|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Present |  |
| Janet Law | Chair |
| Katharine Huggett | Vice-Chair |
| Irene McLaughlan | Treasurer |
| Bob Watkinson | Community Councillor |
| Iain Paton | Community Councillor |
| Councillor Tom Gray | PKC Councillor |
| PC Alison Todd |  |
| 1 Member of the Public |  |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Item** | **Subject** | **Action by** |
| 1. | The Chair welcomed those in attendance.  Apologies:- Bett Illand, Alison Dawson, Richard Beith, Councillor Crawford Reid, Councillor Murray Lyle. |  |
| 2. | Minutes of the meeting of 26th March 2019 were read, apologies for Bob Watkinson and Councillor Murray Lyle added, and approved.  Proposed IP, seconded KH. |  |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous meeting:-**  **Fundraising for Trebsen Travel.** JL proposed that the main fundraising effort at present should be to make a success of the Ceilidh, and subsequently to identify other potential sources. She proposed to continue to work on this in consultation with AD and KH.  It had been suggested previously that the CC find out whether the Blackford Community Fund Panel would, in principle, look favourably on an application by any group intended to support Twinning related travel costs. This information would help all groups who might consider making such an application not just the Community Council. JL asked for advice from Foundation Scotland and has received the response that there could be discussion at the Funding Panel in May.  JL reported that, thanks to KH, the Fiddle Group and Tarneybackle, the Community Council has a terrific opportunity to make the Ceilidh a fundraising success at as reasonable a cost as possible, particularly for families, by providing everything by voluntary effort.    **Local Action Partnership Funding for Blackford.** IM has passed the funding to the Blackford Fiddle Group for the acoustic survey and the Blackford Study Group for the Yoga classes and Crochet workshop. The balance is in the CC account for the tables and proposed cupboard conversion. IM has contacted Live Active with the request for the cupboard conversion.  **Newsletter**. JL expressed thanks to all for all the hard work to write, edit print and distribute the Newsletter and also to Margaret McLaren who helped to deliver them outwith the village.  **School Crossing Patrol.** JL wrote to the Councillors with the CC’s concerns. IP wishes to know why Auchterarder has a vacancy being advertised for a school crossing patroller. Has this crossing been assessed? TG to check out.  **Arnott Road Parking.** The letter has been delivered.  **Winter Maintenance.** No further action required.  **A9.** IP advised Councillor Reid is being pro-active for Blackford, Auchterarder and Dunning and that he had sent Minutes of Meeting he had held with representatives of BEAR and Transport Scotland re A9. IP had forwarded this to IM and JL.  JL had read the A9 Keir Roundabout to West of Broxden Roundabout Corridor Study. https://www.transport.gov.scot/media/24332/j10194c-00.pdf which CR had found. This report was published as the result of a Freedom of Information request in June 2018, but dates from 2013. JL suggested that this tends to lend weight to the argument that plans to do something about the A9 in the Blackford area did exist, and have been put on hold. JL said that she considers this to be the argument which is most likely to be successful in getting a grade separated junction at Blackford, ahead of improvements to the road network elsewhere in Scotland, i.e. that it was supposed to have been happening already. JL requested IP thank CR for the information and that she hopes he will be able to come to the next CC meeting.  **Loss of Public Liability Insurance Cover for Hall Hire with Live Active.**  TG has no further information. KH was advised if any groups are struggling to pay this, to contact Live Active re the potential to hold a fundraising event. | **JL, AD & KH**  **TG**  **IP** |
| 4. | **Chair’s Report.**  **Panholes Footbridge.** The new footbridge was opened on 29th March.  **Cemetery Brae Foot Path.**  A member of the public asked whether work is to be done to improve the footpath to the cemetery. KH has suggested to HS it would make a good project.  **Litter on road from level crossing to the A9**. A member of the public sent a photo of a bag of litter collected between the level crossing and the salt depot. KH has highlighted the problem to HS from workers on the Railyard site.  **Footway from level crossing to** **A9.** JL will again raise the state of the path with Brian Cargill of PKC and copy in TG.  Two Community Councillors gave information that the woods by the Slackdale Road are sometimes used by young people for camping in the summer.  **Screening at New Rail Yard.**  JL reported that a member of the public enquired about screening for the Rail Yard.  