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| Present |  |
| Janet Law | Chair |
| Katharine Huggett | Vice-Chair |
| Irene McLaughlan | Treasurer |
| Bett Illand | Community Councillor |
| Iain Paton | Community Councillor |
| Councillor Tom Gray | PKC |
| Moira Benny | Constituency Manager for Luke Graham MP |
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| **Item** | **Subject** | **Action by** |
| 1. | The Chair welcomed those in attendance.  Apologies:- Bob Watkinson, Councillor Murray Lyle. |  |
| 2. | Minutes of the meeting of 27th March 2018 were read, amended at section 9, Post Office Working Group, “in the UK” added to the last sentence and approved.  Proposed BI, seconded KH. |  |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous meeting:-**  **Brookfield House Right of Way**. No update with regards to the gate.  **BCC Website.** BW continues to make progress. It is a useful resource. JL has asked BW to make a few more changes. More minutes going back 3 years to be added. JL queried if the Cycle Paths Project Report should be on the CC page. There was a query about source code being visible. To be checked out. BW’’s work is much appreciated.  **Network Rail proposed Pedestrian Bridge**. No further update. |  |
| 4. | Chair’s Report.  **Land Commission Inquiry into concentrated land ownership**. JL has prepared a submission and circulated it to all CC’s. Some have replied. IM and KH are willing to go with the majority view. JL therefore proposes the CC makes the submission. If BW has any comments, they will be added. Completion date is 23/05/18.    **Participation Requests**. Auchterarder CC Chair has drawn attention to the process. JL suggests that Blackford CC ask to be consulted on a number of issues including: Parking In Auchterarder, Closures of the A823, Paths and Access issues in the Gleneagles Hotel and Gleneagles Estate areas  This was agreed, along with including a request for consultation on road closures affecting Orchil Road and other roads in the area.  MB will contact Scottish Water to request that BCC be notified of consultation on closures of A823 for work on water main.  JL will speak to BW to see if a link on the CC website for finding road closures would be possible.  **Strathearn and Strathallan Forum of Community Councils Meeting in Muthill on 19/4/18.** JL attended. And the following items discussed:  **Data Protection**, Mairi MacDonald, Secretary of Muthill CC, has more info she is able to share re the new Data Protection Requirements and JL is meeting with her again on 25/4/18.    IP had information that organisations are expected to work towards compliance and it was understood that it would be acceptable if there is a plan to achieve compliance within a reasonable time frame.  **Grants for up to £2500 for organisations in each Community Council Area**. Maureen Beaumont, who represents Community Councils on the Action Partnership, is going to ask the PKC staff who support Participatory Budgeting process to put out a press release explaining the process of application etc. This should help overcome the problems we had getting information out about the previous round of funding over the Christmas period. The press release will be available for us to put on to the website and circulate to local groups. The application form will be very similar to the previous round. The press release will ask groups to give the completed applications to their local Community Council. It will explain that each Community Council will have access to £2500 to be spent in their area. The criteria will be the same as for the previous round of funding. The appropriate form will be available online. The funds will be held by PKC and the CC will have to pass on the applications to them. It will be acceptable to receive applications from a number of groups for smaller amounts up to the total of £2500. As soon as the Press Release is available JL will send it to all the groups on the CC mailing list.  JL reported that Muthill has received funding from the PB process for Wi-Fi for their Hall. JL has emailed Kerr Smith Of Live Active to find out their views on how Wi-Fi might be made available for the Moray Institute.  Reply from KS: “Some of our sports venues have Wi-Fi but it is provided and managed by PKC IT Team. The only Community Hall it has been installed in is at Aytoun Hall, Auchterarder, and that only came about through the Auchterarder CC liaising directly with PKC but it wasn't a straight forward process. Contact details provided to find out more. JL will follow up with David Holmwood, Auchterarder CC.  JL will get more information re curtains/blinds, Wi-Fi and a hearing loop.  **Tactran Active Travel Grant**. This has been sent to the Paths Group. The deadline is May 2018.  Next meeting will be AGM. JL asked TG if he would chair the meeting but he is unable to attend. JL will ask Ann Gaunt.  **Correspondence.