

Blackford Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2016 in the Moray Institute, Blackford.

Present	
Janet Law	Chair
Katharine Huggett	Vice Chair
Irene McLaughlan	Treasurer
Andrew Sinclair	Community Councillor
Councillor Murray Lyle	Perth & Kinross Council
Councillor Ann Gaunt	Perth & Kinross Council
John Handling	PKC, Community Resilience Group
1 Officer from Police Scotland	
4 Members of the Public	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies:- Bet Illand, Cllr. Tom Gray.	
2.	The Chair welcomed John Handling, chair of P&K Community Resilience Group. JH gave a presentation about having a "Community Resilience Plan". There then followed a question and answer session. There was an opportunity for those present to indicate their interest in supporting the idea. The CC confirmed that while facilitating this process, it would not be leading it. JH was thanked for coming to the meeting.	
3.	Minutes of the meeting of 27 th September 2016 were read, amended and approved. Proposed IM, seconded AS.	
4.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting:-</p> <p>JL thanked everyone who had been involved in the production and distribution of the newsletter.</p> <p>JL followed up with the RTS consultant on questions raised about tree planting near the cemetery. Response from Veronica Llorente re-assures that planting will be low down on the hillside to take account of concerns about security for people visiting the cemetery, to keep away from where seats have been placed and to make sure there are still views of the hills.</p> <p>Cycle Paths Project: JL has submitted an application to The Big Lottery's "Investing in Ideas" Fund. TACTRAN will only fund utility cycle routes. Climate Challenge Fund are T in the Park are possible funding sources. JL has lodged an interest with the Climate Challenge Fund today. The CC's are extremely grateful to JL for all her time spent on this work. Alison Dawson suggested students from Stirling University doing their MSC may be able to help. Perhaps match funding in the form of their labour would be suitable for some of the applications. JL asked if AD could supply contacts in Stirling University.</p> <p>JL attended the Burnfoot Windfarm Community Liaison Group: Met to agree Terms of Reference. Handout made available.</p> <p>Following the discussion about traffic issues at the last meeting, TG has</p>	AD

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	<p>written to Transport Scotland. Copy of letter made available.</p> <p>Speed Awareness Signs. AS advised Mike Lee from PKC was looking for quotes for the signs. AS referred him to Daryl McKeown but has heard nothing further.</p> <p>MUGA. AS had been advised by Andy Clegg a Community Sports Association would be required to run it. JL is concerned that someone has to take responsibility for the site. Perhaps Auchterarder & District Association would consider the responsibility. AG will rise the question with them.</p>	AG
5.	<p>Chair's Report.</p> <p>JL and IM attended a meeting for Community Councils with DF Concerts to give feedback on this year's T in the Park. Last year's issues regarding traffic management and crowd pinch points on site saw considerable improvement. IM queried the differential in the cost of the bus fare from Blackford and Braco compared to Auchterarder and Aberuthven, if DF Concerts wish to cut down further on the number of cars using the PUDO.</p> <p>JL attended a meeting of the Strathearn and District Forum of Community Councils. The proposed Community Planning partnerships are now to be called Action Partnerships. Representation for Community Councils is being sought from the Forum. The first year is to be a trial period. It was considered that the area of Strathallan and Strathearn is too large and too diverse. ADCC and ESCC had discussed the proposal and given a cautious welcome. The Forum agreed to contact all CCs not in attendance, and wait to hear response from them as well as Braco and Blackford. It was agreed that it was important the CC's be represented on the Partnership. Maureen Beaumont of East Strathearn agreed to attend the next meeting as an interim representative for the area.</p> <p>There are various concerns emerging amongst CC's in the area about the relationship between them and PKC particularly following the complete collapse of the CC in Crieff.</p> <p>Minutes of meeting of the S&DCCF are available.</p> <p>AG advised due to the numbers, only 1 representative from the Forum will be possible.</p> <p>ML mentioned it will cover community resilience for the elderly via social services.</p> <p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Lime tree in Moray Place: PKC considered the CC request for a TPO to be placed on the tree but decided against it, claiming road safety concerns for cars from the six houses constructed in the 1990's exiting the parking area, the position of the tree within the parking area and the proximity of the houses to the tree. Residents to pay associated costs for removal.</p> <p>Trees at War Memorial: PKC advised arborial work is to be carried out.</p> <p>Fair Trade Steering Group: Letter from PKC made available. AG advised PKC is to be a Fairtrade Authority. More information will follow in due course.</p>	

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	Data Protection: Correspondence available. JL confirmed PKC is paying £35 for registration but queried why payment is necessary.	
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Treasurer's Account: £530.11. Business Bank Instant Account: £1188.63.</p> <p>Blackford Community Funds – The panel will meet on 2nd November to allocate the funding. Foundation Scotland have organised a meeting with the CC's earlier in the day to enable the review and updating of the paperwork for the fund.</p>	
7.	<p>P&K Councillors' Reports.</p> <p>AG reported the Council is back in the premises at 2 High Street but the building works are not finished. Council meetings are still taking place in Dewar's Ice Rink.</p>	
8.	<p>Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p>Neil Gaunt advised there was a meeting a few weeks ago. The passenger survey at 3 stations was being carried out today. Hopefully the results will be available by the next CC meeting. NG and the Chairman will visit the Highland Mainline Railway. Noticeboards are ongoing. SCRPs are hoping to use the premises at Gleneagles station as an office. The bus and train timetables do not always match.</p>	
9.	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10.	<p>Police Report.</p> <p>PC Murray Westwood advised there was nothing to report concerning Blackford and surrounding area. He has spoken to the traffic sergeant about the lorry speeds within the village.</p>	
11.	<p>Post Office Working Group.</p> <p>JL has contacted our MP, Tasmina Ahmed-Sheik and will try to find contact details for the MSP responsible for Rural Affairs. AG has sent the compiled report to the newspapers.</p>	JL
12.	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>KH reported outstanding repairs on the pavement in Stirling Street. AG will contact PKC. KH had reported concerns about dog mess, particularly in Moray Street, to the council's Dog Warden, who had visited the village and put awareness posters up. IM had been contacted by a member of the public about the state of the entrance to the Gruff Kids Park. Huge puddles are causing problems. AG will follow this up. IM will email photos showing the problem to AG. IM advised of problems on the Danny Burn track caused by vehicles accessing the MUGA. IM had contacted all CC's, PKC Councillors and PKC Planning. Planning advised there were no restrictions placed on site access in the planning application, therefore could not help. AG had contacted Robertson Homes who claimed there was no other site access available. AG has been assured by Mr. Haggart of Robertson Homes that the track will be put back "as well or better than before". The bench will also be re-instated.</p>	AG AG & IM

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13.	Date of next meeting. Tuesday, 29 th November 2016 Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.	
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