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| Present |  |
| Janet Law | Chair |
| Katharine Huggett | Vice-Chair |
| Irene McLaughlan | Treasurer |
| Alison Dawson | Community Councillor |
| Bob Watkinson | Community Councillor |
| Councillor Crawford Reid | PKC 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, Iain Paton, Bett Illand, Ann Gaunt, Neil Gaunt. |  |
| 2. | Minutes of the meeting of 30th October 2018 were read, amended at item 7, paragraph 2, “HS will only be allowed 2 trains/day, the site will be able to export up to 68 containers.” and paragraph 4, “An hourly service from Arbroath to Dundee is due in December, facilitated by the release of diesel units from the Edinburgh to Glasgow line once the electric trains are in service.” and approved.  Proposed AD, seconded BW. |  |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous meeting:-**  **Newsletter.** Now intended for 2019.  **Gleneagles Train Service.** RB reported the expected hourly service from Gleneagles to Glasgow is postponed till an unknown date.  **Twinning.** A meeting of the Twinning Committee took place the previous Thursday. Progress is being made and the minutes will be available on the CC website once they have been approved. |  |
| 4. | **Chair’s Report.**  **Foundation Scotland Investments.**  FS has written to recommend some changes to the way the Blackford Community Fund investments are managed. Information had been circulated to all Community Councillors in advance of the meeting. JL proposed that the Community Council agree to the changes recommended by FS.  This was unanimously approved by all CC’s present.  **Web hosting**.  JL had been in contact with all the Community Councillors individually to explain the reasons for changing to a better hosting package.  JL expressed her gratitude to BW for all the work on the website.  JL proposed that the web hosting should be moved to a new company suggested by BW, at the cost of £150pa plus VAT.  This was agreed by all CCs.  PKC is closing down the generic community council email addresses at the end of 2018. KH set up a new Gmail, which can be used on a temporary basis. JL stated that she knew that this, and the questions raised by IM in her role as Treasurer, were sincerely meant in the best interests of the Community Council.  **Meeting with Network Rail.**  JL and KH met NR representatives. It was agreed with NR that the letter they had sent out to Blackford residents by Royal Mail, and the Panholes Temporary Closure Plan which was made available to the Community Council, could be uploaded to the BCC Website. JL thanked BW for doing this.  JL tabled a note of the questions from Community Councillors which was passed to NR for written replies. These are also on the website.  JL reported that NR also made a commitment that they will reinstate the surface of the core path between Slack Dale and Panholes when work is complete. KH advised the path to the old church has not yet been upgraded but she will keep in touch with Dave Stubbs, PKC, and NR. The additional signage requested has not yet been supplied.  A member of the public advised the path is on Blackford Farms land. KH will pursue this.  JL proposed that residents, including Community Councillors, should use the 24hr helpline number in the letter from NR, and that the CC adopt the suggestion from KH that the CC role should be to communicate an overview of issues to NR. It was agreed that KH take responsibility for communicating an overview to the NR contact, Craig Bowman, on behalf of the CC.  KH requested CCs advise her of any complaints filed.  **Wi-Fi for the Moray Institute.**  JL reported that she had investigated what would need to be done if any organisation wished to apply for funding for Wi-Fi for the Moray Institute. Good advice and help had been given by Live Active and PKC Property Maintenance Staff.  The costs would be similar to the costs for Wi-Fi in the home. JL also thanked BW for his advice.  JL reported that both PKC and Live Active recognise BCC as a suitable organisation which would be able to apply to PKC for permission for this work to be carried out by the relevant company eg BT.  JL suggested that in her view the Community Council would be the most appropriate organisation to apply for funding to have Wi-Fi installed in the Moray Institute. The other Community Councillors present did not support this as there are other ways of accessing the internet. JL will try to identify another Blackford organisation who would be prepared to make such a funding application. IM advised feedback from two organisations she is involved in, Blackford Historical Society and Blackford SWI, had indicated no need for it.  **Participatory Budget Funding of £2500 for the BCC area.**  JL reported that, as had been agreed previously, she had signed off the application on behalf of the Fiddle Group for the Acoustic Survey and this application had been approved.  