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| Present |  |
| Janet Law | Chair |
| Katharine Huggett | Vice-Chair |
| Irene McLaughlan | Treasurer |
| Alison Dawson | Community Councillor |
| Bob Watkinson | Community Councillor |
| 2 Members of the Public |  |

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| **Item** | **Subject** | **Action by** |
| 1. | The Chair welcomed those in attendance.  Apologies:- Councillor Murray Lyle, Bett Illand, Iain Paton. |  |
| 2. | Minutes of the meeting of 28th August 2018 were read and approved.  Proposed KH, seconded BW. |  |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous meeting:-**  **Wi Fi for Moray Institute.** Kerr Smith of Live Active is following up with PKC on our behalf. **Monitoring Usage of Internet**: BW reported that someone appointed as administrator would be responsible for providing password, which could be changed regularly. This would ensure limits to what content could be accessed and how much could be downloaded. BW advised setting parental controls would cover this. A switch could also be fitted which would limit access to the times when hall is in use.  **Curtains and Hearing Loop**. JL reported we are waiting to hear if the Fiddle Group have applied for funding for acoustic survey.  **Participatory Budgeting.** JL reported that the £2500 made available for the Blackford Community Council area has still apparently not received any applications. This funding has to be spent by the end of March 2019. Even if an application for an acoustic survey is successful, it is likely that there will still be money available. JL agreed to establish the cost of providing Wi-Fi, to check out if this is something groups would benefit from and to establish whether the CC is eligible to apply. It was agreed that an item about the need to make applications for the funding be considered for the Agenda for the next meeting.  IM suggested extra tables and some new seating may be beneficial. IM will talk to Kerr Smith about costs.  **Commemorating end of WW1**. JL phoned the Minister, Mairi Perkins, who will get back to JL with info following Session Meeting.  **A9 at Blackford.** IP has written to List MSPs asking them to make the case for the A9 junctions at Blackford to be upgraded as priority. Thanks to KH for research to back up our case.  Willie Rennie MSP has replied that he cannot get involved in matter as outwith his constituency.  Murdo Fraser MSP has advised that he will back whatever reply Liz Smith MSP gives us.  Claire Baker MSP has replied to say that she has written to Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport making our case. IP will update CC in due course and ask for timescales.  **Twinning.** IM and JL have contacted Blackford residents, organisations and businesses, and a meeting is arranged for 27th Sep at 3pm to establish a Twinning Sub Committee. JL has some apologies. Future meetings may be arranged for evenings, depending on who is interested in taking on the secretarial function.  Under the terms of the Constitution, the CC appoints people to a sub-committee, so names will come the next CC meeting to be agreed. BW has already indicated he would like to be on the committee, along with IM and JL. JL asked if any other Community Councillors would like to be members of this Sub-Committee and get notices and minutes directly, rather than just via regular CC meetings. The other CC’s present declined.  JL proposes Twinning Committee role is to be exchange of information amongst organisations and individuals interested in links with Trebsen. CC can keep contacts of the Community Council informed about progress via newsletters, emails and the website.  **Newsletter**. Items on Twinning with Trebsen and Saving Energy in the Home are already agreed. Any other items for consideration to be given to IM. JL asked if KH would be willing to write a report on progress with the new footbridge over the railway. KH agreed.  Other suggestions are articles about the dangers of cycling on pavements, an explanation about traffic calming in Moray Street, the Centenary of Women’s Suffrage Project, the re-hanging of the photos in the Moray Institute, information about the CC website, the Blackford Hotel, the bus consultation, pavement and road faults contact details.  **Website**- any organisation which would like to update their information should contact BW.  **NHS Tayside Event**. IM reported that emergency care and care in the community were the most popular topics discussed. Also discussed was the use of digital technology to improve patient access for diagnosis and monitoring of conditions. NHS Tayside newsletter was tabled. IM has signed up for future emails and will keep the CC informed.  **Road Repairs.** JL agreed to send email to all contacts with link to how to report, suggesting that as many people as possible report the road surface at the entrance to Distillery from Stirling Street.  Road surface at Stalkers Entry JL to report  Missing road signs have been noted. | **JL**    **JL**  **JL**  **IM**  **IP**  **IM & JL**  **IM**  **KH**  **BW**  **JL** |
