|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Present |  |
| Janet Law | Chair |
| Katharine Huggett | Vice-Chair |
| Irene McLaughlan | Treasurer |
| Bett Illand | Community Councillor |
| Alison Dawson | Community Councillor |
| Bob Watkinson | Community Councillor |
| PC Murray Westwood | Police Scotland |
| PC Sally Hughes | Police Scotland |
| 1 Member of the Public |  |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Item** | **Subject** | **Action by** |
| 1. | The Chair welcomed those in attendance.Apologies:- Iain Paton, Neil Gaunt. |  |
| 2. | Minutes of the meeting of 27th February 2018 were read, amended to correct Councillor Gray’s name in those present section, and approved.Proposed AD, seconded KH. |  |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous meeting:-** **Brookfield House Right of Way**. A member of the Paths Group advised the fence has been removed. Dave Stubbs is aware the right of way is no longer blocked. However it was noted the gate looks intimidating and locked from a distance and is hard to open. BW will check it out.**BCC Website.** BW is making great progress. He suggested adding information about local walks. IM suggested 3 years of approved minutes be the norm. JL is concerned that comments can be made on the website but there is no option for the Cc to respond and to know who has commented. BW will either remove or disable this function. George Bunyan’s booklet about local walks will go on the website when it is available.The following suggestions were made:-A link to PKC to report road faults.A page with links to relevant consultations.A page for PKC information e.g. changes to public toilet opening hours.Any other suggestions, give to BW.**Proposed new road entrance to Blackford from** **A9.** JL emailed PKC Councillors seeking support for funding for the new road to be made available in PKC’s capital budget for 2018/19. A similar email was also sent to contacts of BCC asking them to do the same. JL has received a number of positive responses, some of which were forwarded to her by residents who contacted Councillors directly. Councillor D. Doogan, Opposition Group Leader, has responded to a number of residents voicing his support and that of the SNP Group. Councillor Crawford Reid has responded “will do all I can to facilitate this long overdue new road entrance.” JL has received clarification from PKC that, at the meeting they attended in early March, Transport Scotland did not see the A9 slip road as a priority at this time. This does not preclude PKC funding the road, or indeed Transport Scotland doing so in the future.**Network Rail proposed Pedestrian Bridge**. The response from Lesley Anne Cain, Network Rail: “it will take Network Rail a number of months to complete the information necessary to update the business case.**”** The March CC newsletter contains an article about the proposed bridge.**CC Newsletter.** The March newsletter was delivered to local households by KH and IM, who noted their admiration for the postmen who deliver mail on a daily basis.  | **BW****BW****JL & BW****BW** |
| 4. | **Chair’s Report.** **Meeting with HS:** see Planning Report (section 8).**Correspondence.**An email was received from the office of Luke Graham, MP for Ochil and South Perthshire, saying he would like to submit a report to Blackford Community Council which will provide an update on his work in the constituency and at Westminster. No report has yet been received. A copy of letter from Roseanna Cunningham MSP to Transport Scotland regarding the upgrading of the A9 between Perth and Dunblane was tabled. HGV overnight parking complaint – The Chair was copied in on correspondence between a Moray Street resident and HS. HS response: They are unable to identify the lorry from the photograph, have passed it to the Head of Supply Chain and will re-enforce the message asking all hauliers not to park in the village overnight. Rail User Express for March is available from JL Previously circulated by email: Order for shared use path for pavement along Moray Street past the play park. Wildlife Information Leaflet North of Scotland Resilient Communities Fund (closing date 15th May) Bank closures: impact on local businesses, consumers and the Scottish economy inquiry: http://parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/107957.aspx Call for views: by 13th April. Also passed to PO Working Group. Consultation seeking views on the update of The Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 <https://consult.gov.scot/criminal-law/licensing-procedure/> Scottish Rural Action March Newsletter Scotways Newsletter PKC Public Toilets Changes An email from PKC re Admin Grant Top Up was forwarded to IM. Bear Scotland correspondence received by KH will be forwarded on. | **KH** |
| 5. | **Treasurer’s Report.**Treasurer’s A/c £255.76Business Bank Instant A/c £1189.48IM and KH are going to the bank to transfer money from the savings account to the current account. IM suggested closing the savings account as the interest rate is miniscule. The CC’s agreed.IM asked the CC’s to claim any expenses due for the financial year 2017-18 and had expenses forms available for this purpose. | **IM & KH** |
| 6. | **P&K Councillors’ Reports.**No report. |  |
| 7. | **Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.**No report. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Report.**JL and KH met with Highland Spring. **Railyard**. An environmental study requires to be updated and other documents are still to be drawn up and submitted for approval to PKC. The community will be consulted on the traffic management plan at a date to be confirmed. Core paths and Network Rail details are still to be worked out.Questions raised included asking for confirmation railyard and quarry traffic management plans be integrated. HS was asked if all vehicles belonging to contractors could park on site. It is understood that this could be included in the brief for the Traffic Management Plan for the construction phase when it is put out to tender. KH will collate questions/suggestions from CC’s.KH expressed concern about the long-term deterioration of the road which will be used by traffic to the proposed quarry site. The new plan by PKC to fix pot-holes first time will be inadequate due to the long-term damage.KH to contact PKC to establish their plan for the road.**Glamping Site.** The files for the planning application are going up on the planning portal. KH will monitor the information being posted. | **KH****KH** |
| 9. | **Post Office Working Group.**AG will write to Luke Graham, MP, and other concerned people re the bank closures and the limitations about what can be expected from the current PO network.A member of the public advised that since October there are now 61 mobile PO’s in the UK |  |
| 10. | **Police Report.**There have been some issues of sheep worrying at Braco and Cromlix.There is an increased risk of internet and phone fraud. JL suggested we highlight this in the next newsletter and awareness of the “Action Fraud” website.Police Scotland advise ensuring homes and garden sheds are secure and to be aware of bogus workmen.Speeding – no HGV’s were found to be speeding when Police Scotland carried out checks but one vehicle was recorded at 40mph. |  |
| 11. | **20 MPH Limit.**JL had spoken to those previously hoping to organise a “20’s Plenty” campaign but they are no longer in a position to do so.A discussion took place. The majority of CC’s believe the vehicle activated signs are modifying driver behaviour and this is not the appropriate time for further changes.JL proposed that the CC conduct a survey to establish the views of residents about whether PKC should be asked to consider if Blackford is suitable for a 20mph limit. No-one seconded this but AD suggested a survey could be devised which might seek to establish views on a number of issues including a 20mph limit for the village. |  |
| 12. | **A.O.C.B.**The possibility of a community survey was discussed and suggested questions are to be sent to AD. | **AD** |
| 13. | **Date of next meeting.**Tuesday, 24th April 2018.Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm. |  |