**Attendance**

Iain Paton Chair

Katharine Huggett Vice Chair

Irene McLaughlan Treasurer

Janet Law Secretary

Ann Gaunt Community Councillor

Caitriona Hutton Community Councillor

Tony Reeman Clarke Community Councillor

Crawford Reid PKC Councillor

4 members of the public

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| **Item** | **Subject** | **Action** |
| 1 | The Chair welcomed those in attendance  Apologies:  Bob Watkinson Community Councillor  Richard Scott Consultant (RS)  Tom Gray PKC Councillor  Murray Lyle PKC Councillor |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of previous meeting 26th November 2019**  Corrections supplied and agreed, with follow up to process of minute writing required.  Corrected minutes. Chair requests CC read and check before public distribution.  Any material changes to draft minutes be discussed at next meeting. Not to be placed on web or noticeboard until approved.  Bob Watkinson to stand back from CC. It is with great regret that the CC accept resignation of Bob Watkinson due to pressure of other pursuits. It is welcomed however, that he offers to continue web site maintenance for some time to come. | **ALL**  **Secretary** |
| 3 | **Matters Arising**  Newsletter- problem with delivery to outlying farms. IM suggested posting as this would be a legitimate use of funds. JL to source names and addresses. | **IM/JL** |
| 4 | **Litter Picking**  Local resident raised a concern about litter. Environmental Health to be contacted to discuss past and future commitment to e.g. bin emptying. Specific issue from Comelyburn to the A9 slip. | **C’llr Reid** |
| 5 | **Secretary’s Report**  Acoustic Report- Shared by Bethan Benwell, this measured reverberation time in the hall which is significantly higher than recommended level. Options to consider:  Installation of panels (acoustic board)  Curtains- increase absorption and keeps heat in and sun out.  **Previously circulated to Community Councillors by email:**  Report from KH rework at Tullibardine Distillery  **Report from KH re Puffin Crossing:**  **Correspondence:**   1. Highland Spring Advance Notification of Works: removal of small footbridge 2. PKC Gannochy Funding Roadshows information about January events. 3. PKC Adoption of Local Development Plan Available at www.pkc.gov.uk/ldp2 4. Power for People Request to support the Local Electricity Bill 5. PKC Temporary Traffic Restriction TTRO-334-19-20 High Street, Auchterarder 6. PKC Temporary Traffic Restriction TTRO-334-19-20 High Street, Auchterarder 7. PKC Link to online survey re STPR 2 (forwarded to CC contacts) 8. PKC Councillor Crawford Reid: Response from Derek Wiiliamson, Transport Scotland 9. Perth & Kinross CCTV consultation results 10. PKC Community Transport Forum - Thursday, 16 January 2020 (REMINDER) 11. PKC Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards 2020 - celebrating community-led built environment projects   **Perth & Kinross Council Budget Consultation:**   1. PKC National Planning Framework 4 - early engagement - community councils. 2. PKC Lord Lieutenancy Request for nomination for invitation to the Royal Garden Party July 2020.   **Correspondence to be tabled:**   * PKC Free Carers’ training on Jointly App (Crieff) * Previously forwarded to IP KH and AG * email to TG from W Greig at PKC re repairs to wall and path at cemetery * Update on cemetery track   **Forwarded to KH and IP:**   * Planning Performance and Fees Consultation - 18 December 2019 to 14 February 2020.   **Forwarded to IM:**   * PKC Community Investment Fund deadline * PKC: Funding Alert January 2020 Available from JL * PKC Lifelong Learning: Letter re placing requests consultation * PKC Roads Department: Omnibus Orders for 2019-20 |  |
| 6 | **Treasurers Report**  Treasurer’s Account - £1987.63, consists of £882.70 - BCC, £273.00 funding received from the Blackford Community Fund and held on behalf of the Cycle Group, £499.93 Trebsen Funds, £332 remainder of LAP funding for tables.  Savings Account - £1.08.  **Blackford Community Fund**.The fund has received 2 large grant applications. The panel will meet on 6th February 2020 to discuss them. Closing date for applications for the next round of funding is 16th March, with the Panel meeting on 23rd April.  **Strathearn & Strathallan Partnership.** IM has completed the form to receive the £1000 funding from PKC. Once IP has signed it, IM will post it. IM suggested some of the funding be used to allow the gifted sign from Trebsen to have a frame made to allow it to be erected in the village. Also suggested teapots for community use be purchased with some of the funds. IM will arrange an email to be sent to the email contacts to advise the funding is available.  