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| Janet Law | Chair |
| Katharine Huggett | Vice-Chair |
| Irene McLaughlan | Treasurer |
| Andrew Sinclair | Community Councillor |
| Bett Illand | Community Councillor |
| Alison Dawson | Community Councillor |
| 2 Members of the Public |  |

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| **Item** | **Subject** | **Action by** |
| 1. | The Chair welcomed those in attendance.Apologies:- Councillor Tom Gray, Neil Gaunt. |  |
| 2. | Minutes of the AGM of May 2016 were read and approved. Proposed KH, seconded BI. |  |
| 3. | The Chair’s report was a resume of the year since last year’s AGM (see attached).The Treasurer’s report was as follows:-The accounts have been audited and the balances at the year end were:-Treasurer’s Account - £15393.44.Business Banking Instant Access Account:- £1188.88.The Treasurer presented a report with the accounts (attached) and proposed their adoption. This was proposed by KH and seconded by AD.AS handed in his resignation. He confirmed he will see through the website transfer. JL thanked AS for all his time and support. |  |
| 4. | Election of Community Council Office Bearers.The existing office bearers stood down from the Community Council and Richard Beith took over as chair for the purpose of election of office bearers for the forthcoming year. They are as follows:-Chair Janet Law Proposed Katharine Huggett Seconded Alison Dawson.Vice-Chair Katharine Huggett Proposed Janet Law Seconded Irene McLaughlanTreasurer Irene McLaughlan Proposed Katharine Huggett Seconded Janet LawSecretary It was unanimously agreed to continue sharing the job between the Community Councillors, with Janet Law dealing with correspondence at present and Irene McLaughlan being Minute Secretary.Planning & Paths Katharine Huggett Proposed Janet Law Seconded Irene McLaughlanBlackford Community Funds Panel Representative Irene McLaughlan Proposed Janet Law Seconded Katharine Huggett |  |

The above minutes were approved at the AGM meeting of 29/05/18.

**Blackford Community Council Chair’s Report May 2017**

Unexpectedly, having been assured at the last AGM that the previous six months had been unusually busy, the past year has continued to be just as busy with new issues, and many of the same old ones, coming to the fore, at much the same rate.

To try to keep the community informed, the Community Council has produced and distributed two newsletters during the past year, and we plan to do this again during the coming year.

 Ongoing issues including concerns about HGV traffic through the village, and the effects of construction work associated with Highland Spring, are likely to continue to be a concern for residents. We have established a pattern of regular meetings with Highland Spring, which we hope to build on.

Encouraged by the prospect of a pedestrian bridge over the railway, the Community Council started to explore the possibility of improvements to paths and the creation of routes which would be easier for cyclists as well as walkers. This led to our success in gaining funding from the Climate Challenge Fund and Tactran for a major feasibility study to identify a safe route for cycling from Blackford to Auchterarder and Gleneagles Station. The final report from Crispin Hayes, the consultant responsible for the study, will be published after the summer. It will include costings to inform applications for funding construction work. As Chair of the Steering Group overseeing the feasibility study, I have been pleased to work with representatives of Tactran, and Perth and Kinross Council, as well as other members of the community, and look forward to continuing to take this work forward.

As always, my fellow Community Councillors have worked conscientiously, and often beyond what could reasonably be expected of them, in many cases under difficult personal circumstances, to make sure that Community Council business is progressed, keeping on top of planning issues and consultations, and the extra meetings involved with the Cycle Paths Project.

I would like to thank all my colleagues for their support again during the past year, and would be pleased to continue as Chair, if I have their support to do so.

**Blackford Community Council Treasurer’s Report May 2017**

Due to the way P&K Council allocate the admin grant money, we did not receive any funding as we hold more than £700.

Our income of £19056.60 consists of £0.60 is from the interest received on the Business Banking Instant Access account and £19056.00 received for the Cycle Paths Feasibility Study. £1500.00 from Keep Scotland Beautiful Climate Challenge Fund and £17556.00 from TACTRAN’s Active Travel Grant Award Fund.

Our expenditure was £14.00 for our subscription to the Scots Rights of Way Society, £7.10 to PKC for insurance for the noticeboard at the Moray Institute, £10 for accommodation costs to Blackford Parish Church, £54.87 for stationery, which included producing a newsletter, £4.90 for postage and £45.00 for travel expenses. £4083.40 was paid out on the first part of the Feasibility study.

With money held in 2 accounts, we started the financial year with £1742.39 and ended it with £16582.32. The final total consists of £15393.44 held in the Treasurer’s Account of which £15000 is for the feasibility study, and £1,188.88 in the Business Banking Instant Access Account.

With regards to the Blackford Community Funds money, the fund continues to perform well. At 24/05/17 the fund had a balance of £392,965.00. The £45,774.00 for the BIG park project, awarded earlier this year, has been drawn down to safeguard that money. The panel met last week to discuss the latest round of funding applications. Applications for funding were considered and all were successful, some with provisos attached and £12,011.39 is to be disbursed to the groups. The allocation of funding based on the applications received will be posted on the notice boards in the near future. The application process for the next round of funding will be open around August 2016 with a closing date of 11th September and the panel will meet to allocate the funds in October, with the money coming from Windfarms.

Two Panel members stood down after serving for a number of years. David Macdonald, who served as Chair of the Panel, and Guy McNaughton. The Panel thanked them for their time as Panel members. Two new members were welcomed – Gillian Brown and Stuart Laing. Andrew Sinclair was elected as the new Chair.

Thank you for allowing me to be the Community Council Representative on the Panel.

Thank you for listening. Any questions?