



BLAIRGOWRIE AND RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Meeting

11th March 2021

Minutes prepared by Euan Donald.

Attendance - Phil Seymour, Kim Wood, Robin Duncan, Sandy Thomson, Stephen Johnson, Morag Young, Euan Donald, Councillor Caroline Shiers, Councillor Tom MacEwan, Councillor Bob Brawn

Apologies – Chris Smith (Fire Scotland)

Members of the public - Clare Damodaran, Gina Purrmann

ORDINARY MEETING

1. **Adoption of previous minutes:** Proposed by Robin Duncan and seconded by Euan Donald.
2. **BRCC changes**
 - a. Resignation of Brian Rickwood regrettfully accepted.
 - b. Appointment of Morag Young thank you and vote accepted.
3. **Subjects raised by members of the public.**
 - a. **Clunie Loch** – update steering group met several times, plan created. PKC involved. Signs to encourage people to follow the outdoor access code (Primary Schools). Funding from PKC. Tackle misbehaviour through increased police patrols. Community wardens to be active this year. Cars: clearway on A923 now extended around loch. Parking space to be created. Litter – educate people to take it home. Litter bins at 4 main areas. Portalooos to be installed and serviced by PKC. Not a long-term plan. Need evidence for permanent toilets, concern about location. Fires need to be prevented. Fire pits discussed but want to prevent fires as they cause damage to live trees. Fishing – NatureScot suggested no fishing on loch unless agreed by owners. Possible fishing club to manage this. Possible byelaw to ban alcohol to reduce trouble. Good support from Arek? Morag: possible schools' trip to show kids what they are creating signs for. Scottish film maker to look at creating an educational film for the children.
 - b. **Other items**

Robin raised the issue that the white lines coming towards the bridge on the Blairgowrie side have faded to non-existence. Councillor Shiers said PKC is aware and it should be fixed very soon.

Euan – there are a lot of cars being driven beyond the posted speed limit on the Coupar Angus Road. Most Sat-Nav systems still report that it is a 40mph speed limit. Can PKC put up 30mph signs along the Coupar Angus Road?

Kim Wood asked if there was a possibility of installing a bench near the river on the walk up towards the Knockie.

4. Planning

a. **layby/drop off zone on Elm Drive** – update – Phil chased up Scotia Homes. Got a reply. Conflict between exclusion zone to reduce traffic and the drop of zone which encourages traffic. Exclusion will be reviewed. No drop-off zone in the meantime. Councillor Shiers suggested the subject needs a discussion with Brian Cargill at PKC. Councillor MacEwan noted that the opening of access via Hazelwood Road/Elm Drive might be another option. Steve Johnson pointed out that the West Park development might offer a place for parking so that children can be walked across the road by the lights. Kim Wood wanted assurance that the layby/drop off zone at Elm Drive could be revisited after the dust has settled. Councillor Brawn reminded the group that an online survey looking at community engagement with exclusion zone should commence in April.

b. **Laird Aggregates Ltd** - Proposed Extension to Marlee Quarry, Blairgowrie - Proposal of Application Notice discussion about the size of the proposal. Sandy: new access across the main road but claim to use an internal road! Many questions raised! Water pipe, ancient monuments, underground burn, nearby hamlet, etc. Councillor Shiers suggested that Laird Aggregates need to involve the local community in a wider discussion around their transport plans.

5. **Police Report. Fire Report** Included after the minutes Robin Duncan asked about how the new law regarding fire alarms in properties will be managed. Will the fire brigade be involved? Councillor Brawn reported that PKC properties are being brought into compliance now.

6. Sub-committee updates:

a. **Christmas Tree** – Scott McGregor suggests we could buy the one from Rattray - £3,000. Local authority suggests Eastern Perthshire Action Partnership. Crowd funded otherwise. Morag Young agreed to work with Robin Duncan on fund raising.

b. **Bonfire night** – Morag and Robin to carry on developing plans. Sandy: previous location may be a problem. Will know in April. Tom: could we use Bogle Field – too far out

c. **Blairgowrie telephone box and defibrillator** - Option 1 preferred. Option to be shared with Rotary for their approval. Kim

d. **Resilience Group** – Generator (spare power) for Town Hall Phil investigated. Last activity 2018. Mike Proudfoot provided quote. May need more quotes. Phil to chase

- e. **Pleasanton links** – The link with Pleasanton was largely an informal arrangement. Wide discussion over twinning. Possible sub-committee to be formed. Phil to set out terms of reference and look for volunteers.
7. **Treasurer's report** - See report at end of minutes.
8. Local Councillor's reports
- a. Councillor MacEwan – Nothing to add
 - b. Councillor Shiers – Economic development, countryside report to follow. Wi-Fi up and running. Discussion about other Wi-Fi blackspots. Talk to other Community Councils, Rural Parliament, etc
 - c. Councillor Brawn – Emailed Daryl at PKC. He is happy to have a meeting with BRCC during summer. A93 to be closed for 10 days at Craighall 6-9th April 9-4pm plus half day for white lines. Met with senior police, looking at having a greater presence in the area once lockdown eases.
9. AOB
- a. **Wi-Fi in town** - Steve Johnson asked now that the Wi-Fi is live and in use, what is the plan to advertise it, use and support it. What is it for? Could it be used for local tours. Kim, Morag and Steve to look at how to promote.
 - b. **Litter pick** – proposal for small groups to organise groups for 28th March. BRAN, Rotary Blair in Bloom and BRCC. Looking for volunteers. Email Phil or Janine
 - c. **Migrant community** – how to integrate the town and the migrant community better, how to improve the relationship. PKAVS have an individual who works with them. Phil Seymour will ask Jenni from PKAVS to come to BRCC and let us know what the situation is. Councillor Brawn pointed out that any initiative must involve the local population. Phil to follow up this with PKAVS
 - d. **Training courses** are available for Community Councillors. Links have been sent out.
 - e. Sir William MacPherson – Morag Young suggested the BRCC should express sincere condolences to Hilary and family. This was unanimously agreed.
 - f. BRCC Facebook page – Kim said that we need more volunteers to help with our Facebook page. Steve Johnson and Morag Young will be added as administrators by Tracey Dick.

Next meeting – 8th April 2021 @ 6:30pm. Meeting via Zoom.

Distribution of Minutes by email unless specified:

BRCC:

Mr Phil Seymour
 Mr Sandy Thompson
 Mrs Kim Wood
 Miss Carla Sutherland
 Mr Robin Duncan
 Mr Steve Johnson
 Mr Euan Donald
 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

10. Police Commander Reports



Commanders Bulletin 24022021.pdf



Commanders Bulletin 03032021.pdf



Commanders Bulletin 10032021.pdf

11. Fire Report



02 BRCC February
2021 Report.pdf

12. Treasurer's Report (November report) Available on request

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