

Blackford Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 28th June 2016 in the Moray Institute, Blackford.

Present	
Janet Law	Chair
Katharine Huggett	Vice-Chair
Irene McLaughlan	Treasurer
Andrew Sinclair	Community Councillor
Bett Illand	Community Councillor
Councillor Ann Gaunt	Perth & Kinross Council
2 Officers from Police Scotland	
1 Member of the Public	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies:- Councillor Tom Gray	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 31st May 2016 were read, some amendments added by JL, IM and RB, then approved. Proposed KH, seconded AS.	
3.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting:-</p> <p>Post Office Working Group. Following the discussion at the BCC meeting of 31st May, JL met with Councillor Ann Gaunt, Reverend Iain Paton and Richard Beith to discuss how to take forward a campaign opposing cuts in Post Office Counter Services. Richard circulated a draft article which is to be published in "The Scottish Post" in the autumn. Ann circulated relevant contact details for the Customer Services section of the Post Office. Iain circulated correspondence with Tasmina Ahmed Sheikh MP. It was agreed that Ann would write something for publication on the BCC Website. This would allow a link to be circulated, seeking support for a campaign locally and nationally. She would also seek to get publicity via the local press. The Working Group would like the Community Council to invite a representative of the Post Office to attend the meeting in August to discuss specific details of the service/lack of service in Blackford. All CC's were in agreement with this suggestion.</p> <p>Possible 20mph speed limit –AS has had no response from PKC but will continue to follow this up when appropriate.</p> <p>JL had contacted AG re existing plans for housing. AG confirmed all plans had lapsed except for the site opposite The Old Manse and for the conversion of the old church/smithy. The Mill of Ogilvy development permission has lapsed. Any new developer would need to apply for planning permission which could mean a new layout but as the trees have been planted, it would probably follow the general shape of the former application. Blackford has met its social housing obligations but the community has concerns about the pressure on the school due to the current housebuilding. The role will be 67 after the summer, with the maximum number being 75.</p> <p>Blackford Community Fund: Further correspondence from FS has been circulated. It may still be too</p>	AS

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	<p>soon for all the Community Councillors to have had time to read this. Concern had been expressed to JL about whether it is permissible for the Community Council to meet with FS outwith official public meetings. JL had spoken to Pamela Rogalski of the Community Councils section of PKC. She has been assured it is quite in order for FS to invite BCC to attend meetings with them so they can brief BCC. When JL was in touch with FS, she asked them to ensure that any necessary changes to our formal agreement with them should not change the way the Fund operates. If there are to be any changes to the way the Fund operates, JL believes it would be appropriate to invite FS to give a presentation at a CC meeting.</p> <p>KH confirmed the pothole in Stirling Street is Scottish Water's responsibility. AG advised repair work had taken place in Moray Street today outside her property. The CC will try to alert PKC to potholes in the village. Emails to enquiries@pkc.gov.uk plus photos if possible.</p> <p>AG had contacted Scottish Water re the deteriorating track access along the Danny Burn. KH advised Robertson's site manager has also been in contact with SW with their concerns about the track.</p>	
4.	<p>Chair's Report.</p> <p>JL had hoped to be able to discuss issues around co-option to CC with other CC's in advance but this had not been possible. JL would like to try to co-opt new members at the August meeting. If anyone has suggestions of people who may be willing to be co-opted, please let JL know well in advance of this meeting. Alison Dawson plans to come back and is willing to help.</p> <p>Community Resilience. It is now a year since the CC had a presentation on this and we have been waiting for the opportunity to call meetings in the Moray Institute before taking this forward. JL suggests that this is the focus of our meeting in September and that before that will work with KH and IM to write to as many community groups as possible asking them to let their members know what this is about.</p> <p>Correspondence. Highland Spring confirmed a meeting with JL and AS in August.</p> <p>Community Planning Partnership. Persuaded by what AG and TG said at the last meeting, JL has accepted an invitation to attend an awareness raising session tomorrow in Bridge of Earn.</p> <p>Performing Rights Society consultation on use of recorded music: forwarded for interest of groups who use Local Authority Premises. CC's felt it was not applicable.</p> <p>T in the Park sent an invite to the CC for 2 representatives to attend a site visit Sunday 3rd July. JL and IM to attend. Consultation on non-statutory Planning Guidance JL has asked KH to look at this and would like to work with her to see whether there is anything we need to say.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JL & AS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JL & IM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KH</p>

