

Blackford Community Council

Approved Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2018 in the Moray Institute, Blackford.

Present	
Janet Law	Chair
Katharine Huggett	Vice-Chair
Irene McLaughlan	Treasurer
Bob Watkinson	Community Councillor
Councillor Murray Lyle	PKC
4 Members of the Public	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies:- Alison Dawson, Bett Illand, Iain Paton.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 28th November 2017 were read and amended at the following places: 7. Strathearn Community Rail Partnership - "Hotel" added after Gleneagles in 2 nd paragraph. Last sentence amended to read "Electrification of the Edinburgh to Glasgow line..." The minutes were then approved. Proposed KH, seconded BW.	
3.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting:-</p> <p>Carsebreck Bridge. KH advised Sarah Dooley will talk to Dave Stubbs, PKC, about the bridge.</p> <p>Speed Awareness Signs. KH and others will continue an on-going observation of traffic.</p> <p>A9. JL has written to Roseanna Cunningham, MSP, seeking "assurance that there is no risk of other projects emerging which might threaten the much needed and long overdue improvements to our stretch of the A9. We are requesting an absolute commitment from The Scottish Government that priority 16 of the existing Strategic Transport Projects Review will be completed before new priorities are adopted. This letter also has the support of Braco Community Council and Dunning Community Council." Auchterarder CC have a copy of the letter and are considering supporting it too.</p> <p>Extraction of Sand and Gravel at Milton of Panholes. JL sent the link to the decision on the Planning Application for extraction of sand and gravel to all CCs.</p> <p>Network Rail Presentation on Panholes Crossing. Added notes re pedestrian level crossing were sent to Lesley Ann Cain of Network Rail by JL.</p> <p>Future of Parkdale Care Home, Auchterarder. JL wrote to Councillor Crawford Reid re the CC's concerns about the possibility of closing Parkdale. Councillor Reid replied that our comments would be drawn to the</p>	

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	<p>attention of the Integrated Joint Board before a decision is made. IM asked ML if a decision had been reached. ML advised the decision has been deferred until March.</p> <p>Bus Timetable Changes. ML will take up the problem of lack of information on the revised timetables which have been installed at the bus stops.</p> <p>Blackford Community Fund Review of Governing Documents. IM advised the signed paperwork has been returned by Foundation Scotland. JL asked IM to keep the paperwork along with the Treasurer's paperwork. IM agreed.</p> <p>BCC Website. BW is meeting Andrew Sinclair on Friday re the handing over of the new website.</p> <p>Salting of Pavements. KH contacted PKC re the lack of salting during the recent bad weather. The pavements were then salted. KH has also requested the grit bin halfway down Moray Street, now in a private garden, be moved to the street beside the bus stop at the Blackford Hotel, following a request from the resident concerned.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>BW</p>
4.	<p>Chair's Report.</p> <p>Pedestrian Bridge. JL contacted Dave Stubbs of PKC to ask if PKC Community Greenspace could help to facilitate discussion between Network Rail and all concerned regarding the location of the bridge to replace the pedestrian level crossing. PKC declined to do this at present re issues of rights of way and planning. In view of concerns that Network Rail may go back on their commitment to build a bridge, JL circulated all contacts of the Community Council and the local papers with information. At the request of the Courier, a group of keen walkers and cyclists gathered for a photograph near the pedestrian level crossing. A letter from JL has been distributed to residents living at the far side of the railway from the village. JL believes it is urgent that Network Rail indicates where the bridge should go to prevent the HS railyard being delayed. It was agreed that JL will contact Network Rail contact urgently and check with Dave Stubbs who else may be contacted at Network Rail.</p> <p>Brookfield House Right of Way. A gate and a fence have recently been erected on the right of way. This matter has been reported to Dave Stubbs at PKC by KH. The landowner has been advised by JL to contact Dave Stubbs at PKC. Some misleading information seems to have suggested to the owners that this is not a right of way.</p> <p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Scotways Small Grants Scheme. Info passed to Blackford Paths Group.</p> <p>Kirsteen Ross Sports Development Worker confirmed that the Auchterarder and District Community Sports Association has now become the Auchterarder Community Sports and Recreation Association. JL to respond to KR, expressing our disappointment at the change to focus on</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>

