

Blackford Community Council Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 29th March 2016 in the Church Session Room, Blackford.

Present:

Janet Law	Chair
Katharine Huggett	Vice Chair
Irene McLaughlan	Treasurer
Bett Illand	Community Councillor
Andrew Sinclair	Community Councillor
Alison Dawson	Volunteer Minute Secretary
Ann Gaunt	Perth and Kinross Councillor
Tom Gray	Perth and Kinross Councillor
Richard Beith	Representing COBRA
Members of the public - 9	

1. Apologies: None

2. The minutes of the meeting of 23rd February 2016 were approved.

3. Matters arising

Proposals to change the course of the Allan Water between Blackford and Greenloaning to create a flood prevention scheme for a proposed housing development in Bridge of Allan: JL reported that she had had further discussion with the member of the public who had raised the matter at the last meeting, and email correspondence with PKC. PKC Planners say that they have not been contacted for pre-application discussion in this respect. Stirling Council have rejected the housing proposal. As no such proposal is being taken forward at present, JL proposed that the CC keep a watching brief and hoped that the community and PKC would also do so.

Highland Spring Planning Application for alterations to rail yard.

Katharine Huggett reported that the application had been approved by PKC. All the points made by the CC had been covered by conditions imposed on the development. JL thanked KH for all her work on this.

JL had been contacted by local newspaper for comment, and had said that she hoped to be in contact soon with HS concerning the construction phase of the development. JL had phoned HS to discuss establishing regular liaison meetings. Chris Livingstone of HS had responded and in her email had also mentioned HS's recent purchase of the Blackford Hotel. JL proposed that she and AS, who is also the Chair of the Parents Council, would arrange to meet with CL and report back.

JL asked if anyone knew if a 20mph speed limit had ever been considered.

4. Presentation by Network Rail

Lesley Ann Cain (LAC) Project Manager Network Rail gave a presentation on the proposal to replace the Panholes pedestrian level crossing (from sewage works to Red Brae) with a footbridge over the railway. LAC noted the many comments and suggestions raised by those present and confirmed they would liaise with colleagues involved in the HS railyard development and also to come back to the CC to report on progress and further consultation.

Improvements to the railway pedestrian crossing point, on the existing Right of Way

between Netherton and Carsebreck was also raised. It was noted that the construction of a new footbridge over the Allan Water, which is being progressed by EDF in consultation with the landowners, will result in increased usage of the pedestrian level crossing at Carsebreck.

5. Chair/Secretary's report

JL had attended a Conference on Communities and Renewable Energy which took place in Stirling.

Correspondence

Comments on winter maintenance requested by PKC.

JL to respond

Correspondence had been received regarding roadworks taking place at the junction of the A9 and the A85 (near Crieff Rd., Tesco). This will result in night-time closures and diversions during the period from Sun 24th April, 8pm – Tues 3rd May, 6am.

JL had contacted AG asking for a report on the progress of work on the Lych Gate. AG reported that, following her survey and reporting problems to PKC, work was due to take place.

6. Treasurer's report

IM reported the account balances as follows:-

Treasurer's Account £784.44, CIR (savings account) £1188.28.

The change of signatories is now operational.

Expenses forms to be in before the end of the month.

7. PKC Councillors Reports

AG was unable to take part in the HS development application planning meeting due to a potential conflict of interest because of her position in Cobra.

8. CRP Report

Written report submitted by NG read out.

9. IT Report

AS indicated there was nothing to report.

10. Blackford Community Fund

JL advised the meeting, requested by Foundation Scotland, who manage the Fund for BCC had taken place. JL noted how fortunate Blackford is to benefit from the funds available which support many community groups, and acknowledged the work of the Panel who disburse funding, chaired by David Macdonald. JL noted that information is available in a Report which can be found on the websites of the CC and FS.

IM reported on the recent meeting between FS and Community Councillors to which members of the Panel had also been invited. FS recommended approval for the existing index linked government stock to be invested in Newton's Global Dynamic Bond Fund. As their advice has worked well over the years, the consensus of the CC is that we should agree to their suggestion. IM asked if this could be ratified tonight. JL then asked each of the CC's if they agreed with the proposal. They were unanimous in their agreement. FS are to provide papers explaining the recommended update of terms of reference and the gift agreement. IM reminded all present that the applications for the next round of funding have to be with Foundation Scotland by 1st April 2016. The panel vacancy is now filled.

11. A.O.C.B.

JL reported that the application for the entertainments licence for T in the Park was available

on the PKC website.

KH reported that an application for detailed planning consent for a car park at the Gwest Golf Course development threatened to cause traffic to be directed through Blackford contrary to the original planning agreement. KH to follow up.

IM gave a report on the Auchterarder Network meeting and advised about the dates for the Action on Hearing drop-in session. She has requested an A5 poster for the Village Store noticeboard.

A member of the public confirmed a meeting was to take place between the landowners and representatives of EDF about the Carsebreck footbridge on the Right of Way.

A member of the public advised the Blackford Inn would be serving meals, starting April 1 2016.

12. Date of Next Meeting: 26th April 2016 in Church Session House