected. The building is in a designated Retail Zone.

12. Pending Planning Applications

None

13. Planning Session for Councillors

PS awaiting a reply from PKC

14. Roads, Parking and Crossing Issues

PS to submit a report early in March. Look to suggest a top ten areas to prioritise

15. AOB

Dundee Courier asked for a response from BRCC at the proposed speed limit reduction to 20mph around the Rattray Primary School. BRCC agreed that anything which improved safety around a school should be encouraged.

The Small Hall at Rattray Church is up for sale. Discussion on whether to move but no decision made as sale not imminent.

BB responded to a question from RD saying that most of the work in Rattray (discussed in previous minutes) has been done. BB congratulated the Residents Association for their hard work. Future plans are still fluid but one option under consideration for some PKC land is to offer allotments.

RD asked if the local authority could be approached about the quality of some of the houses. Why are they allowed to deteriorate. BB pointed out that resources, especially money, are very tight

KW noted that the bench at Knockie has gone. PS reported that BRAN are to fund a replacement. PS will ask Ian Richards of BRAN for an update.

KW noted that the guidelines issued to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak encouraged children to wash their hands more frequently. The soap supplied to the schools had caused a skin reaction for many children. Parents had resorted to providing their children with milder soap. BB agreed to approach the relevant people at PKC to see what could be done.

16. Date of next meeting

Next Meeting 2nd April, 7 pm at Adult Resource Centre, Jesse Street, Blairgowrie.

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