JL sent the following information, “The Rail Yard's planning consent refers to an "acoustic barrier" rather than a fence, because the main concern was the amount of noise which would affect nearby residents. More detailed information is available https://planningapps.pkc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.doactiveTab=documents&keyVal=PBG1LRMKFR200 where the decision notice can be downloaded.  The relevant paragraph is  8. The acoustic barrier outlined within Noise Assessment dated June 2018 (ref: 18/01191/34) and outlined on the site plan (18/01191/2) shall be installed in its entirety prior the commencement of any operations on site and retained to the satisfaction of the Council as Planning Authority. The fence shall be coloured olive green to match the crane and shall provide a continuous acoustic barrier along the southern boundary of the site to the satisfaction of the Council as Planning Authority.  The following link should take you to a screen where you can enter the numbers above to find the relevant documents.  <https://planningapps.pkc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PBG1LRMKFR200>. KH agreed to provide a more concise answer for circulation to others who may enquire.  Now the Network Rail contract is more or less completed, we expect to hear soon from Highland Spring when work on the Rail Yard will start.  **Abercairney Place risks of increased traffic.**  The increased risks for children playing in the street since the new houses were built is something which has been raised again. JL contacted PKC to see if they can add Abercairney Place to the request to assess for traffic calming.  JL proposed to write to PKC to stress that we want them to consider this seriously and look at the whole area accessed via Moray Place and Abercairney Place, and to copy this to TG.  **Correspondence.**  **Previously circulated to all Community Councillors on email**  **PKC Noticeboard: Funding Alert April 2019**  **PK LEADER Crowdfunding Workshop - 1st May 2019**  **PKC: Solheim Cup Community Fund**  **Luke Graham MP: offer of conference call re Brexit**  **Available from J Law:**  **Rail User Express March and April**  **Strengthening Community Councils Report** | **JL**  **KH**  **JL** |
| 5. | **Treasurer’s Report.**  Treasurer’s Account - £2244.53. £806.12 CC money, the remaining £1338.41 is from the LAP Funding for the cupboard conversion and the tables.  Savings Account - £1.08.  I M will pass the accounts to Marjorie Sloan to be audited.  **Blackford Community Funds Panel**. The Panel will meet on 16th May to discuss the applications. | **IM** |
| 6. | **Planning Report.**  **Railyard**. KH met with Highland Spring. There is no appointed contractor yet. They are looking at starting work in the autumn. HS are having issues contacting Network Rail. HS are aware the CC wishes to contribute to the traffic plan.  **Footbridge.** KH emailed Dave Stubbs, PKC, re concerns with the footpath to the bridge, asking PKC to contact Network Rail. It’s 30 days since the bridge was opened, the footpath is still not suitable and there are still damaged trees which have not been attended to. KH has a photographic record taken over the last month.  2 groups have lodged complaints that the bridge is not user friendly.  KH has been unable to download certain documents from the planning portal as they appear to be no longer there. JL will check out her downloads and forward to KH by dropbox.  **Flood Survey Forms.** KH asked if anyone who has not yet returned the forms, please do so, as the information will still be welcomed. The report, to be referred to SEPA, is in the preliminary stages. PKC will contact the CC when it is ready.  **Highland Spring**. KH attended a meeting re flood prevention scheme re submission of plans. This will raise the soil levels and create a basin to prevent flooding at the bottom of Stirling Street.  Lorry parking area still has light overspill onto A9. The warehouse manager is looking into the problem, as well as an increase in lorry noise. | **TG**  **JL** |
| 7. | **P&K Councillors’ Reports.**  **Auchterarder Summer School.** This has been withdrawn by Live Active Leisure.  **Budget.** This was amended last week. |  |
| 8. | **Strathearn Community Rail Partnership.**  **AGM.** Scotrail do not have the rolling stock to improve the service. |  |
| 9. | **Blackford Paths Group.**  No report. |  |
| 10. | **Police Report.**  PC Todd advised the public to be vigilant as there has been break-ins in the Perth & Kinross area. The “Stop the Scammers” team is active. |  |
| 11. | **A.O.C.B.**  IM advised a member of the community is providing meals under the Meal Makers programme for anyone interested. Leaflets were distributed.  IM tabled information about the Archway Café and a workshop about the Impact of Poverty Awareness.  IM had attended the Auchterarder Network meeting. The Community Investment Funding will re-open in May.  KH requested a letter of thanks be sent to Kerr Smith of Live Active Leisure thanking him for getting the hot water situation in the kitchen sink taps resolved. JL will write the letter. | **JL** |
| 12. | **Date of next meeting.**  Tuesday, 28th May 2019. The AGM will also take place.  Venue – Moray Institute, Lower Hall, at 7.30pm. |  |