

Blackford Community Council

Approved Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 27th June 2017 in the Moray Institute, Blackford.

Present	
Janet Law	Chair
Katharine Huggett	Vice-Chair
Irene McLaughlan	Treasurer
Bett Illand	Community Councillor
Councillor Tom Gray	PKC Councillor
4 Members of the Public	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies:- Alison Dawson, Iain Paton and Neil Gaunt.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 30th May 2017 were read and approved. Proposed KH, seconded JL.	
3.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting:-</p> <p>Tree Charter Branch. JL has checked the Tree Charter website and has discussed with KH. JL has agreed to be the contact.</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland. Meeting with Local Energy Scotland postponed hopefully to take place late July.</p> <p>Bench at Danny Burn. TG has been in contact with Andy Clegg at PKC. Someone from PKC is to contact JL to identify correct location for replacement bench. JL noted thanks to TG</p> <p>(Item 4 Correspondence) JL apologised for wrongly reporting that Mark Ruskell, MSP's consultation related to parking. In fact it is about legislation for 20mph speed limits and a separate consultation notice was received from the Scottish Government about parking. KH and JL considered consultation on parking and found that it relates particularly to parking in urban areas, so propose the CC does not respond.</p> <p>(Item 8 Planning) KH and JL attended the planning training session on 22nd May. The presentation is to be circulated to us by PKC and will be available for anyone who wishes to see it. Carsebreck Bridge: JL has contacted Ian Graham of EDF who has advised that Sarah Dooley is now working for EDF and will be our contact again. Meantime IG has gathered information for Network Rail regarding the work to be undertaken because of their concerns regarding proximity to the rail line.</p> <p>Robertson's Homes Development. There is ongoing correspondence between TG and JL re the re-instatement of access from the end of south cul-de-sac to the path and other issues re this track. JL will contact PKC again if access is not re-instated. JL noted thanks to the members of the public who had noticed the access issue in the first place and TG, KH and IM for their help with all the issues following the completion of new development.</p> <p>KH had no response from Police Scotland re the dangerous driver using the Danny Burn track.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL & KH</p> <p>JL</p>

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	<p>Scottish Water had to stop remedial work at the burn in Abercairney Place due to kingfishers being present.</p> <p>KH reported extra dog bins have been requested. JL agreed at KH's request to follow this up.</p> <p>Correspondence.</p> <p>A request was received that the whole of Moray Street has marked parking areas, the areas not currently marked should be marked and the parking at Middleton House is incorrectly marked. JL to contact PKC.</p> <p>There are blocked street drains and the grass verge at the top of the village is growing out over the kerb stones. JL and KH to follow this up.</p> <p>Road repairs are needed. Much of noise experienced by people living on Moray Street is generated by the surface joints breaking down. The road has only received patch repairs for possibly as long as 30 plus years, resulting in it being uneven. There are also a number of surface repairs needed to the side roads that run between Moray Street and Stirling Street. TG will contact PKC about these concerns.</p> <p>Blackford is Brighter were approached by PKC to identify anything needing done to improve the appearance of the village in advance of a VIP visit to the village in early July. They identified the following:- Kerbing needing replaced at the junction of Stirling Street by the distillery at the scree garden. Timber lying in ditch by the verge near the A9 junction following work on trees. Trees obscuring street light near the Barrel feature. The Hotel. PKC have contacted Blackford Farms and Highland Spring to deal with items which are their responsibility as appropriate. They have offered to share the list they reported, so we can pick up on any issues not addressed in the short term. JL thanked Blackford is Brighter for identifying issues and for all the work they do.</p> <p>Speed Awareness Signs. As agreed at last CC meeting, Andrew Sinclair has chased up PKC. The signs have now been delivered to PKC so they are now in a position to program the installation and connection to the mains power supply. Hopefully this will take place soon.</p> <p>Scottish Rural Action/Scottish Rural Parliament Conference. Will take place in September in Dunfermline. JL to find out more and book if free.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JL & KH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JL</p>
4.	<p>Chair's Report.</p> <p>Moray Institute Update. Emails from Kerr Smith of Live Active re hearing loop and estimated costs of curtains or blinds were tabled. At a cost of c. £3000, it is unlikely. JL emailed contacts of a number of community groups to let them know about Live Active's response to our request for curtains or blinds and to ask if they have any other outstanding issues or would like a demonstration of the portable hearing loop. No replies so far. KH suggested contacting the Blackford Fiddle Group for information as they are keen to have acoustic deadening. JL will email groups again and get a date set for the hearing loop demo.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JL</p>