JL proposed that in principle the CC should support an application from the Study Group for Exercise Classes as a similar application had been unsuccessful in finding funding from another PB Fund. BW seconded this.  JL asked if anyone was aware of any other applications being prepared for this Fund.  IM proposed that an application might be made to this Fund for new tables for the Moray Institute. This is something she had discussed with Kerr Smith of Live Active. It was agreed that IM and KH would research this further.  **Strathearn and Strathallan PB Investment Fund.**  JL reported that she had heard from David Homewood of the Local Action Partnership that it has agreed to set up a Panel for each Ward to consider applications to the PB Investment Fund for Strathallan Ward. This would include 4 Community Representatives as well as the Ward Councillors. The process for this is not yet clear but it is hoped that nominations for community representatives would come forward from each of Auchterarder, Blackford, Dunning and Braco.  JL proposed that the CC publicise this as soon as information becomes available and try to identify an individual from Blackford, who does not have to be a Community Councillor, to serve on this panel which will meet on the 15th of February in the late afternoon/early evening in Crieff to consider applications. The CCs agreed.  **Correspondence.**  Email to introduce Lee Haxton new Community Planning Policy Team Leader.  Letter from RC, MSP, re slip road (passed to IP)  Email from Councillor Crawford Reid re Moray Street traffic and A9 junction correspondence with Transport Scotland (forwarded to IP).  Letter from Foundation Scotland recommending change to Fund investments (previously circulated to all CCs).  MOU with Gwest in respect of cycle path route (forwarded to Paths Group).  JL proposed that a report from the Paths Group should be a standing item on the Agenda from the next meeting.  Funding Alert from PKC.  Email from Chris Sanderson re Community Investment Fund and NHS Community Innovation Fund.  Email from Chris Sanderson re Local Governance Review, Auchterarder Network and Strathearn and Strathallan Action Partnership. | **KH**  **IM & KH** |
| 5. | **Treasurer’s Report.**  Treasurer’s Account - £1231.96.  Savings Account - £1.08.  Blackford Community Funds Panel has a vacancy on the Panel. The closing date is 7th December 2018. One person has indicated interest in this to IM. Application forms available online, from Foundation Scotland, or from the Village Store, to go to Foundation Scotland. |  |
| 6. | **P&K Councillors’ Reports.**  Cllr Reid contacted Transport Scotland asking them to visit Blackford. He will contact MPs. MSPs and Councillors re the A9 at Blackford. He will contact IP regarding this. | **CR** |
| 7. | **Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.**  Neil Gaunt passed on a report that the ticket machine is now operative at Gleneagles. The wiring has been electrified up to Dunblane for the electrification and new timetables will be announced next week. |  |
| 8. | **Planning Report.**  **Rail Yard.**  No new information is on the planning portal.  **Panholes Footbridge.** Network Rail have confirmed the surface will be suitable for dogs. Lighting will be hardwired instead of solar powered but will come on only when triggered. |  |
| 9. | **Police Report.**  No report. |  |
| 10. | **A.O.C.B.**  **Burnfoot East Windfarm Liaison Committee.**  BW reported on the meeting. 3 new turbines are to be constructed, installation completed by October 2019 and commissioned by the end of that year.  **Strathearn and Strathallan Community Council Forum.**  KH reported on the meeting A provisional date of 18th March for the next meeting, to be followed by meeting with the new PKC CEO, Karen Reid, a couple of days later.  It was reported that there is confusion between PB Funds with very similar names.  Winter road provision -John Handling, Community Resilience Officer, is standing down. The community resilience team will continue but the A9 corridor provision has not worked as expected.  Community Councils were asked to confirm that they have received the information from PKC notifying that they are no longer to provide @pkc.gov.uk email addresses for Community Councils.  All have set up new email provision as suggested by PKC.  **Auchterarder Network Meeting.**  IM attended. The Town Bus now has charitable status and hopes to start operating in March 2019. Andrew Warrington is one of the committee members, bringing his expertise to the post.  Foodbank – working on forming a charity. It will be based in Aberuthven. Possibility of the Heath Centre and/or the Co-op being drop-off points for it.  Men’s Shed. At present based in Auchterarder Parish Church but looking at premises at Gleneagles Station. Also looking for community project ideas.  Parkdale Community Bingo – 2-4pm every 2nd Wednesday to raise funds for the residents’ fund. |  |
| 11. | **Date of next meeting.**  Tuesday, 29th January 2019.  Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm. |  |