

## Blackford Community Council

### Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in the Moray Institute, Blackford.

Present

Janet Law  
Katharine Huggett  
Irene McLaughlan  
Bett Illand  
Alison Dawson  
3 Members of the Public

Chair  
Vice-Chair  
Treasurer  
Community Councillor  
Community Councillor

| Item | Subject  | Action by   |
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| 1.   | The Chair welcomed those in attendance.<br>Apologies:- Councillor Tom Gray and Neil Gaunt.   |   |
| 2.   | Minutes of the meeting of 25th April 2017 were read and the following amendments were proposed by KH:-<br>3. Matters Arising – “Abercairney” be inserted before “scree garden” in the section about the Dog Bins and “June 2017” be changed to “June 2018” under Hall Bookings.<br><br>The amendments were accepted and the minutes approved. Proposed AD, seconded KH.<br><br>The minutes of the Special Meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 were read, the number of Members of the Public was noted as 16 and the minutes approved. Proposed IM, seconded KH.   |   |
| 3.   | <b>Matters arising from previous meeting:-</b><br><br><b>Tree Charter Branch.</b> Our contact will be KH. However as it will be a public site, JL is to check out if the contact’s name and address is accessible to the public.<br><br><b>Local Energy Scotland.</b> JL and KH to meet with James Buchan in late June.<br><br><b>Hall Issues.</b> JL wrote to Live Active and a number of issues were addressed. A meeting is to be arranged with Kerr Smith at the Hall. JL proposes to contact reps of organisations using hall to see who would like to attend. It is probable the meeting will be in August.<br><br><b>Twenty’s Plenty Campaign.</b> Cath Rollo has advised the costs of subscribing to the campaign would be around £70, which provides posters and wheelie bin stickers. IM requested more information before agreeing. JL will send the link with the information.<br><br><b>Auchterarder Funding Workshop.</b> JL did not attend as it did not seem relevant to the Paths Project.<br><br><b>Bench at Danny Burn.</b> JL has an email from AG about the bench at the Danny Burn which she will forward to TG.<br><br><b>Dog Bins.</b> KH will request an extra bin for the corner of Moray Street/ Stirling Street, near the level crossing. AD agreed this is necessary. | <br><br><b>JL</b><br><br><br><b>JL &amp; KH</b><br><br><br><b>JL</b><br><br><br><b>JL</b><br><br><br><b>JL</b><br><br><br><b>KH</b> |

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| 4. | <p><b>Chair's Report.</b></p> <p>JL wrote to AG following the results of the recent election to PKC, hoping that Ann's experience will not be lost to the CC in spite of her not being returned to PKC. We wish Ann and Neil all the best for the future.</p> <p><b>Meeting with Chris Livingstone of Highland Spring.</b></p> <p>A Planning Application is to be submitted in next week or so for alterations to the path/re-routing of Core Path, to go round the end of the site from the sewage works, to the pedestrian crossing over the railway at the Red Brae. JL has alerted Dave Stubbs of PKC and Lesley Ann Cain of Network Rail, and asked for update on plans for the new pedestrian bridge. The future of the hotel and the future of the Maltings Building are now being considered together. HS have written to all their HGV contractors requesting they adhere to a charter as a post-development traffic management plan.</p> <p><b>Correspondence.</b></p> <p>Information was received from Mark Ruskell, MSP, about a consultation on Parking legislation. JL proposes she and KH consider a response in time for June Meeting. This was agreed.</p> <p>Rail User Express: Let JL know if anyone wishes a copy.</p> | JL & KH |
| 5. | <p><b>Treasurer's Report.</b></p> <p>Treasurer's A/c                      £10318.63.<br/>£10000 of this money is for the Cycle Paths Feasibility Study.</p> <p>Business Bank Instant A/c        £1188.94.</p> <p>Blackford Community Funds Panel.</p> <p>The Panel met last week and all applications were successful.</p>   |         |
| 6. | <p><b>P&amp;K Councillors' Reports.</b></p> <p>No councillors were present.</p>  |         |
| 7. | <p><b>Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.</b></p> <p>NG reported SCRCP had its AGM in April. NG and TG are still members, with NG remaining as Treasurer. The Passenger Survey has been published and NG will send a copy. TG is negotiating with various people with a view to their renting empty accommodation at Gleneagles station. The next meeting of the SCRCP will be 13 June.</p>   |         |
| 8. | <p><b>Planning Report.</b></p> <p><b>Planning Training.</b> JL and KH are booked to attend planning training on 22nd June.</p>   | JL & KH |

