

Minutes of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Meeting

10th December 2020

Minutes prepared by P Seymour

Attendance – Phil Seymour, Brian Rickwood, Robin Duncan, Kim Wood, Steve Johnson, Cllr. Caroline Shiers, Cllr. Cllr. Bob Brawn, Councillor Tom McEwan

Apologies – Carla Sutherland, Euan Donald, Sandy Thompson

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, with an amendment to acknowledge there was a Fire Report, which would be attached to the minutes. (proposed – Steve Johnson, seconded – Robin Duncan)
2. **Subjects raised by members of the public**
 - a. **Recreation Centre** The URG had met on 25th November and it was agreed it had generally been a positive meeting. There was to be a review of the details of the structure to reflect the requirements needed to meet the Passivhaus standards. It was suggested that there where further consideration was needed as to how some aspects of the building would operate. It was also suggested there would be benefit in getting operational input from Live Active to consider the practicalities of operating. There will be a report at the next meeting of BRCC. BRCC was asked to encourage other groups to attend.
 - b. **Clunie Loch** – As Carla Sutherland was not at the meeting there was no update from the local action group. However, Councillor Caroline Shiers advised that PKC had appointed Arek Nowrotek as a Visitor Liaison Officer to tackle the sort of problems that had arisen around wild camping, anti social behaviour etc. at various Lochs. He would be looking to do the groundwork over the winter ready to tackle issues in the spring.
 - c. **Reform Street clear up** – the police had been asked to keep an eye on this area to try to address the anti social behaviour that was resulting in a regular problem with dumping of rubbish.

3. Roads and Parking Issues

- a. **Layby/drop off at Elm Drive** –Cllr Shiers had been in contact with Daryl McKeown from the PKC Traffic & Network team to link him up with Scotia Homes to provide details of the plans previously agreed with Stewart Milne to provide a drop off zone on Elm Drive. Scotia Homes were now considering the proposals.
- b. **Exclusion Zone** – Phil Seymour had approached PKC to establish what their plans were to obtain feedback in respect of the Exclusion Zone but was awaiting a response. In the meantime, it was agreed it would be beneficial to have a local community led survey. Kim Wood, with the assistance of Steve Johnson, had produced a questionnaire for distribution to those affected by the plans. They would work out the best way to distribute and collect the survey and lead on the initiative.

4. **Police Report. Fire Report.** The Police and Fire reports are attached at the end of this document.

5. Sub-committee updates:

- a. **Christmas tree** – the Christmas Tree had been installed in The Wellmeadow and many thanks were due to Morag Young for making it happen. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed that for future years the Community Council should seek to install the same type of Light Tree that had been erected at Rattray Church by the Illuminations Committee. Robin Duncan was tasked with establishing how the tree had been funded and options for the Community Council to fund one for the Wellmeadow.

6. **Blairgowrie telephone box and defibrillator.** The contract with BT has been signed and the Community Council were now waiting for BT to remove the telephony equipment at which stage the Community Council would officially takeover responsibility for the phone box. Robin Duncan outlined the research that had been done on suppliers of the Defibrillator and Cabinet. He recommended that the Council go with the equipment from Heartsine at a cost of £1458. This was endorsed by the Councillors. It was agreed that initially the Council would seek to fund the equipment via donation and if this proved unsuccessful then it would look to undertake a crowd funding initiative to raise the money.

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

8. Local Councillor's reports

Cllr Brawn –Arrangements were being put in place to use the unpaid work team to tackle the Ferguson Park area. A meeting was being arranged to see what can be done. There

was still rubbish on site at Marfield. Again, there were discussions with the Enforcement Team to see if it was possible to get the unpaid work team to clear the litter.

The EV chargers going into the Library car park had been agreed: awaiting timescale for installing. Speeding surveys had been undertaken around many of the local villages: the results were awaited. Cllr Brawn suggested the Community Council might wish to explore the speeding deterrents being used in other areas. Brian Rickwood flagged up that the Boat Brae sign was still hanging off and the sensor by the bridge was still not working. Cllr Brawn agreed to follow up. Brian also stated that the feedback he had was that the speed pads were not popular in Rattray as they damaged cars and impacted on bad backs. He said that feedback from PKC seemed to be that the Community Council was in favour of them though that was not his view. It was acknowledged there were a range of views on the matter.

Cllr Shiers – the kits to enable BRCC to remove graffiti were now available. It was agreed that a day would be picked in the new year to launch the initiative. A new ranger, Andy Clegg, has started and it was suggested it would be a good opportunity to meet with him to explore opportunities to improve the open spaces in the area. It was agreed that Cllr Shiers would seek to arrange a date when she, Phil Seymour and any other Community Councils who were interested could meet to spend a day with Andy Clegg visiting the sites. Cllr Shiers agreed that it would be useful to arrange a joint meeting of Ward Councillors and Community Councillors with Daryl McKeown of PKC roads dept to discuss the various road initiatives and priorities.

Cllr McEwan - Welcomed the speed humps in Rattray which would improve safety and reduce speeds. Marlee Caravan Park had been licensed. There were some local concerns. As a licenced organisation it will be required to meet its obligations or be answerable to the Licensing Board. The Local Action Partnership had only one local representative on it and they were keen to get more so they could reflect local priorities. Cllr McEwan agreed to circulate details of the role of the LAP to the Community Councillor. An online meeting had been held between the Ward Councillors and reps of the NHS in relation to the Cottage Hospital. It was confirmed that it was to be a Care & Treatment Hub. At present everything needed to be done by contacting the nurse who would advise the appropriate place for the patient to go. This was done on a triage basis and meant that it avoided people turning up at somewhere that cannot treat them and then having to be referred on.

9. **Community feedback** – Kim, with Steve's support, had now produced a draft survey which the rest of the CC had given feedback on. It was agreed that they would now work on this

with a view to issuing in the new year. Phil Seymour agreed to contact PKC to see what support they could provide in terms of producing, distributing and collecting the survey.

10. AOB

After a discussion it was agreed that the questionnaire to obtain community input on the type of play park people would like to see if the Scotia Homes plans for their housing development were approved, should be issued at this stage. Once the full planning application was made there would be the opportunity to comment on all aspects of the plans.

11. **Next meeting** – 14th January 2021 @ 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



201118 Commanders
Bulletin.pdf



201125 Commanders
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201202 Commanders
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201209 Commanders
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13. Fire Report



BRCC November
2020 Report.pdf

14. Treasurer's Report (November report)

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