

Blackford Community Council
Approved Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 31st October 2017
in the Moray Institute, Blackford.

Present	
Janet Law	Chair
Katharine Huggett	Vice-Chair
Irene McLaughlan	Treasurer
Bett Illand	Community Councillor
Councillor Murray Lyle	PKC Councillor
6 Members of the Public	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies:- Bob Watkinson, Iain Paton.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 26th September 2017 were read and amended at the following place: 4. Chair's Report, 3 rd sentence, TG made the statement, not JL The minutes were then approved. Proposed KH, seconded BI.	
3.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting:-</p> <p>Tree Charter Branch. The requested cherry tree was delivered and has been planted beside the WI bench.</p> <p>Speed Awareness Signs. The general consensus of those present is that the signs are working ok and having a positive effect in general. Thanks to Highland Spring for funding the signs was noted. KH will monitor the signs and vehicles.</p> <p>Moray Institute Update. JL advised Blackford Fiddle Group is getting an acoustic survey done and will get in touch with the CC with more details when it has been concluded.</p> <p>Telephone Exchange. JL contacted PKC. Our query about when it will be updated has been passed on to the contact in the business section of PKC. A member of the public offered to try getting "Call Protect" through Sky. ML will enquire at PKC.</p> <p>Scotways: IM confirmed the subscription has increased and proposed we set up a direct debit in place of the standing order. This was agreed.</p>	<p>KH</p> <p>ML</p> <p>IM</p>
4.	<p>Chair's Report.</p> <p>Highland Spring. JL attended a meeting with HS on 17th October, then JL and KH attended a further meeting on 31st October. As previously agreed JL and AS (former Community Councillor and Chair of Parent Council) seek regular meetings with HS on behalf of the community. As these meetings are now to be more frequent, at HS's request, JL proposed that KH also attend. Anyone with any issues in the community they would like us to raise can contact us.</p> <p>HS report that they are taking complaints about traffic noise seriously.</p> <p>They are planning to create trailer holding areas to allow trucks on site before 10pm to be held until after 7am. This will not eliminate all night time</p>	

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<p>movements but will reduce them considerably. It would, however, increase the number of lorries at the start and end of each day, in order to reduce the overnight traffic. Some of these changes will require planning consent, which can take time.</p> <p>Haulage partners have been on site for a meeting and have agreed to use Euro 5 trucks exclusively, at very least for all night time deliveries. There is also agreement from haulage partners that all trailer bodies are to be strapped before coming through the village and that they will stress again to all drivers the need to stick to 20mph through the village. The relevant haulier has been requested to use the quietest type of box trucks where possible.</p> <p>HS has been pushing for a slip road to the north of the village which would prevent all but the south bound trucks having to travel along Moray St. HS has now written to PKC with a significant offer in relation to the cost of the road and are happy to facilitate discussions about use of the land.</p> <p>JL invited comments and ML reported the following:- PKC has not, as yet, received conformation agreement or comment from Transport Scotland for the plan drawn up by PKC and forwarded to them. We have not discussed the issue with the Landowner but I do not see this as a major problem. I am very much aware of the growing problem and will advise the CC when a response has been received.</p> <p>Cycle Paths Project. The Blackford Paths group is now in a position to start making funding applications for paths and have decided not to ask BCC to take forward the application to CCF on their behalf.</p> <p>The final report of the feasibility study should be received this week.</p> <p>Minutes of all the Steering Group meetings have been circulated to all the Community Councillors, including the new members. JL will ask for them to be put on the website.</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland JL and KH met with James Buchan of Local Energy Scotland. JL proposed that she and KH take this matter forward. There may be funding available to the CC for a consultancy to prepare a report on options for renewable energy in the local area.</p> <p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Email from PKC re Insurance forwarded to IM.</p> <p>Email from Maureen Beaumont re Community Action Partnership Budget: After consulting with other Community Councillors by email, JL responded that it would be in the interest of the community of Blackford if funding was made available for local projects through the Community Council. Since then, MB has reported the decision has been made in principle, by the Action Partnership, to allocate a certain amount of its budget to Community Councils in the Strathearn & Strathallan area for them to distribute directly to projects or groups which comply with the criteria of the Partnership. The distribution of Partnership funds may depend on the circumstances of each CC. Further details will follow in due course. There will be a further round of Participatory budgeting in the New Year which will of course be publicised in the press and social media and it is hoped that opportunities for voting could be spread around the wider area of Strathearn and Strathallan.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>JL</p> <p></p> <p>JL & KH</p> <p></p> <p>IM</p>
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	<p>Burnfoot East Windfarm. The application for an extension was to be determined on 26th October and we are waiting for further information. KH advised Sarah Dooley has indicated if the application is approved, there will be no further development on this site.</p> <p>Data Protection Registration. Renewal paid by PKC.</p> <p>Network Rail. JL has been contacted by Network Rail and has invited them to come to next CC meeting to update us on plans for new bridge at Panholes crossing.</p> <p>Information from Deaf Links re lip-reading training tabled.</p> <p>Information received from NHS re Community Innovation Fund – information session on Wed 15th Nov from 12noon-2pm at Remake, Muthill Road, Crieff and other dates throughout Perth and Kinross-shire.</p> <p>Poster received re Mental Health First Aid Training. JL to email the poster to IM to print and display on noticeboard.</p> <p>Extraction of sand and gravel. Land 200 Metres South East Of Milton of Panholes, Blackford for Highland Wagyu (Blackford Estates). CC is being formally consulted on this application. KH will deal with this under Planning.</p> <p>Letter re meeting arranged by Conservative MSPs re NHS provision: tabled.</p> <p>Strathearn and Strathallan Community Partnership Noticeboard. Email forwarded.</p> <p>Strathearn and Strathallan Action Partnership. Minutes of the meeting of 26/09/17 tabled.</p>	<p>IM</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report.</p> <p>Treasurer’s A/c £5269.33. £5000 of this money is for the Cycle Paths Feasibility Study.</p> <p>Business Bank Instant A/c £1189.23</p> <p>IM gave the following report:- The Blackford Community Funds Panel met last Tuesday and all applicants were successful. Details will be available soon. Foundation Scotland have produced a new newsletter. Copies are here for each CC tonight and it will go in the Village Store in the next few days for the rest of the community.</p> <p>With regards to the fund paperwork, I have, what is hoped will be, the final draft. This takes into account all the comments the CC has submitted about the documents.</p> <p>For information for the new CC’s, we were asked to review the paperwork as part of a due diligence process. No changes have been made to the way the fund operates. Clarification of some of the original wording used has been incorporated in the documents.</p> <p>I have a copy of the revised paperwork for each CC. I would appreciate if you would read the documents and return them to me by Friday 10/11/17</p>	