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	<p>Twenty's Plenty Campaign.</p> <p>JL had sent info re Twenty's Plenty campaign to Community Councillors. Copy tabled. JL read out the email received about the proposed campaign for Blackford.KH suggested it should not talk about Moray Street but the whole community. The suggestion for funding towards wheelie bin stickers and other costs was discussed. The CC agreed to contribute £50 towards printing leaflets and notices and hall hire costs only.</p> <p>Meeting with Chris Livingstone of Highland Spring.</p> <p>JL and Andrew Sinclair of Parent Council invited to meet CL at HS for an update.</p> <p>HM Queen Elizabeth is to officially open the extension to the bottling plant on 6th July. JL agreed to email contacts of CC when the official announcement appears. It is understood that HM will arrive by helicopter, landing in the Games Park and be driven from there in an official car to HS. CL specially requested that children and others wishing to welcome HM should congregate on the corner of the road leading to the entrance to HS. The painting of the Blackford Hotel is to smarten it up for the visit and should definitely not be taken as an indication that this building is to be retained by HS, who are now looking at uses for the whole of the Maltings site and the hotel together.</p> <p>JL thanked HS for pressing to get the level crossing open for single file traffic.</p> <p>JL also raised the continuing problems with noise from HGVs passing along Moray Street. CL advised that a new member of staff is taking responsibility for working directly with companies concerned to see what can be done about lorries arriving at the wrong times.</p> <p>CL also advised that the planning application for re-routing the core path round the end of the rail siding has been delayed due to Network Rail. This may be because the path should really be designed to lead to the new pedestrian bridge to be built by Network Rail at this point, which, it is thought, will have to be relocated to accommodate the rail siding.</p> <p>In response to a question from KH about the level crossing, JL replied that she had contacted PKC Roads Dept re temporary diversion signs which could be put in place in the event of the complete closure of the level crossing. These signs would advise all HGV traffic to turn left when leaving the village at the junction and use the Loaninghead junction to access the southbound carriageway. PKC are contacting Transport Scotland about this.</p> <p>It was also noted the hole in Stirling Street has finally been repaired.</p>	<p>JL</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Treasurer's A/c £5318.63. £5000 of this money is for the Cycle Paths Feasibility Study.</p> <p>Business Bank Instant A/c £1189.00.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>P&K Councillors' Reports.</p> <p>TG advised the last Council meeting will take place tomorrow. The Planning meeting will be next week.</p>	

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7.	<p>Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p>Nothing to report apart from TG advising occupants are still required for the empty accommodation at Gleneagles station.</p>	
8.	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>Gravel Extraction at Milton of Panholes. It will go to committee if recommended for approval.</p> <p>Mobile Phone Mast. The planning application has been withdrawn.</p> <p>Easterton Farm. KH will send comments based on the comments given to the developer at the consultation event. Road improvements, archaeological and ecological studies will be requested.</p> <p>Whitehills Farm. The planning application for the shed extensions has not yet been decided.</p> <p>Seathaugh Farm. The agricultural shed application has been approved.</p> <p>Tree Felling. The tree felling around the village has stopped for the present.</p>	KH
9.	<p>Police Report.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10.	<p>Post Office Working Group.</p> <p>Richard Beith mentioned as it is not a devolved issue, the new MP should be brought up to date with our concerns. JL will speak to the chair of the group, Ann Gaunt, about this.</p>	JL
11.	<p>Items of Special Business.</p> <p>Co-option of one new Member. Following the resignation of Andrew Sinclair, the CC is in a position to co-opt a new member. Because he had already been approached earlier in the year, JL approached Iain Paton and he agreed that he was now in a position to be co-opted, and apologised that he was not able to be at this meeting. PKC have received Iain's application and confirmed that he is eligible. The CC's were in agreement Iain be co-opted. Proposed JL, seconded KH.</p> <p>Feedback from Cycle Paths Survey and Consultation. KH and JL, with help from local business woman who supplied a marquee, arranged a display of the findings from the community consultation to date and the priority routes to be investigated by the consultant. JL thanked both and the Gala organisers for allowing us to have a stand at the event. The final meeting of the Steering Group was held on 21st June. Consultant is continuing with landowner consultations. Kirsteen Ross, Sports Development Worker for PKC, gave a presentation on the potential for a "Sports Hub" model to be led by the community – information tabled. Minutes of the previous meetings of the steering group were tabled.</p>	

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	<p>It is hoped that a number of people who have identified themselves as being interested will launch a separate paths group to take forward further funding applications. JL is to circulate information about the inaugural meeting to be held in the Blackford Inn on Wed 19th July at 7.30pm. Holly Byron Staples of PKAVS will attend to advise on options for a constitution for the group.</p> <p>The Cycle Paths consultant will attend the CC meeting in August to present the final report.</p> <p>Consultation on Proposed Restricted Roads (20mph limit) (Scotland) Bill.</p> <p>KH gave a summary of the information then read out the questions. All present gave their responses verbally. As diverse opinions were held, the consensus for most questions was neutral. KH to complete the survey based on the feedback of those present.</p>	<p>KH</p>
12.	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>A member of the public queried what is happening with the distillery. No updates have been received.</p>	
13.	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday, 29th August 2017. Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.</p>	