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|     | <p><b>Carsebreck Bridge.</b> JL had an update from Ian Graham of EDF energy re Carsebreck Bridge. He is in touch with the Network Rail with regard to scheduling work on the bridge over the Allan Water.</p> <p><b>Gravel Extraction at Milton of Panholes.</b> KH wrote to PKC with our objections.</p> <p><b>Mobile phone mast.</b> The planning application is going to the Planning Committee.</p> <p><b>Easterton Farm.</b> No further information.</p> <p><b>Whitehills Farm.</b> Blackford Farms wish to extend the shed area. KH will check out the original papers.</p> <p><b>Seathaugh Farm.</b> This is for an agricultural shed application, which is on the edge of the community.</p> <p><b>Tree Felling.</b> Police Scotland and the RSPB were involved in a breach of the Wildlife &amp; Countryside Act on Blackford Farms land. Those involved were advised no further felling can take place before September.</p>  | KH      |
| 9.  | <p><b>Police Report.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>  |         |
| 10. | <p><b>Post Office Working Group.</b></p> <p>There have been no further meetings.</p>  |         |
| 11. | <p><b>AOCB.</b></p> <p><b>Concerns re Robertson's Homes.</b><br/>JL will ask TG to write to Robertson's Homes about the lack of remedial repairs to the track at the Danny Burn. They will also be asked to construct a footpath which was in the original plans.</p> <p>KH wished to record thanks to D. McLaren for the work done in getting the Games Park ready for the Highland Games.</p> <p>MoP queried why the letter boxes in the new housing development are at ground level. It would appear to be a Health &amp; safety issue for Royal Mail staff, leafleteers and also the residents.</p> <p>IM raised concerns about the whereabouts of the railings which had been in the Danny Burn. Others present advised they are now in the grass, on the banking.</p> <p>KH reported the dangerous driving of a driver going down the Danny Burn track and an area of grass which appears to be being used as a shortcut from the burn to Abercairney.</p> <p>KH advised Scottish Water will be starting work on the banking at Abercairney Place. Remedial work is also required at the area behind the bottle bank.</p> <p><b>Fracking Consultation.</b> JL and KH have worded a response to the Scottish Government's online survey on fracking. This survey is open until 31/05/17.</p> | JL & TG |

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| 12. | <p><b>Recommendation from Cycle Paths Consultant.</b><br/>Minutes of the meetings of 30<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 were tabled.</p> <p>JL and Crispin Hayes, consultant, met with representatives of Transport Scotland and BEAR. There is no word of any proposals coming forward about upgrading the A9. A useful discussion about the potential use of the path at the side of the A9 as cycle route took place.</p> <p>CH is in communication with Blackford Farms about potential routes from the underpass across Blackford Farms land to the Bardrill Road, and with Gwest about using the existing Core Path and claimed right of way.</p> <p>Maps of agreed routes for CH to survey were tabled.</p> <p>JL has met with representatives of a potential funder, LEADER. There is also the potential for funding from the Climate challenge Fund and TACTRAN.</p> <p>JL has also contacted both Kirsteen Ross, Sports Development Worker, and Holly Byron-Staples of PKAVS for information about options for establishing a new group to take the paths projects forward if the Community Council would prefer not to take this on. JL proposes that we discuss this item further at the June meeting.</p> <p>The Gala Committee has agreed to let us have a stall at the Gala where we plan to have a display with information about the survey and the routes being considered.</p> |  |
| 13. | <p><b>Date of next meeting.</b></p> <p>Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017.<br/>Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.</p>   |  |