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	<p>consultations.</p> <p>Scotways: IM is still to check out if the subscription has increased.</p> <p>Response re Mirror at Waulkmill Drive: P&K Council does not authorise the use of road mirrors on the public highway. The width of Moray Street may allow the junction markings from Waulkmill Drive to be pulled forward to improve the visibility. Reducing the lane widths on Moray Street would push the traffic closer together which may help to suppress vehicle speeds. Will be assessed. IM raised concerns about the pavement which juts out just after the turning of Waulkmill Drive into Moray Street when heading north. This is a potential hazard in snowy weather. A member of the public thought re-aligning the road markings may alleviate this risk.</p> <p>11. AOCB.</p> <p>PKC response to consultation re Shared Use Path. Committee Report will seek approval at the November meeting to allow the formal procedure to generate a Traffic Regulation Order. This procedure will involve statutory consultation, preparation of a draft TRO and advertising in the press, also site notices to coincide with the advertising in the press. This will provide an opportunity for additional comments to be made or objections to be raised. Should objections be raised that cannot be resolved, these will be reported back to Committee with appropriate recommendations to see if the objections are to be set-aside or not.</p> <p>Parking at Salt Depot. JL has written to PKC Road Safety specifically requesting white lines beyond the parking bays and asking for an update on this stretch of road.</p> <p>Police response to trailers parked without number plates. “As long as the trailer is road worthy when on a road, (and it does not need an MOT) and not causing an obstruction - there is no offence.”</p> <p>Far end of Waulkmill Drive. PKC response: This road is not maintainable by P&K Council. A Road bond is to be used to complete the works so that the road can be adopted. This may happen later this year. At present the road is not adopted.</p> <p>Bus Stop opposite St Margaret’s Health Centre, Auchterarder. Thanks to BI for raising this. A works order has been issued.</p> <p>NHS Consultations. IM put the notices on the noticeboard.</p>	IM
4.	<p>Chair’s Report.</p> <p>Highland Spring. Rail Yard construction is not likely to begin before Aug/Sep 2018, with the yard to start operating in the 3rd Quarter of 2019. Discussions have been taking place with Transport Scotland and PKC about making a road entrance from the A9 at the east of the village to take HGVs off Moray Street. (At this point TG informed the CC he has been involved in the discussions and advised Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government are happy with the proposals. HS anticipates an increase in production. PKC transport</p>	

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	<p>section has drawn up plans and costings.) JL asked TG to request a quick consultation on the proposed plans. JL requested a shared path be maintained from the level crossing to the A9. The CC would wish the work on this proposed route to be completed before the railyard construction begins, in order to take the northbound lorries in this way. No commitment can be made at present. KH commented it would be advantageous to have it completed before work commences on a grade separated junction in the future. A member of the public asked how quickly a decision can be made on this road proposal. TG to check it out. Queuing lorries have been less of a problem as there is now a booking system, additional on-site parking for HGVs and loading has been speeded up with more staff involved. Plans for the Maltings and Hotel site are on hold at present.</p> <p>Newsletter. JL suggested using a summary from the Chair's report re Highland Spring. Other suggestions included the Tree Charter, Blackford Study Group, Blackford Fiddle Group and the Paths Group. Any other suggestions to JL by 01/10/17.</p> <p>Correspondence.</p> <p>Letter re meeting arranged by Conservative MSPs re NHS provision: tabled.</p> <p>Strathearn and Strathallan Community Partnership Noticeboard. Email forwarded</p> <p>Strathearn and Strathallan Action Partnership. Minutes of the meeting of 26/09/17 tabled.</p>	TG
5.	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Treasurer's A/c £5272.33. £5000 of this money is for the Cycle Paths Feasibility Study.</p> <p>Business Bank Instant A/c £1189.18</p> <p>The CC received an invitation, and accepted it, from the Blackford Study Group to take a table at their Open Day, cost £3. Various other village organisations took a table to promote their organisation. A cheque is required to pay for this.</p> <p>The Blackford Community Funds Panel will meet on 24/10/17 to allocate the next round of funding.</p> <p>KH suggested getting the noticeboard at the Moray Institute painted before it deteriorates. She has an estimate of £50 for the work. The CC's agreed on a spend of no more than £100. A written estimate is to be supplied.</p>	
6.	<p>P&K Councillors' Reports.</p> <p>No report.</p>	
7.	<p>Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.</p> <p>Meetings are bi-monthly. Leaflets about footpaths in the Dunblane and Bridge of Allan area are being prepared to go on noticeboards beside the stations. JL asked if money can be set aside for leaflets when safe cycling/walking paths are established in the Blackford area.</p>	

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	<p>The Crieff Lines exhibition, about the line closures 50 years ago, took place.</p> <p>The problem with the height of the platform at Gleneagles is being looked at.</p> <p>A revised bus and train timetable is required due to the faster trains next year.</p>	
8.	<p>Planning Report.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
9.	<p>Police Report.</p> <p>No report.</p>	
10.	<p>Post Office Working Group.</p> <p>JL has contacted AG who will write to Vince Cable, MP, to enquire about Post Office policies. NG advised church premises are being used as PO's in some communities.</p>	AG
11.	<p>AOCB.</p> <p>A member of the public raised the problem of nuisance phone calls. A BT service, "Call Protect"?, supposed to eliminate the problem, cannot be used by Blackford residents as BT has advised the Blackford exchange is not compatible. KH suggested contacting PKC communications officer. JL will contact PKC and ask when the exchange will be upgraded.</p> <p>BI queried who is responsible for maintaining the road at Abercairney Place leading to the telephone exchange. TG will check it out.</p>	JL TG
12.	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday, 31st October 2017. Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm.</p>	