

# **Minutes of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Meeting**

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Minutes prepared by E Donald

**Attendance** – Phil Seymour, Brian Rickwood, Sandy Thompson, Robin Duncan, Kim Wood, Mark Purrmann-Charles, Steve Johnson, Cllr. Caroline Shiers, Cllr. Tom McEwan, Cllr. Bob Brawn,

**Apologies** – Carla Sutherland, Cllr. Tom McEwan

**Members of Public** – 2 present

## **BRCC meeting**

### **AGM.**

1. **Welcome** Phil Seymour welcomed all to the AGM
2. **Adoption of minutes of AGM 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019** The draft minutes of the previous AGM were adopted as a correct record (proposed – Sandy Thompson, seconded – Robin Duncan)
3. **Chair's Report** Phil Seymour reported on the unique year dominated by Covid-19 and how this changed the way the Community Council interacted with the community. Before the Covid-19 lockdown, the CC discussed roads, parking, the Recreation Centre, CCTV for the town centre, a communications review, the Citizen of the Year was awarded to two worthy winners xxx. Once the changes imposed by Covid-19 were bedded down, the CC was central to the coordination of support given to the local population. CC meeting were re-introduced but in a virtual format via Zoom. There was a lively close to the year with the Recreation Centre specification under public review and the amendments to the proposed development of land off Elm Road which will be carried out by Scotia Homes. Phil was keen to acknowledge and thank the community councillors, the many members of the public, the three PKC councillors and the emergency services for all their efforts over the last year. The Chair's report is attached.
4. **Treasurer's Report** The Annual Report from the Treasurer is attached at the end of this report. The report was accepted into the minutes (proposed – Sandy Thompson, seconded – Euan Donald)
5. **Demit of current Office Bearers/election of new Office Bearers** The office bearers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Data Controller) stood down. Cllr. Brawn took charge. Phil Seymour was re-elected as Chair (proposed – Sandy Thompson, seconded –

Euan Donald). It was agreed that a Vice Chair was not required so this was left vacant. Euan Donald was re-elected secretary (proposed Robin Duncan, seconded – Sandy Thompson), Robin Duncan was re-elected as Treasurer (proposed – Euan Donald, seconded Sandy Thompson). It was agreed that the secretary would also take on the role of Data Controller.

## 6. Meeting Close

### ORDINARY MEETING

1. **Adoption of previous minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true reflection of the meeting (proposed – Kim Wood, seconded – Robin Duncan)
2. **Co-option to Community Council** Steve Johnson was co-opted to the Community Council (proposed - Phil Seymour, seconded Euan Donald). The co-option was also approved by the full Community Council and supported by PKC. The CC will look to co-opt two more members.
3. **B&R Coronavirus Coordination Group** – no update required, remove from future minutes
4. **Subjects raised by members of the public**
  - a. **Cutting of verges petition** – update: Cllr Brawn reported that the various petitions were still waiting to be reviewed.
  - b. **Recreation Centre** There was a very useful meeting held with PKC and the architects for the Recreation Centre. Feedback was generally positive. An extra £9m has been budgeted for the build. There will be further meetings with the URG. There will be opportunities to influence the final design, especially the interior
  - c. **Clunie Loch** – no report
  - d. **Flood lights at the Wellmeadow** The floodlights do not work. This has been reported to PKC. Cllr Shiers has also reported the problem and will check on progress to a resolution.
  - e. **Reform Street clear up** – volunteers from the Community Council cleared a large quantity of rubbish from the car park off Reform Street. Thanks to Cllr Shiers for transporting this material to the Recycling Centre. It was noted that the site has already started filling up with more rubbish.
5. **Police Report. Fire Report.** The Police reports are attached at the end of this document. There was no Fire report.
6. **Proposal of Application Notice - Land 220 m south west of entrance to Maple place Blairgowrie:** Presentation by Scotia Homes – update. Several concerns were raised. These

have been itemised in a separate document called “Scotia Homes: Issues raised”. There will be a public meeting hosted by the Community Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm via Zoom.

7. Sub-committee updates:

a. **Christmas tree** Morag Young has kindly agreed to organise this. Robin Duncan will liaise with her

8. **Bendochy telephone box** The Community Council has adopted the telephone box. The Community Council thanks Mr John Morrison for generously arranging for the telephone box to be painted

9. **Blaigowrie telephone box and defibrillator.** The Community Council has submitted a bid for the telephone box and is waiting for BT to confirm arrangements. The Community Council is looking for ways to fund the future operating costs

10. **Treasurer’s report** The Treasurer’s Report is appended to this document.

11. **Local Councillor’s reports**

**Cllr Brawn** reported that the weed issue at West Park is due to be dealt with very shortly. The West Park project has been delayed by a couple of months. The Remembrance Day parade has been cancelled. There will be a ceremony which will be by invitation only. The public are asked to not attend due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The Marfield site at Ferguson Park is in a bad way. There is an enforcement action under way. There is an opportunity for Community Feedback Teams to be deployed. Brian Rickwood reported that the fences on Glenalmond Road are very worn. Cllr Brawn pointed out that it is a mixture of public and private ownership

**Cllr Shiers** reported that drainage works on Reform Street would start soon. Road markings on the Alyth to Blaigowrie road were to wait until after the roadworks were completed but this may be reversed soon. Wireless connections on the old railway roads should go live soon. Signage on Lower Mill Street will be removed as it is on private land. It will be reinstated elsewhere.

12. **Planning session for councillors** – nothing to report

13. **Roads, parking and crossing issues** – The automatic crossing sensors are to be removed. There are traffic humps at the entrance to the Springfield Estate. Cllr Shiers will ask if they can be removed. They contribute to flooding. There is also a bus stop near the junction which creates a significant blind spot for drivers.

14. **Litter picking initiative** - No update

15. **Community feedback** – Update next month

16. **AOB** – BRCC will lay a wreath at the Wellmeadow after Remembrance Day. The British Legion will be represented on the day.

Next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 @ 7:00pm. Meeting via Zoom.

**Distribution of Minutes by email unless specified:**

**BRCC:**

Mr Phil Seymour  
Mr Brian Rickwood  
Mr Sandy Thompson  
Euan Donald  
Mr Robin Duncan  
Mr Steve Johnson  
Miss Carla Sutherland  
Mrs Kim Wood  
Mr Mark Purmann-Charles  
Cllr Caroline Shiers  
Cllr Bob Brawn  
Cllr Tom McEwan

**External:**

PKC Community Councils  
Clare Damodaran (Press)  
Mrs B Leslie (Blairgowrie HS)  
BRCC Website  
Blairgowrie & Rattray Development Trust

**Attachments**

17. Police Commander Reports



Commanders Report  
September-October 2

18. Fire Report  
No report

19. Chair' Report



Annual Chair Report  
for Blairgowrie Oct 20

20. Treasurer's Report (Annual and October report)



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BRCC Report to 8th  
Oct 2020 .pdf

21. List of Issues To Be Raised with PKC and Scotia Homes



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