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<p>Auchterarder Burgh rather than the whole of the CSOA catchment area.</p> <p>Various correspondence about continuing problems with HGV's. Roseanna Cunningham MSP has been informed that PKC will carry out another survey of HGV's using Moray Street soon. JL responded to this, expressing concern that this might delay decisions by PKC to build the new entrance at the east end of the village which HS is supporting with the offer of a financial contribution. JL will ask for a meeting with HS. KH advised the Police have had speed traps twice in Moray Street.</p> <p>Request for nominations for people to be invited to the Royal Garden Party. JL asked Community Councillors to hold on to any proposals on this item until the end of the rest of the Agenda.</p> <p>Strathearn and Strathallan Area Action Partnership agreed that funding from the Action Partnership would be allocated to Community Councils.</p> <p>"Following the Participatory Budgeting Event which will be held on 3rd February, £2,500 will be made available to each Community Council to support projects that meet the following agreed criteria: All the projects funded must respond to local priorities or inequalities such as activities for young people, employment and training, community transport, access to local services and activities or a health and social care need such as, poverty, age or disability. Inequalities are where some people don't have the same opportunities as others around them. Further details will follow over the next few weeks."</p> <p>JL has asked both SSAAP and Foundation Scotland if FS would be able to assist as part of the existing agreement with BCC. Initial response from SSAAP indicates that applications will be made to SSAAP in line with the process used for applications for Participatory Budgeting. FS have also responded to say they "understand... original logic in trying to join the money up and trying to simplify matters for everyone, including community groups in Blackford, but unfortunately it doesn't look like this will be feasible".</p> <p>Individual groups could apply to the Participatory Budgeting Event but none had. The notice period was very short and the poster was not clear about the areas covered by the event. IM requested ML advise those concerned with producing the poster about the lack of clarity on the poster re the CC areas covered by the process.</p> <p>PKC Roads Network Management. Request for application for road closures in relation to community events was forwarded to Community organisations. Blackford Gala has responded to PKC as requested. Any other community groups who wish to organise events requiring road closure, contact JL or PKC.</p> <p>Chargeable Waste Collection Service. Information has been forwarded to CC's.</p> <p>PKC Various Items re Development Plan, Health & Social Care and Planning have been forwarded to CC's. JL will forward the Development Plan to Neil Gaunt.</p> <p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service re Community Asset Register. Forwarded to KH. KH has advised John Handling about key holders.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>ML</p> <p>JL</p>
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	Strathearn and Strathallan Forum of Community Councils. Minutes tabled.	
5.	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Treasurer's A/c £211.83</p> <p>Business Bank Instant A/c £1189.38</p> <p>IM advised the Blackford Community Fund is now open for applications for the next round of funding with a closing date at the end of March.</p>	
6.	<p>P&K Councillors' Reports.</p> <p>ML advised this will be the 7th year of reductions in the budget. There will need to be changes but PKC will try not to reduce services. Changes to the road junctions south of Perth are unlikely in the near future, as all funding at present is for Perth and the north.</p> <p>The proposed road plan to HS from the A9 is acceptable to Transport Scotland and PKC. HS will pay a proportion of the cost but there is nothing in PKC's Capital Budget at present. PKC think it would be useful to get a view from the Transport Minister re the proposed junction.</p>	
7.	<p>Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p>A meeting took place on 12th December 2017 and the next one will be on 13th February 2018. The Crieff Railway Event was discussed, £1000 allocated for a memorial to the closure of the railway; a pop-up stand has been purchased; a conference took place which had several presentations, including one by HS.</p> <p>AGM will be 21st April. The noticeboard at Gleneagles Station has been removed and replaced with an advertising obelisk.</p> <p>NG attended the HITRANS conference in Inverness. This included the following:- a video presentation from the Transport Minister, Humza Yousef; Alec Hynes from Network Rail forecasting a budget underspend; talk by Bill Reve, Rail Director of Transport Scotland; talk about the new sleeper service by Peter Strachan, Chair, Serco Caledonian Sleepers; talk about the upgrading of Inverness Station and the Aberdeen to Inverness Highland Mainline; HS125's will run between Scottish cities next year, with 40% more seats; an improved service to Wick; discussions about a van for bikes and luggage; a presentation by Highland & West Highland Mainline Partnership; a Smart Card is now available for online ticket purchasing. JL queried the possible removal of quiet coaches.</p>	
8.	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>KH advised the planning application for Panholes was passed but is concerned about the closure of core paths. Management schemes have to be in place. ML will get PKC to check out the condition of the road. There has been a lack of salting/gritting at the A9 junctions recently. A Bear Scotland app is available which shows the junctions covered.</p>	ML
9.	<p>Police Report.</p> <p>No report.</p>	

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10.	<p>Post Office Working Group.</p> <p>No report.</p>	
11.	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>CC Newsletter. The next CC newsletter will be issued in March. Articles to be included to be received by the time of the next CC meeting. JL suggested the proposed bridge, the proposed new road and information about home insulation. IM will include an article about the vacant position on the Blackford Community Funds Panel.</p> <p>Bardrill Road Bridleway. KH asked BW if the gate is unlocked. Access has been modified in the past to a flimsy stile.</p> <p>Danny Burn Path. BW advised the dog waste bin has not yet been installed. KH will follow this up.</p> <p>Gaelic Road Signs. A member of the public queried a proposed spend of £160,000 to add Gaelic to the road signs. JL will get information for the next CC meeting.</p> <p>JL has a list of contacts for people wishing to ask for consideration of the proposed road by HS to be added to the PKC Capital Budget.</p>	<p>KH</p> <p>JL</p>
12.	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday, 27th February 2018. Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.</p>	