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	<p>with any comments. If you have no comments, please state this. All comments will be looked at and a response given to all CC's at the same time.</p> <p>As stated previously, a copy of the TOR will be given to the Blackford Community Fund Panel Chair after all CC's have returned the paperwork and we have confirmed to Foundation Scotland that these are the final drafts. Dates will be updated to reflect the month of signing.</p> <p>I hope we will be able to sign the updated documents for the Endowment and Charitable Trusts and ratify the updated TOR at the next Community Council meeting.</p>	
6.	<p>P&K Councillors' Reports.</p> <p>ML reported re proposed new slip road under item 4, Chair's report.</p>	
7.	<p>Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p>NG advised there had been a meeting in October but there was no update on the bus timetable.</p> <p>On the Glasgow to Edinburgh line, new electric trains are ready to run in December, according to newspaper reports.</p> <p>The problem with the height of the platform at Gleneagles will not be easy to resolve.</p> <p>The buildings at Gleneagles station may be suitable for a Men's Shed.</p> <p>Network Rail is responsible for the train timetables.</p> <p>There is a web link for electrification information and other problems.</p>	
8.	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>KH advised the following:-</p> <p>Erection of Deer Fence for Forestry planting at Carim Farm over a large area.</p> <p>Erection of a portacabin at Highland Spring beside an existing portacabin.</p> <p>Extraction of Sand and Gravel at Milton of Panholes. The CC has been formally consulted on this application. KH will submit additional comments on behalf of the CC including the following:</p> <p>The mineral dust risk assessment was based on information from Leuchars weather station, rather than from more local weather stations;</p> <p>The aerial data is 18 months out of date and does not show the newest housing;</p> <p>Roads: the one-way system will be for 7 weeks but the roads are already in a poor condition. Who will pay for repairs?;</p> <p>While dust issues are covered in a report, mud issues are not;</p> <p>The plans indicate the extracted material will go to the railyard but it has not been tested to see if it is the type required for construction of the railyard; Core paths are not included in the plans.</p> <p>JL suggested the CC requests a lay-by is in place and the road is repaired before and after the gravel extraction as a condition of the planning consent.</p> <p>KH advised the planning portal will show railyard information over the next few months.</p>	KH

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9.	Police Report. No report.	
10.	Post Office Working Group. JL will request a meeting of the group.	JL
11.	AOCB. BI advised the street lighting in Abercairney Place is bad. JL will contact PKC about this. A member of the public enquired if an update on the Carsebreck Footbridge was available. JL and KH will enquire. BI advised the manhole cover in Abercairney Place has sunk. JL will report it. A member of the public raised the issue of the potential closure of Parkdale Care Home, Auchterarder and raised awareness of an online petition. JL will contact the Chair of Auchterarder CC and PKC Councillors for further information.	JL JL & KH JL JL
12.	Date of next meeting. Tuesday, 28 th November 2017. Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.	