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| Janet Law | Chair |
| Katharine Huggett | Vice-Chair |
| Irene McLaughlan | Treasurer |
| Alison Dawson | Community Councillor |
| Bob Watkinson | Community Councillor |
| Iain Paton | Community Councillor |
| 1 Member of the Public |  |

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| **Item** | **Subject** | **Action by** |
| 1. | The Chair welcomed those in attendance.  Apologies:- Bett Illand, Councillor Tom Gray, Councillor Crawford Reid, Ann Gaunt, Neil Gaunt, Richard Beith. |  |
| 2. | Minutes of the meeting of 29th January 2019 were read and approved.  Proposed AD, seconded KH. |  |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous meeting:-**  **Twinning Fundraising.** JL reported that the March Twinning Committee meeting would consider an invitation from Trebsen. JL will propose to the Twinning Committee that final decisions, about exactly who and how many will represent Blackford, should be left until after the visit of the Trebsen guests in May. JL will also propose that the two large businesses should be approached about covering the costs of travel for their own staff on Twinning visits.  JL proposed that any funds raised at the Community Ceilidh should be held in the Community Council’s Bank Account as a Fund which can be used to help towards the costs of travel for Blackford residents on Twinning visits to Trebsen. Decisions about spending this Fund will be for the Community Council to make, but the Twinning Committee may want to make suggestions.  JL proposed that other fundraising and funding applications may be undertaken in due course to add to this Fund, and to help with costs for young people and their families in particular. However, it is likely that the first Twinning visit to Trebsen in Sep 2019 will be for a small group of adults.  IP queried if an application could be made to the Blackford Community Fund to assist with travel costs for the group. JL proposed she contact Foundation Scotland to enquire. KH proposed the CC rep, IM, should do so. It was agreed that IM raise the query with Foundation Scotland.  **LAP Funding for Blackford.** JL reported that the Fiddle Group are making arrangements for the Acoustic Survey for the Moray Institute to be carried out. IM reported the money from PKC for this is to be sent to the CC, to then be forwarded.  CC agreed in November 2018 to support an application from the Study Group for an exercise class. IM has an application from Study Group for signing. It is for a Yoga class and a crochet workshop. CC’s agreed this.  IM also had prepared an application for tables for the Moray Institute on behalf of the CC, for the benefit of the community. The CC’s agreed this.  IM will send in the applications.  KH proposed if there was any shortfall in the money for the tables e.g. £4.00, that the CC make up the difference. BW seconded this.  **Newsletter.** IM will be unable to look at this till after 8th March once the Centenary Panel Project has been completed.  **Community Investment Fund.** JL reported that the nomination for Ann Gaunt had been passed to David Holmwood. As no information was available from the SSCAP, AG was unable to attend meeting held in Feb. JL proposed AG’s name should continue to be put forward should a place on the SSCAP be available. CC’s agreed.  **School Crossing Patrol.** There are still concerns about what will happen in Blackford. Feedback from PKC Councillors is required. JL will email the Councillors.  **Auchterarder Recyling Centre**. JL will email the Councillors to ask for an update.  **Arnott Road residents meeting**: The residents who attended agreed to put together a letter to PKC Housing Department. Margaret McLaren expressed her thanks to the CC, JL, BW and IM.  **Road to Cemetery.** KH has contacted PKC re the state of the road. This has been passed to the relevant team to repair.  **School Bins on Pavement.** Due to the bin lorry being unable to access the rear of the school due to parked vehicles, the bins are now located on the pavement in Moray Street. | **IM**  **IM**  **IM**  **IM**  **JL**  **JL** |
| 4. | **Chair’s Report.**  **Letter from JL to Luke Graham MP re Funding for Productivity for A9 at Blackford**  *“You may recall when we met at your surgery in Blackford during the summer, we discussed funding from the UK government for productivity, and the possibility that such funding might be available for improvements to the A9 junction at Blackford.*  *You were very helpful in pointing out the strong case which Blackford has for such funding, as a small community with two internationally trading businesses.*  *Since then I have heard no more about this funding, or how it could be made available.*  *I would be grateful for any information which could be of help in our campaign for improvements to the A9 at Blackford.