

Blackford Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 30th August 2016 in the Moray Institute, Blackford.

Present	
Janet Law	Chair
Katharine Huggett	Vice-Chair
Irene McLaughlan	Treasurer
Andrew Sinclair	Community Councillor
Councillor Tom Gray	Perth & Kinross Council
Councillor Ann Gaunt	Perth & Kinross Council
Mark Gibson	Post Office Ltd Representative
Douglas Heed	Post Office Ltd Representative
1 Officer from Police Scotland	
6 Members of the Public	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies:- None	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 28 th June 2016 were read and approved. Proposed KH, seconded AS.	
3.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting:-</p> <p>AS had been in communication with Daryl from PKC about the speed awareness signs. Highland Spring are providing funding for two signs, c. £3,800. Will have happy smiley or sad faces. One will probably be sited about the entrance to the Waulkmill estate. Siting of the other is subject to a survey by PKC. PKC will install, run and maintain the signs.</p> <p>Co-option – JL proposed Alison Dawson be co-opted onto the Community Council. There were no objections.</p> <p>T in the Park. JL and IM had attended a site visit prior to the event, DF concerts organised a tour of the site, explaining the changes undertaken to the layout in view of last year's problems. None of the Community Councillors were able to attend the event so the complimentary tickets received were passed to other members of the community who gave feedback on the event to JL and IM, who will attend the community councils' debriefing session in October.</p> <p>Community Resilience Plan. KH met with John Handling of PKC yesterday. CC Councillors will receive it in due course. John Handling will attend the October meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Presentation to Post Office Ltd Representatives by Richard Beith, on behalf of the Post Office Working Group. (See attached.)</p> <p>There then followed a discussion and question time but the Post Office Ltd representatives were unable to give satisfactory answers to the questions from the CC and the public. It was also clear from the ensuing discussion that the process to apply to take on a Post Office is not transparent.</p> <p>It was claimed by the representatives of Post Office Ltd that the current owner of the Village Store had not submitted an appropriate application to</p>	

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	<p>run post office services in the store. The current owner, who had been in communication with Douglas Heed and offered variations in the possible opening hours, verified by IM who had been present when one such phone conversation took place, was never advised that he was not following Post Office procedure.</p>	
5.	<p>Chair's Report.</p> <p>JL attended a meeting in Bridge of Earn for Community Council representatives, with PKC staff and Councillors, to hear about the new Community Partnerships.</p> <p>JL also attended a meeting of Chairs of Community Councils in the Strathearn/Strathallan area which discussed T in the P, the recently published Review of Planning for the Scottish Government and problems being experienced by Crieff CC.</p> <p>JL and BI attended the opening of the extension to Burnfoot Windfarm.</p> <p>JL and AS met with Chris Livingstone of HS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The extension to the factory is on schedule to be completed early 2017 for production to start in April. Construction traffic speed through the village should be limited to 20mph and only between 7am and 7pm but not when children are going into or out of school. Any complaints have been dealt with promptly and firmly by the contractors. 2) The rail yard will be going ahead but a date has not yet been decided. 3) Surveys have been completed on the old hotel building which needs a huge amount of work so decisions have still to be made about the work to be undertaken. <p>JL and KH propose to put together a newsletter with a short paragraph about each of a number of current Blackford issues, to be distributed by identified volunteers, posted on the CC website and public notice boards, and emailed to existing contacts and businesses. This will be a one off trial to identify interest and the costs of a more regular publication. CC's and members of the public are invited to email issues to be included.</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL had been made aware of various potential sources of funding to improve safe walking and cycling routes. It is hoped that the CC may be able to apply for funding to improve paths between Blackford and Gleneagles station and links to Auchterarder. JL is meeting with PKC Transport staff. AG has spoken to Chris Haggart, PKC, about the state of the path at the Salt Depot.</p>	
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Treasurer's Account: £530.11 although 1 cheque is still to be cashed. Bus Bank Instant Account: £1188.53.</p> <p>Blackford Community Funds – Foundation Scotland have extended the closing date for the next round of funding to 23rd September.</p>	
7.	<p>P&K Councillors' Reports.</p>	

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8.	<p>Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p>Neil Gaunt advised a meeting took place two weeks ago. They will be applying to Scotrail for funding for a passenger survey to be undertaken at Dunblane, Bridge of Allan and Gleneagles.</p> <p>There is a move to provide noticeboards with local information on footpaths, cycleways etc. £500,000 promised is being used for other purposes in relation to the CRP. The CRP will meet every two months.</p>	
9.	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10.	<p>Police Report.</p> <p>PC Lee McLean advised there had been some minor events on the A9. KH requested a police speed camera to monitor traffic passing along Moray Street. Camera needs to be sited on the village side of the level crossing as traffic approaching the level crossing slows down anyway. PC McLean will feedback this request to Amanda Richardson.</p> <p>A member of the public asked if the police have any control over the use of drones. A drone camera was seen looking in the window of a house in Arnott Road. PC McLean will look for advice on the use of drones.</p>	
11..	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>KH advised of discrepancies in the bus timetables between the printed version and the internet version.</p> <p>A member of the public advised the road to the cemetery needs repaired. AG to advise PKC.</p> <p>KH advised the track at the Danny Burn, leading to the sewage works, has vehicles travelling at 30mph. This track is not suitable for speeds of that nature.</p> <p>IM advised she attended the Auchterarder Network meeting earlier in the month. Some of the items discussed were the Meal Makers programme, which has cooks and diners in Auchterarder and Aberuthven, the proposed leisure classes in Blackford and the requirement for an alternative to Adult Daycare, perhaps along the lines of an Adult "Creche". The last generated a lot of discussion at the meeting.</p>	AG
12.	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday, 27th September 2016 Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.</p>	

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