| 4. | **Chair’s Report.**  JL thanked RB for drawing attention to the news that Highland Spring have been unsuccessful in their appeal against the Listing of the Blackford Hotel as a building of architectural interest. It is to be C listed. JL has contacted HS to ask what the implications of this are. Thanks to KH for arranging a meeting with HS and for passing on the following statement from HS.  “Highland Spring Group became owners of the Blackford Hotel building in 2016, which had previously lain empty for two years prior to purchase. Since acquiring the building, we have been exploring possible uses for the site, whilst also sensitively considering the recently listed status of the building.  We have a long-term ambition to invest in the office space at The Maltings (behind the Blackford Hotel building) and create an open-access view of the building, which we believe, will enhance the aesthetic appeal of the village. We have no plans to move the business outside of Blackford.  Being a good neighbour is an absolute priority for the Group and we are committed to continuing to build strong relationships will the local Blackford community. We will consult with them on next steps, but we do not have any intentions to make any further decisions on the building in the short-term.”  **Correspondence.**  Letter from Roseanna Cunningham to Cllr Murray Lyle encl Letter from Michael Matheson MSP Cabinet Secretary for Transport – tabled. JL will send copy of letter to Highland Spring.  Contact JL for further info:  'The Ochils - A Special Place' Conference 10th Nov 2018. BW to attend  Rail User Express Sept 18  Minutes of the Strathearn and Strathallan Forum of Community Councils meeting of 3rd September 2018  Already forwarded to CCs on email:  **Volunteer walk leader training course 26th October.**  **Scottish And Southern Electricity Networks Stakeholder Workshops**  No interest was expressed by Community Councillors so forwarded to NG. NG booked to go but had to call off at short notice due to changed circumstances.  **Strathallan Decides.** Info re Voting etc. forwarded to contacts.  **Uncovering the Environment\ Project at the University of Dundee**. https://dundee.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/uncovering\_the\_environment\_public  open till July 2019.  **Email from Mark Ruskell MSP to member of the** **public** – copied to JL: “Just to let you all know that I wrote a couple of weeks ago to the Transport Minister requesting a detailed consultation ahead of options being appraised on the A9.”  **Perth & Kinross Council Communities Service - Funding Alert**. JL emailed PKC to confirm that we want to receive this.  **Sign up Here for the Latest News around Health and** **Wellbeing.** JL to sign up.  **Invitation to attend Community Transport Meeting on Wednesday, 3rd October 2018.**  **Invitation to all to attend opening of Play Park.**  **Planning Workshop - Why do we need more houses?** - Saturday 24th November.  **Traffex Road Expo Scotland Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland 31st** **October - 1st November 2018**  JL to contact IP about attending.  **Scottish Rural Parliament - Invitation Stranraer 14th-16th November**  JL to find out more.    JL thanked KH and BW for passing on information about Storm Ali and Road Closures. | **JL**  **BW**  **JL**  **JL & IP**  **JL** |
| 5. | **Treasurer’s Report.**  Treasurer’s Account - £1251.96.  Savings Account - £1.08.  Blackford Community Funds Panel will meet on 23rd October to discuss the funding applications. |  |
| 6. | **P&K Councillors’ Reports.**  No report. |  |
| 7. | **Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.**  No report. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Report.**  There are no new planning applications on the portal. The CCTV retrospective planning application was approved.  KH reported that HS are continuing to investigate the site history of the Blackford Hotel and will pass on the details of the listing. The linked building is not listed.  Road Update – no further information but the links KH sent to IP have been passed to HS.  Work on the footbridge is to commence late Oct or early November. A route diversion order needs to be applied for before the core path diversion can take place.  **Rail Yard**. Network Rail will access the site via the existing access on Moray Street.  **Planning Application for Rail Yard**. Goes to the planning committee tomorrow and is recommended for approval. Of concern is that the conditions accept that goods may come in by rail for export but are not to exceed 68 containers per day. Tenders will go out by the end of year. Main contractor to be selected first before the Traffic Management Plan but will use all experience form the previous two builds as a starting point.  Aggregate from the quarry site meets the conditions but it is not known if the spoil from the rail yard will be deposited in the quarry. The balanced response from the CC with regards to the link path to the new bridge was appreciated by Network Rail.  HS will check lorries at night for strapping. The new stacking area will be used as far as possible.  A new communications person has been appointed. |  |
| 9. | **Post Office Working Group.**  RB and JL propose this no longer needs to be a standing item onthe Agenda. |  |
| 10. | **Police Report.**  No report. |  |
| 11. | **A.O.C.B.**  **Consultation on bus routes 19 and 20.** There was no notification to the CC and lack of adequate advance notice to the public. JL raised these issues withMargaret Roy of Public Transport at PKC who will ensure the CC is consulted in the future.  Routes 19 and 20 are heavily subsidised by PKC and will be re-tendered in October.  IM also attended and has information on how to feed in comments by email.  **Strathallan Decides.** IM reported on problems with the process. 3 groups from Blackford have applied for funding along with others from Auchterarder and Dunning. No voting forms were available in Blackford although they could be printed by the groups concerned. Irene will take filled-in application forms to the Event on Saturday. Organisations who applied were not told that they have to attend the Event in Auchterarder until getting through to the voting process**.** Tweets have gone outabout all the other communities except Blackford. IM to write Letter of complaint on behalf of BCC and to ask for clarification about how the money available to the Partnership is being split between the two areas of Strathearn and Strathallan. | **IM** |
| 12. | **Date of next meeting.**  Tuesday, 30th October 2018.  Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm. |  |