*  *Councillor Crawford Reid and my colleague Iain Paton of the Community Council are in touch with agencies with responsibility for the A9 to impress on them the need for improvements to the A9 in our area.”*  No reply has been received yet.  **Arnott Rd Residents Meeting**- JL had attended the meeting and had agreed to bring two items to the CC Residents at the meeting requested the CC’s help in contacting PKC about the need for Traffic Calming for Moray Place.  A Bin for Arnott Road was also requested.  **Correspondence.**  ***Previously circulated to all Community Councillors on email:***  **SCDC:** Community Council Research report launch event invitation (Edinburgh)  **Scottish Government: A Consultation on Fireworks in Scotland** KH  **PKC Community Transport Forum** notification of next meeting  **Community Right to Buy Free Events** JL has booked a place to attend on Sept 3rd in Perth  **PKC: Planning Training Event:** Placemaking in Rural Areas KH  **PKC:** Review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils KH  ***Other correspondence:***  **Transport Scotland Response to letter from JL to Michael Matheson re consultation under STPR2:**  ***TS response****, “Initial engagement will be focussed on Scotland’s local authorities and regional transport partnerships with establishment of Regional Transport Working Groups and the STPR consultants. This engagement, which is due to start shortly, will be followed by wider engagement with representative transport and stakeholder groups, community councils and the general public which will follow-on after this initial phase of work.”* Future info via TS website. JL  **Response from Roseanna Cunningham’s office re progress with STPR2:** RC’s office have sought information by email and refer to <https://www.transport.gov.scot/news/strategic-transport-projects-review-update/> JL    **Perth and Kinross Proposed Local Development Plan 2- Supplementary Guidance Consultation:** Forwarded to KH KH  **Community Resilience and Local Business - Research Project:** Forwarded to KH  **Scottish Government: A Consultation on Fireworks in Scotland**  **Bid Writing Workshop Edinburgh**  ***Other correspondence available from JL***  **Luke Graham:** re Cold Weather Payments triggered, March Surgery Timetable.  **Rail User Express Feb 2019**  **Strathearn and Strathallan Forum of CC Chairs Minutes Nov 2018** JL | **KH**  **KH** |
| 5. | **Treasurer’s Report.**  Treasurer’s Account - £1043.53.  Savings Account - £1.08.  **Blackford Community Funds Panel**. Next round of funding applications will close near the end of March with the Panel meeting in May. |  |
| 6. | **Planning Report.**  **Rail Yard.**  **Network Rail.** KH has concerns about the potential for flooding on the diverted core path due to the pitch of the footpath beside the rail-line. No SUDS was given for the path and bridge. Due to dirt, there are 2 SEPA breaches which KH will report. The tree warden has been contacted re damage to trees. There are issues with regards to safety barriers. Network Rail have emailed to advise the bridge will not be open until the end of March.  Undercutting at the bridge will be reported to the Flood Team at PKC.  KH attended a forum in Perth re flooding. Issues discussed included lack of maintenance re culverts and bridges, building on flood plains and dam maintenance. Schemes are available to assist communities prone to flooding. | **KH**  **KH** |
| 7. | **P&K Councillors’ Reports.**  **A9.** IP Had received a phone call from Councillor Reid advising he has met with Bear Scotland, Transport Scotland and the Police to discuss the situation and put forward suggestions to help the community. He received evasive replies. CR hopes to get representatives from all community councils in the area together for ideas and to keep pressure on all agencies involved. He also hopes to get businesses involved.  JL suggested asking CR to find out what is happening from Transport Scotland’s website. | **IP** |
| 8. | **Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.**  No report. |  |
| 9. | **Blackford Paths Group.**  The group met recently to decide further strategy and agreed to try and recruit two new trustees. It was also decided to ask the community to feed in their ideas of what the group should be trying to achieve. A poster has been prepared which will be put up in the village to encourage this.  Future minutes of the group will be posted the Community Council website. |  |
| 10. | **Police Report.**  No report. |  |
| 11. | **A.O.C.B.**  **Potholes.** KH sent a photo to the Head of Roads, PKC, re a problem in Stirling Street at the Distillery end (now repaired).  The surface beside the lorry park is breaking down.  **Auchterarder Network.** IM attended the meeting last week. Main topic was LAP funding. |  |
| 12. | **Date of next meeting.**  Tuesday, 26th March 2019.  Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm. |  |