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| Janet Law | Chair |
| Katharine Huggett | Vice-Chair |
| Irene McLaughlan | Treasurer |
| Bett Illand | Community Councillor |
| Iain Paton | Community Councillor |
| Alison Dawson | Community Councillor |
| Bob Watkinson | Community Councillor |
| Councillor Tom Gray | PKC |
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| **Item** | **Subject** | **Action by** |
| 1. | The Chair welcomed those in attendance.  Apologies:- None. |  |
| 2. | Minutes of the meeting of 24th April 2018 were read and approved.  Proposed KH, seconded BI. |  |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous meeting:-**  **Land Commission Inquiry into concentrated land ownership.** JL submitted the CC’s comments.  **Participation Requests**. JL submitted requests to PKC to be involved in and consulted on a number of issues; any changes to parking arrangements in Auchterarder, Paths and Access issues in the Gleneagles and Auchterarder area affecting Blackford, and Road Closures of the A9 and the A823 and other routes affecting Blackford.  BW will check out if a link on the CC website for finding road closures would be possible.  **Data Protection.** JL has emailed all contacts of the CC. A large number of responses has been received.  The Gmail account is being used as a digital vault. | **BW** |
| 4. | Chair’s Report.  **Instances of dangerous driving by HGVs visiting Highland Spring**. JL was contacted by a number of residents about instances of dangerous driving of HGV’s.  JL confirmed that Blackford residents can make any complaints to Highland Spring direct. This is particularly helpful if the complaint relates to dangerous driver behaviour and if the vehicle can be identified.  In relation to recent instances of drivers turning on the slip road beyond the gate of the Council Yard/Salt depot, although Highland Spring in general expect vehicles to leave the village by the slip road and turn at the Loaninghead flyover, they had not in fact asked drivers leaving trailers parked at this location to do this. JL has made the case, which she thinks is accepted, that it is not safe to turn beyond the gates to the Council Yard.  JL contacted Brian Cargill of PKC who will look at the signage.  **Wi Fi for Moray Institute.**  Contact for PKC is Douglas Young. The difference between the Moray Institute in Blackford and the Aytoun Hall in Auchterarder is that the Aytoun Hall is physically connected to the same building as the Library which is on the Council's network and it is very easy to extend the Wi-Fi. Unfortunately, the Moray Institute is not connected to any Council building therefore PKC cannot extend existing Wi-Fi. JL agreed to continue to look into this matter and will contact Muthill CC for information as they have received funding for Wi-Fi.  IM will contact Christine Grant to enquire if the CC can take out a contract with a provider.  **Curtains and Hearing Loop**.  JL has had correspondence with Blackford Fiddle Group, Live Active and PKC. In the course of following up with PKC Property division on the possible installation of a Hearing Loop for the Moray Institute, JL has confirmed that any alterations or installations to the building would have to be approved by PKC as the owners. When a case has to be made to PKC for the work to go ahead, it would be helpful to have had a survey done to support the case. The acoustic survey which the Fiddle Group had been considering would be appropriate. JL agreed to contact Fiddle Group with info about how to apply for funding.  **Participatory Budgeting Process.**  The forms have to be completed by local groups then counter-signed by the CC. Details for the next round of £2500 should be available in June.  IM suggested JL contacts local groups to find out if they would be interested in any of the projects the CC is gathering information about and would any group be prepared to apply for the necessary funding.  **Correspondence.**  **Email correspondence with Brian Cargill of PKC.**  JL followed upon previous email re “persistent problem which has not been addressed, that there is the need for signing to indicate that the road beyond the salt depot is two way.”  BC response “arranged for the signing issue to be investigated and following our investigations we will advise of the outcome of these.”  **Letter from Roseanna Cunningham MSP.**  East Entry to village from A9: RC has written to Humza Yousaf MSP, Transport Minister, highlighting the situation.  **Road Fault Repairs**. Back road to Braco from Level Crossing to Panholes: an email says the fault has been fixed. Although this is obviously not the case, the road surface has been marked to show the areas needing repaired.  KH emailed PKC. All holes meeting the criteria of pot-holes category 1 are marked. The north bound slip road has been repaired.  