

Blackford Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2017 in the Moray Institute, Blackford.

Present	
Janet Law	Chair
Katharine Huggett	Vice-Chair
Irene McLaughlan	Treasurer
Andrew Sinclair	Community Councillor
Bet Illand	Community Councillor
Inspector Kevin Chase	Police Scotland
5 Members of the Public	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies:- Cllr. Ann Gaunt and Cllr. Tom Gray(who may arrive later if the meeting they are attending ends in time), Alison Dawson and Neil Gaunt.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 28 th February 2017 were read and the following amendments were proposed by JL. Item 2, Recommendation from Blackford Community Funds Panel, line 12. Remove "6", insert "a number". 4 th last line. "signed" alter to "filled in". Item 5, Chair's Report. Correspondence heading to be moved to the last paragraph. Only correspondence was received from Blairgowrie CC. Line 1. After "contacted" insert "the office of" and after "the" insert "PO and". Line 3. After "the" insert "Scottish Government". Line 4. After "The" insert "PKC", after "25/02/17" amend "looked at" to "covered this fully. Main proposals in the consultation are about". Cycle Paths Project, last sentence. Amend "This will allow" to "The first part of the study is". 3 rd last paragraph amend to "JL has reported the large hole in the pavement of Stirling Street near Highland Spring and has a PKC reference number for it." Item 9, Planning, line 3. Change date from "14/03/17" to "03/04/17". Lines 5&6, delete. The amendments were accepted and the minutes approved. Proposed IM, seconded KH.	
3.	Matters arising from previous meeting:- JL attended the Strathallan/Strathearn CC meeting with Bernadette Malone. This covered a wide range of issues including joint concerns about the burdens being put on volunteers in our communities. They are increasingly required to be involved in setting up committees/organisations to take responsibility for things such as ownership of halls, reading vast amounts of documentation and responding to it, and taking responsibility for tendering processes. JL thanked AS for his involvement in producing articles for the newsletter and IM for printing it. AS suggested we set a structure for the frequency and content of the newsletter, probably twice/year. IM thanked JL for delivering the newsletters. A member of the public thought the publication was excellent. KH proposed we have a competition for the schoolchildren	

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	Due to none of the Councillors being in attendance, there were no reports.	
7.	<p>Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p>JL reported on behalf of NG that the passenger survey is now available. JL will email it if requested by anyone.</p>	
8.	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>KH advised there has been 3 applications this month. The one relating to gravel extraction at Panholes has been withdrawn at present but concerns relating to noise, dust, disruption to core paths, lorry traffic in the village and the concern that further extraction would be sought if this was successful were raised. The CC's agreed PKC should be advised of our concerns. KH to write to PKC.</p> <p>Mobile phone mast application – While the village would welcome an improved signal, there are concerns about the site chosen, the proximity to homes and the height of the proposed mast. 2 members of the public also raised their concerns over the proposed site. KH will write to the consultants and ask if the company will revisit some of the locations they have looked at and dismissed.</p> <p>Easterton Farm – A number of the CC's attended the recent public consultation event. KH mentioned various concerns she had raised at the event – the road width, the possibility of satnav's mis-directing traffic through Blackford especially construction traffic, light pollution, the need for archaeological mapping and assessment and the impact on the wildlife, which includes red kites and red squirrels. On a positive note it would be hoped it would improve the public/core path network and would include more deciduous planting to establish wild-life corridors. KH to write with these concerns and suggestions.</p> <p>Burnfoot Windfarm – JL suggested writing to Clackmannanshire Council to advise we have no concerns regarding the application. The CC's agreed to this.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JL</p>
9.	<p>Police Report.</p> <p>We welcomed Inspector Kevin Chase who was appointed in January with a background is in community policing. Tayside has acknowledged the policing model was not working and more engagement with the community is required. It has been decided to return to community constable policing and there will be 2 officers in Auchterarder, George Westwood and Sally Hughes, along with 2 in Crieff and 2 in Kinross. KC wishes them to be visible and engage with the schools, starting with the High Schools.</p> <p>Crime report – Blackford has a low crime rate with only 3 instances since 1st March.</p> <p>Speeding issues – will check out and consider the position of the van. AS advised on the speed awareness signs and there probable locations. A discussion took place and it was agreed to opt for the blue location, opposite the entrance to the Mill of Ogilvie estate and the red location beside the playpark. A survey was carried out before the installation of the signs. It doesn't show HGV's exceeding the speed limit. AS will forward this to KC.</p> <p>A member of the public queried why we cannot have a 20mph limit in the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AS</p>

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	<p>village. KC advised it cannot be legally enforced unless there is a by-law in place. JL mentioned the Twenty's Plenty campaign. KC confirmed the signs are there to try and influence driver's behaviour. The consensus was it would be a good idea, especially when the school is going in/out. The CC's agreed to support the Twenty's Plenty campaign but it needs to have community involvement.</p> <p>IM queried the vandalism of the railings at the Danny burn but it has not been reported to Police Scotland.</p>	
10.	<p>Post Office Working Group.</p> <p>3 of the 4 members of the working group met recently. It was concluded nothing much can be done until a location can be identified. Throughout the country, mobile services are increasing as Post Offices are being closed.</p>	
11.	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>AS reported on the CC website. There are hosting problems due to the way it was set up. AS has been in touch with a company called Ezee Internet which is based in the village, It will cost £55.00/year to host the website and they will transfer the current website format to WordPress. The CC's were in agreement this appears to offer excellent value for the money. IM proposed we accept the quote and KH seconded it.</p> <p>IM reported receipt of a form to book the hall for the new financial year and will undertake this.</p> <p>IM had received confirmation from the Mobile Library service that it will now make 2 stops in the village following various requests – one at the Moray Institute from 2.45-3.15pm and the second across from the Village Store (or as near as possible) from 3.15-3.45. This is to be welcomed as the change to one stop when the van was upgraded a few years ago has caused problems to the less mobile members of the community.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>IM</p>
12.	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday, 25th April 2017. Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.</p>	