

Minutes of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Meeting

12th November 2020

Minutes prepared by E Donald

Attendance – Phil Seymour, Brian Rickwood, Sandy Thompson, Robin Duncan, Kim Wood, Steve Johnson, Cllr. Caroline Shiers, Cllr. Cllr. Bob Brawn,

Apologies – Carla Sutherland, Cllr. Tom McEwan

Members of Public –

BRCC meeting

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 – Steve Johnson)
 - a. **Resignation from BRCC** – The Chairman accepted the resignation of Mark Purrmann-Charles who is moving out of the BRCC area. The Chairman thanked Mark for his valuable contributions to the operations of BRCC
2. **Subjects raised by members of the public**
 - a. **Recreation Centre** There is a URG meeting on the 25th November. There will be a report at the next meeting of BRCC. BRCC was asked to encourage other groups to attend.
 - b. **Clunie Loch** – no report
 - c. **Reform Street clear up** – a second clean-up of the car park is needed. Robin Duncan will try to recruit some volunteers
 - d. **Piggy Lane trees** - There was discussion about the removal of trees by Scotia Homes. No action is needed as the tree removal had been previously approved. Part of the agreement is that trees removed must be replaced. Stewart Milne had agreed to this. Scotia Homes will have to submit their proposal
 - e. **Stitch in Time Shop** – the question was asked whether it was legal to change use to a takeaway. The leaseholder must apply for a change of use
 - f. **Minor Injuries Clinic** – need to ensure it stays open. Messaging from NHS Tayside is not clear. It was suggested that the facilities should be expanded to take account of the increase in population. A meeting about this was due before the BRCC meeting but it had to be postponed. A new date has yet to be confirmed

3. Roads and Parking Issues

- a. **Layby/drop off at Elm Drive** – it was suggested that a plot of council owned land at the Elm Drive end of the Scotia Homes scheme could be converted to a layby/drop of zone. However, this land is used to help with drainage for the site so is unsuitable. The discussion revealed that inappropriate parking/drop off by some parents and their reaction to this being pointed out by school staff was causing staff to feel extremely uncomfortable. It was reported that residents have been patient over the years, but incidents are still happening. Councillor Shiers will talk to Luncarty Primary School to see how they dealt with a similar issue which seems to be resolved. Councillor Shiers and Kim Woods agreed to look at the history of what was suggested/agreed with Stuart Milne and will report back at the next meeting
- b. **Exclusion Zone** – this was brought up as a separate item. The Exclusion Zone means that children have to cross Berrydale Road which is a busy road, especially at drop of/pick up times. The objection was noted. The question was raised about how PKC gathers feedback on the Exclusion Zone. Phil Seymour will find out and feed back to the BRCC. It was also suggested that BRCC could organise a questionnaire to gather thoughts on the Exclusion Zone. Kim Woods will lead on this.
- c. **Roads Repairs and Maintenance** – Burnhead Road does not appear on any publicly available maintenance schedule. Councillor Shiers will raise the issue
- d. **Wellmeadow parking** – Councillor Shiers reported that PKC proposed to change the recently created disabled bay parking area to retain 2 disabled parking bays and restore the rest to regular parking

4. **Police Report. Fire Report.** The Police reports are attached at the end of this document. There was no Fire report.

5. Sub-committee updates:

- a. **Christmas tree** – there were suggestions that a tree could on Coronation Corner or that a “light” tree like Rattray and Balbeggie could be installed. Robin Duncan to explore options

6. **Blairgowrie telephone box and defibrillator.** The contract has been received. There were discussions about decorating the telephone box, what kind of defibrillator can be installed as it must conform to certain BS standards and how the ongoing costs would be funded. A sub-committee containing Robin Duncan, Euan Donald and Pete Richardson was proposed and will report at the next meeting

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

8. **Local Councillor's reports**

Cllr Shiers – the kits to enable BRCC to remove graffiti are still being assembled

Cllr Brawn – The VAR in Rattray is still inactive but the Traffic Dept are chasing power. The traffic crossings should be restored to physical activation by button press. The Muirfield site was mostly cleared. There is still work to do, though PKC is looking to create a package for a group of unpaid volunteers to carry out the work.

9. **Community feedback** – there was a brief discussion of the work carried out so far by Kim Wood. Kim will report again at the next meeting

10. **AOB**

a. **Reform Street** – Robin Duncan will approach Ally Donald for use of a trailer to clear rubbish from Reform Street carpark

b. **Myerriggs Road** – Phil Seymour raised the issue of speeding traffic both on the Myerriggs Road and on the Coupar Angus Road where it meets Myerriggs Road. PKC will investigate this

11. **Next meeting** – 10th December 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 Purrmann-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

12. Police Commander Reports

Available on request

13. Fire Report

No report

14. Treasurer's Report (November report)

Available on request

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