

Blackford Community Council

Approved Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2017 in the Moray Institute, Blackford.

Present	
Janet Law	Chair
Katharine Huggett	Vice-Chair
Irene McLaughlan	Treasurer
Andrew Sinclair	Community Councillor
Alison Dawson	Community Councillor
Councillor Ann Gaunt	P&K Council
Councillor Tom Gray	P&K Council
3 Members of the Public	

Item	Subject	Action by
1.	The Chair welcomed those in attendance. Apologies:- Bett Illand, Neil Gaunt and Richard Beith.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting of 28 th March 2017 were read and the following amendments were proposed by AS:- 11. AOCB "As" in first and third sentences to be changed to "AS". KH requested a change in 8. Planning Report, paragraph 2, line 4. "KH will write to PKC" should be "KH will write to the consultants". The amendments were accepted and the minutes approved. Proposed KH, seconded AS.	
3.	Matters arising from previous meeting:- Tree Charter Branch. JL requested further information. It will launch in November and JL proposed we join it. KH recommends we use the generic email address. Local Energy Scotland. JL and KH to meet with James Buchan in the future. Railings at Danny Burn. Temporary barriers have been erected. Dog bin. KH has requested bins for Allanwater Gardens and the Abercairney scree garden. Speed awareness signs. AS is awaiting information re the schedule from PKC for the requested locations. Hall bookings. IM has booked the hall for CC meetings from August 2017 to June 2018.	 JL JL & KH
4.	Chair's Report. Hall Set Up. JL received a written response from Live Active. However other issues have since arisen and a number of concerns raised. JL will draft a letter with these concerns and send it to Live Active. Cycle Paths Project. The Steering Group met on 30 th April and wishes to	 JL

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co-opt Roy Abel and George Bunyan. This was agreed by the CC. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd May at 7pm in the Blackford Inn. The survey is available through the CC website, thanks to AS, but closes at the weekend. JL and the consultant delivered information and paper copies of the survey to all households in the village. The drop-in Community Consultation event was held on Sunday 23rd April in the Moray Institute and was very successful with approximately 40 people attending. JL thanked Tarneybackle, Matilda the Auchterarder Tandem, Blackford's Tandem Duo Bob and Marguerite, IM for helping with the catering and special thanks to KH for the home baking.

KH suggested issuing an invite again to Stirling University for a student to undertake a walking paths survey. JL thinks the consultant will gain information which may allow us to source funding for walking paths.

Twenty's Plenty Campaign. JL met with Cath Rollo who has agreed to find out what is involved and seek other residents help. KH suggested getting the school children to write to the haulage contractors requesting their drivers show consideration when driving through the village.

Strathearn & District Forum. JL was unable to attend last night's meeting due to other commitments and gave apologies. No other CC's were able to attend.

Flooding Concerns in Stirling Street. A number of residents had contacted JL re concerns about how the Playpark will impact on the localised flooding problems in the area. JL has written to PKC, hoping to get written confirmation that the Playpark will in fact provide an opportunity to address problems. Letter also asked for confirmation about whether Planning Permission will be required. KH has spoken to Gareth Morrow about the mound at Highland Spring. The trees which have been planted will take up a lot of water. AS informed the meeting the BIG group had contacted Greenspace to ensure the flooding risk is taken seriously and is working with PKC. He also advised there are details on the Planning website relating to Highland Spring's work.

Path at Salt Depot. A number of complaints have been received recently, probably due to the publicity gained by the Cycle Paths Project, about the pavement past the salt depot at Comleyburn. A video featured on the Paths Network Facebook Page has been passed to Brian Cargill of PKC at his request. KH advised Tayside Contracts have put a notice in the middle of the remaining paths. AS suggested contacting Daryl McKeown, PKC, if funding is required for footpaths. KH stated no attempt has been made to maintain the path at the salting depot. AG requested barriers but due to a change in personnel at PKC no action has been taken. Both KH and AG have requested one-way road signs after the salting depot.

HGV Parking in Moray Street. Further complaints have been received about lorries parking overnight in residential areas of the village. This has been reported directly to Highland Spring by a concerned resident. JL has written to the Community Police, copied to PKC, seeking information about what can be done about this. AG advised Environmental Health, PKC, are investigating. Craig Beattie has looked at the situation and will carry out parking surveys at various times of the day and night.

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	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>An invitation to PKC's Culture 1st Birthday reception at Perth Museum was received. JL attended. Planning Training 22nd April Crieff. JL and KH to attend. AS had forwarded a Facebook message about a Funding Workshop in Auchterarder on 27/04/17. JL may attend. KH advised the Tesco funding for organisations is available again.</p>	<p>JL & KH</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Treasurer's A/c £17,023.01. £16500 of this money is for the Cycle Paths Feasibility Study.</p> <p>Business Bank Instant A/c £1188.88.</p> <p>Blackford Community Funds Panel.</p> <p>The Panel will meet in May to consider the applications received.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>P&K Councillors' Reports.</p> <p>AG advised tomorrow is the last meeting of the Council before the elections. AG has copied JL into correspondence re the seat at the Danny Burn and Andy Clegg's response seems to suggest PKC will replace it.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p>The Partnership is meeting tonight and Neil Gaunt and Richard Beith are attending it.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>Gravel Extraction at Milton of Panholes. KH wrote to PKC with our concerns. The application has been withdrawn. However JL was contacted by the Perthshire Advertiser advising it is on a new list. The Councillors were not aware of this but TG advised it the list could have been issued after they had left the office. KH recommended referring the PA to PKC's Planning Portal for the CC's comments. If it is on a new list, the same comments will apply.</p> <p>Mobile phone mast. The planning application was submitted without allowing time for our comments to be received. KH has however filed comments on the application.</p> <p>Easterton Farm. KH sent comments to Savilles who have acknowledged them.</p> <p>The Burnfoot Windfarm application is ongoing but the Greenknowes one has been withdrawn. Windprospect is moving out of the UK. EDF have been negotiating with Network Rail with regards to the bridge at Carsebreck. JL and KH will pursue this.</p>	<p>KH</p> <p>JL & KH</p>

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9.	<p>Police Report.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10.	<p>Post Office Working Group.</p> <p>There have been no further meetings. KH queried the loss of the morning uplift at the shop. AG to enquire.</p>	AG
11.	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>Concerns re Robertson's Homes. AS informed the meeting the MUGA was not yet finished and the school wishes to use it. KH advised the track at the Danny Burn has not yet been re-instated. A member of the public stated a litter bin at the bottom of the track is missing. AG will enquire about a replacement. JL reported limited access from the Hillside Housing estate to the Danny Burn path. There is only one access at the bottom end but people are establishing their own path nearer the Moray Street end.</p> <p>A member of the public raised the problem of the cemetery wall at the middle gate. Half of the wall on the left-hand side has been pulled out. AG will report it to PKC.</p> <p>KH reported Scottish Water has repaired the sinking manhole covers in Moray Street at the phone box and the Morays. However the hole in Stirling Street, which JL has a reference number for, has not yet been repaired.</p>	AG AG
12.	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday, 30th May 2017. The AGM will be held first. Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.</p>	