

Blackford Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2016 in the Moray Institute, Blackford.

Present	
Janet Law	Chair
Katharine Huggett	Vice Chair
Irene McLaughlan	Treasurer
Andrew Sinclair	Community Councillor
Bet Illand	Community Councillor
Alison Dawson	Community Councillor
Councillor Ann Gaunt	Perth & Kinross Council
Councillor Tom Gray	Perth & Kinross Council
6 Members of the Public	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies:- John Millar, Tasmina Ahmed-Sheik's assistant, who had hoped to be present.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 25 th October 2016 were read, amended and approved. Proposed AS, seconded KH.	
3.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting:-</p> <p>Cycle Paths Project Feasibility Study. JL has submitted an application to TACTRAN and an application for partial match funding to the Climate Challenge Development Fund. The application to the Lottery's Investing in Ideas Fund for match funding was unsuccessful. The Climate Challenge Fund has responded to our expression of interest that it is unable to accept an application at this stage. The Climate Challenge Development Fund is still to consider the application.</p> <p>Paths Project Feasibility Study (walking and off road cycling routes only) : JL has submitted an application to the T in the Park Fund administered by Foundation Scotland. A telephone interview was conducted on Saturday 26th November.</p> <p>Letter received re A9 from Transport Scotland Further correspondence concerning future plans for the A9 has been received from Roseanna Cunningham following Tom Gray's letter to the Minister for Transport circulated at the last meeting. The response from Transport Scotland says that they are to start reviewing the A9 in this area this year. JL has subsequently written to RC asking her to press for all options which would take HGV traffic going to Highland Spring away from Moray Street. Correspondence was made available for all to read.</p> <p>The puddles at the Gruff Kids' Playpark have been fixed by PKC.</p> <p>MUGA. AG met with Kirsteen Ross of Live Active who is keen to establish a sports hub. The fencing issue was raised with Robertson Homes – it is a standard design. AG has contacted A Clegg, PKC, to see if it meets the planning conditions. Kirsteen wishes to meet with the Bowling Club, the Parent Teacher Council and other interested parties. There may be further money</p>	

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	<p>available. Auchterarder & District Sports Association may be able to make use of the facilities. It was commented that the grid at the entrance could preclude wheelchair access. The final surface is still to be laid. AS queried the cost of the maintenance and has this been put in place by the builder. AG is awaiting information and will enquire about the lighting.</p> <p>Speed Awareness Signs. AS advised the cables laid in Moray Street are for a traffic survey and although not confirmed, are probably part of the process. Highland Spring are still keen to fund the signs.</p> <p>Data Protection. JL has spoken to the PKC's Data Compliance Officer who has confirmed CC's are required to be registered and PKC is required to pay the fees involved.</p> <p>Trees. JL advised trees in the park across from the Moray Institute, beside the War Memorial, have been removed and the lime tree in Moray Place has been felled. KH is concerned about the remaining tree stump.</p>	AG				
4.	<p>Chair's Report.</p> <p>JL attended consultation event in Perth on 15th November which was held as part of the ongoing Education Governance Review.</p> <p>JL and KH attended the second meeting of the Burnfoot Windfarm Community Liaison Group, held in Blackford on 22nd November. This is in connection with the extension to the Windfarm comprising 3 turbines, all of which will be within Clackmannan Council area, not Perth and Kinross. Wind Prospect are planning an exhibition and further CLG meeting on 1st February in Blackford.</p> <p>JL and AS met with Chris Livingstone of Highland Spring on 25th November. Chris Hatchard has left the Company. The issue of noise at night from HGVs using Moray St was raised. CL acknowledged that HS have addressed this issue with the company known to be using rail boxes and arriving at night to get loaded early to fit in with train times. The company concerned has taken this on board. The factory extension is on schedule but work on the rail siding is not likely to start until 2018 at earliest. The future of the old Maltings and the hotel is under review.</p> <p>JL is willing to do another newsletter for February/March.</p> <p>Correspondence.</p> <p>PKC confirmed Alison Dawson may be co-opted to the CC. This was proposed by KH and seconded by IM. Correspondence has been received from DF Concerts advising T in the Park will not take place next year. An invitation has been received to a workshop in January about the Planning White Paper. JL and one other CC to attend.</p>	JL				
5.	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Treasurer's A/c</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£530.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Bank Instant A/c</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1188.68</td> </tr> </table>	Treasurer's A/c	£530.11	Business Bank Instant A/c	£1188.68	
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	<p>RB suggested contacting the MSP for Rural Affairs. This is Fergus Ewing and JL has emailed him but has not yet received a reply.</p> <p>AG had visited the mobile PO when the temperature was -7C and the driver was frozen.</p> <p>The Post Office Working Group will continue to monitor the situation.</p>	JL
11.	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>IM attended the Auchterarder Network meeting 2 weeks ago.</p> <p>Main items – Jacqueline Walsh advised the group is loosely linked to the Strathearn/Strathallan Community Partnership.</p> <p>The priorities of the partnership were discussed.</p> <p>Auchterarder Archway Café is looking at the possibility of a minibus.</p> <p>Live Active is running a Volunteer Walk training course on 13/01/17.</p> <p>IM has informed Live Active a number of people in Blackford are interested in an exercise class in Blackford and will be talking to Ian Hutton about this.</p> <p>AS raised a query about the Mill of Ogilvie development. The road and pavement was adopted by PKC but the grass has not been cut since June. AG will check out whose responsibility it is to cut the grass.</p> <p>There is also dangerous fencing on the site. The masterplan showed a path linking the Mill of Ogilvie site to the other side of the Danny Burn. A member of the public had approached JL about this. AG will check it out.</p> <p>AG advised any further housing on the site will require a new planning application.</p> <p>BI confirmed Blackford is Brighter had done a lot of work on the site in the past.</p> <p>AS was pleased to report Blackford Improvement Group had applied for £10,000 from PKC's Community Environment Challenge Fund and has been awarded £7,500. PKC is also committing £20,000 which was allocated for replacing equipment at the Gruff Kids' Playpark. This will now go to the proposed new playpark. This now leaves a balance of £46,000 required for the project.</p> <p>A member of the public advised the road to the cemetery had been repaired and was much better but the footpath from the level crossing up to the cemetery was deteriorating. JL will contact Veronica Llorente of RTS to see if anything can be done.</p> <p>Concerns were also raised about the gritting of pavements in the village this winter and the problems appeared to be caused due to a change in the operator of the gritter. TG to check out.</p> <p>There are proposals to plant trees on Sheriffmuir. Although this is not part of Perth & Kinross, as it is a war grave site, it was felt it should be brought to the attention of all present.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about the extra council tax to be raised not being spent in our area.</p> <p>BI wished to know what the street names will be in the new housing development. AG will enquire.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>AG</p> <p>JL</p> <p>TG</p> <p>AG</p>
12.	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday, 31st January 2017.</p>	

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	Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.	
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