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	Flyer received by email received from Jacqueline Walsh re Auchterarder Walking Group available to all present.	
5.	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Treasurer's Account: £554.11 although 1 cheque is still to be cashed. Bus Bank Instant Account: £1188.43. A cheque is required for Blackford Parish Church as a donation for the meeting held on 26th April.</p> <p>KH thinks the CC noticeboard has had a positive impact on the community board. AS enquired about paying a web designer. IM concurred this was legitimate use of funds. AS is to explore web-hosting alternatives.</p>	AS
6.	<p>P&K Councillors' Reports.</p> <p>AG advised about a lighting Plan for Kinnoull Hill, the Weeping Windows Poppy Exhibition taking place 29/6-25/9/16 and T in the Park 08-10/7/16.</p>	
7.	<p>Community Rail Partnership. Neil Gaunt is attending a meeting about this tonight at Highland Spring.</p>	
8.	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>KH had received an email from the Planning Officer advising a raised pedestrian surface for the Netherton Farm planning application was too expensive. KH reiterated her response about pedestrian safety. AG will be at the meeting and will advise on the outcome.</p> <p>KH had received a report from Wind Prospect advising 6 people attended the meeting in Blackford. The extension to the existing windfarm will be decided by Clackmannanshire Council.</p> <p>KH is making a list of problems/suggestions for the footpaths for Frances Berry.</p>	AG KH
9.	<p>Police Report.</p> <p>PC Donald Florence, Crieff, and PC Murray Westwood, Auchterarder attended the meeting. There were no incidents to report except for sheep on the A9 on 4 occasions. BI raised the problem of children jumping off their scooters which then hit cars. PS have no reports of this problem. The CC is concerned about the risk posed by construction traffic to children's play during the holidays. KH advised the give way sign at Moray Pl./Abercairney Pl. has worn off the road surface and construction traffic does not stop at this junction, posing a danger to the public. AG has reported loss of give way sign on road on entering Blackford. KH queried lack of adherence to 30mph for T in the Park area which the CC believed was in place from time of set-up till time of removal. PS advised the Traffic Officer Division is responsible for checking the speed limit at the level crossing, which has been taking place. KH, Ag and JL have all noticed a campervan parked for 2 weeks in the lay-by at Comely Burn with curtains drawn. PS will investigate on way out. KH will contact Highland Spring re a lorry parked in the village all day.</p>	
10..	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>Richard Beith asked if the Post Office Working Group could be added to the Agenda. This was agreed by the CC's.</p>	

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	<p>IM gave an update on Tullibardine Distillery. They were aware there had been some problems with lorries reversing on Moray Street but hoped that all drivers were now aware of the 2 access points – either from Moray Street or over the bridge into Stirling Street. The new pedestrian access at the rear, which will become the main entry point, is not yet ready for use. All visitors at present need to cross the wooden bridge and walk along the front of the building. If anyone needs disabled access at present, phone the shop and they will make arrangements for a vehicle to be driven to the front door. Disabled bays and a ramp will be available when the rear entrance is ready.</p> <p>AS advised a successful ceilidh had been held by the Blackford Fiddle Group for the re-opening of the Moray Institute and money raised had been donated to the school PTC. The school is looking at organising a Scarecrow Competition later in the year.</p> <p>KH pointed out that although the external building work had been completed on the Moray Institute, the noticeboard had not been painted as had been advised and the flower bed had been destroyed.</p>	<p>AG</p>
12.	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday, 30th August 2016 Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.</p>	

The above minutes were approved at the meeting of 30th August 2016.