**  **Minutes of Strathearn and Strathallan Partnership Meeting 9th Jan:** tabled  **Minutes of Strathearn and Strathallan Forum of Community Councils January**: tabled  **Provision of Winter Services** : Gritting and Snow clearing Letter from Stuart D’All: tabled  Reply from Stuart D’All to email query re plans to improve and repair walking surface at Storage Yard  “Apologies we didn't get it done, the only reason is the fact we suffered the 3rd worst winter in the last 13 and our resources were fully deployed on providing a winter service - it’s the same guys who inspect roads/bill up and projects and who manage winter and also the same guys who then drive gritters as fix roads/footways.  “It’s in the plans for this year but we are currently employed on repairing the damage that was caused to the network by the weather. As such I can't give a definitive date for when we will get it done at this time.”  KH advised the homeowner with the gritting bin on their property in Moray Street has given permission for it to be relocated to the street.  **Letter from Roseanna Cunningham MSP re Strategic Transport Projects Review**: encl copies of correspondence between her and Transport Scotland.  \* Letter from RC MP: “.Projects within the first Strategic Transport Projects Review, published 2008, are now being reassessed.” RC has also offered to write to the Transport Minister urging him to include Keir to Broxden in the revised transport priorities.”  JL proposed we ask Roseanna to do so. The CC’s agreed.  RC has written again to Transport Scotland asking how we can contribute to the Review.  **Further letter from RC re proposed new slip road**: saying that she has heard from Transport Scotland that the proposed new slip road is being considered as part of the Strategic Transport Projects Review.  **Rail User Express April edition.** Request it from JL if desired.  **Email from Chris Livingston at Highland Spring**  Highland Spring will be carrying out ground investigation works in association with the Rail Project in the coming weeks.  The purpose of the works is to provide data on the quality of the material on-site and information on any buried services. The works will last roughly 6 days, involve 4x4 vehicles and a small drilling rig which will remove earth from the ground for testing in a laboratory. There will also be activity in remote locations to test suitability of material as engineering fill for use in the rail project.  Network Rail will supervise the ground investigation works on their land.  The contractor appointed by Highland Spring for the ground investigation works has been advised of all local wildlife in the Blackford area and will take all steps necessary to ensure protection of the wildlife including any nesting birds.  Work is to commence on Thursday.  **Previously forwarded to Community Councillors on email**:  Celebrate Community Councils Twitter Campaign  Financial Harm Seminar  Various correspondence from Jacqueline Walsh  Invitation to Kirking of the Council 13th May. CC’s unable to attend. | **JL**    **JL**  **MB**  **JL & BW**  **JL**  **JL**  **JL**  **JL**  **JL** |
| 5. | **Treasurer’s Report.**  IM and KH transferred money from the savings account to the current account. IM decided against closing the savings account in case it was required at a later date so £1 was left in it to keep it open.  IM has booked the hall with Live Active till the end of June 2019 for the CC meetings.  The web hosting invoice for £59.99 is due.  The Blackford Community Funds Panel meets on Thursday to discuss the funding applications. |  |
| 6. | **P&K Councillors’ Reports.**  No report.  KH requested TG mentions the badly deteriorating road surface in Moray Street to PKC. | **TG** |
| 7. | **Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.**  The AGM took place last Saturday. Highland Spring gave an update on the railyard, which they are keen to start.  An hourly service between Gleneagles and Glasgow is planned. There will be a reduction in the journey times between Edinburgh and Dunblane due to the stops at Linlithgow and Larbert being cut. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Report.**  KH explained the background to the variation request to the planning application at Netherton. She will check when the Planning Portal is working properly and email confirmation to the CC’s. | **KH** |
| 9. | **Post Office Working Group.**  **Scottish Parliament Inquiry into Bank Closures.** As noted previously, the suggestion that bank customers affected should use Post Offices instead is unsatisfactory because of the decline in PO services. RB wrote a submission and included references to the work previously undertaken by the Group. As Ann Gaunt was away, JL made the submission to the inquiry with an introduction about the POWG and its work with the CC. |  |
| 10. | **Police Report.**  No report. |  |
| 11. | **A.O.C.B.**  Luke Graham MP is to meet with CEO of HS. He is also to meet with UK  Government MInisters to seek funding for the balance of the costs of the  slip road. |  |
| 12. | **Date of next meeting, including AGM.**  Tuesday, 29th May 2018.  Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm. |  |