KH suggested all road faults be reported on the portal first. If they have not been dealt with within 28 days, they should then be reported to the CC.  **Distillery Bridge.** JL will forward email to KH.  **Previously circulated to Community Councillors:**  **Review of Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils in Perth & Kinross.**  Meeting on Tuesday 12th June, Crieff**.**  **Calor Community Fund.** What's your Project?  **PKC Funding Alert April 2018.**  **Community Council Research Survey SCDC**.  **Email from Steven Kane re Playpark.**  “Currently there is a contractor working on the site. PKC has worked to push the contractor along. Unfortunately though, the progress has not been as we had hoped. However I would like to advise the contractor is getting closer to completion and we hope to open the site soon. Though there is no confirmed date, and subject to the current works progressing well, we hope for the Play Area to be opened late May. Though the pitch will take longer, due to weather and natural establishment, this will remain fenced off.”  **Big Bike Revival**  **Planning & Development Training Workshop: Saturday 27th October**  **Scottish Rural Action: May Newsletter**  **Email from Maureen Beaumont** re: Possible meeting re transport planning for Glasgow 2018 Golf and the Solheim Cup. Following consultation, JL responded to say we would like a meeting.  **PKC Biggest weekend tickets**  **The Great Get Together 22nd - 24th June 2018** | **JL**  **IM**  **JL**  **JL**  **JL** |
| 5. | **Treasurer’s Report.**  Treasurer’s Account - £1311.95  Savings Account - £1.08  The Blackford Community Funds Panel met at the beginning of the month. All applicants were successful. It was decided to award £3000 to the Blackford Events Group to enable the Fireworks display to go ahead. Poster of awards tabled along with detailed financial reports about the Endowment Fund. |  |
| 6. | **P&K Councillors’ Reports.**  The date for the closure of the Orchil Road will be emailed by TG once it is available. | **TG** |
| 7. | **Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.**  A meeting took place on 10/05/18 at Highland Spring. The significant issue about the platform height at Gleneagles Station was discussed. Information posters are to be displayed at 3 stations – Gleneagles, Dunblane and Bridge of Allan. The empty rooms at Gleneagles Station are being looked at with a view of being a Men’s Shed. Leaflets have been prepared for publicity for the Rail Partnership. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Report.**  An application has been lodged for a new farmhouse at Netherton.  Information is on the planning portal concerning flood mitigation measures for the railyard. The flood risk team at PKC have encouraged the consultants to look at other measures. More documents are due, perhaps in 6-8 weeks, on the portal. KH will inform CC’s when new information re the Highland Spring Railyard goes on the portal. | **KH** |
| 9. | **Post Office Working Group.**  **Scottish Parliament Inquiry into Bank Closures.** JL made the submission to the inquiry. |  |
| 10. | **Police Report.**  No report. |  |
| 11. | **Review of Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils in Perth & Kinross.**  PKC are holding a meeting on 12/05/18 to discuss any concerns. KH, AD & BW may be able to attend. | **KH, AD & BW** |
| 12. | **A.O.C.B.**  **Carer’s Week Poster.** Tabled by IM.  **Auchterarder Network.** IM attended the meeting on16/05/18. The Auchterarder Town Bus Group is nearing the realisation of the project. The plan is for a bus to run through parts of Auchterarder not served by a bus service. It will also go to the health centre. It is hoped bus passes will be able to be used on it. Blackford residents will be able to use it to get around Auchterarder.  Participatory Budgeting Process – IM spoke to Jacqueline Walsh about the lack of clarity on the posters last time with regards to the areas covered.  Music concerts will take place in Auchterarder High School at lunch-time on 13th and 14th June.  The CC’s confirmed IM can continue being the CC rep for the Auchterarder Network.  **Blackford Study Group.** The group application to the Scottish Government Vote Centenary Grant Scheme has been successful. The project, a ceramic panel to celebrate 100 years since women got the vote, will take place in Blackford between September 2018 - 8th March 2019. It is open to all women in Blackford and those connected to Blackford. More information will follow over the next few months.  **Danny Burn Track.** KH advised Scottish Water are carrying out weekly surveys. Special permission is required from SEPA to level the track. Work will hopefully be carried out in August. |  |
| 13. | **Date of next meeting.**  Tuesday, 26th June 2018.  Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm. |  |