IM reported on funding received last year by the Blackford Study Group to run Yoga classes. Yoga teacher in Blackford is unable to run the classes due to an accident. An alternative teacher is being sought but is hard to find. IM requested the CC approve a change to an exercise class from Yoga. This was agreed by the CC. IM to advise the relevant PKC department.  **Trebsen Report.** IM distributed the approved minutes of the Twinning Meeting of 14th November 2019. Next meeting will take place in the Lower hall, Moray Institute at 7.30pm om 13th February. Preparations are underway for the Trebsen visitors coming in May for our 150th Highland Games.  PKC amended the proposed Twinning road sign following feedback from BCC. IM distributed copies and the amendments were agreed by the CC. IM to advise PKC Roads Department. Twinning sign agreed. Inform Blair Watt at PKC. | **IM**  **IM** |
| 7 | **Planning report**  No new applications on portal  Highland Spring Railyard update distributed to CC asked Bob to put on BCC web  Meeting with Highland Spring (HS) 23/1 rising main is in, signage being checked every day, landscaping has started. Tayside contracts got permission from network rail to use the compound during footpath works but Louden not told before they showed up. Communication issues with Network Rail (NR) regarding site access.  Demolition of the station: Due to proximity of the station to the main line this can only happen when the line is closed. Unfortunately, this can only happen at night with network rail employees on site. A possession order has been granted for 2/2 with a backup of 23/2 if work not complete. They will not be moving the material into lorries for removal from site at night but there will be noise. They will arrive on site at approx 2100 line closed from 2300 for up to 8 hours. Everything demolished has to be moved a statutory distance from the line before 9am. Tidy up work will be done on the Monday Morning. letter to be delivered to all line of site properties.  The consolidation of material for the railway yard will be commencing on site, screening and dampening will be used where possible to control dust and noise. Soil within site will not be sufficient to infill the whole site and bring it up to the operating height, so additional fill will be required. This will come by road from Panholes, or outwith the community. Contractors were reminded that the community is watching out for the nesting Sand Martins and that any arrival will be notified to the local wildlife officer with footage in case of any problems. This construction method has been approved by the council and SEPA.  Additional watercourse checks are made daily and a log is being kept that SEPA can access at any time.  Further surface improvement to core path at bridge is planned.  The Tayside Contracts work has coincided with the work on the entrance to the site causing additional confusion and delays. The new entrance cut is nearly complete, it will have drop curbs and a pedestrian safety island. HS not aware of PKC plans to install duel use path and additional path on the Stirling Street side of Moray Street KH to link them up with the project manager before the additional plans are drawn up.  KH asked for a review of the positioning of the traffic monitoring equipment as lorries were not sticking to 20mph.  KH asked for additional screening round the generator that is running 24/7 for lights, comfort cabin and security.  More documents available on portal please note construction statement is subject to adjustment. Some ground conditions cannot be planned for.  KH passed on complaints about speeding lorries and night-time lorry noise increasing again.  KH requested additional signage instructing plant lorries to turn right as they are lost in the construction background  KH asked again for Luddons/HS to upgrade the path up to the church as community planning gain.  KH contacted about ownership of the land at Mill of Ogilvie where signs have been put.  **Roads**  CC are not getting the notifications requested. Slakdale road was closed for 18 days with no notice for pavement works.  KH contacted Blair Watt (PKC) following the last meeting and the pavement upgrades to DU are all on hold with the exception of the bit from crossing to Jubilee park. Nothing more to happen until Luddons are finished. DU path has now been created from the corner by the crossing to Jubilee park play area. Following discussions with PKC, Greenspace co-ordinator, no additional work will happen at that area until HS have finished. They have taken on board the suggestion that the whole of the B8081 between the two arms of the U188 should be upgraded and they will try and get that into the budget for later this year.  B8081 with A9 at the loaning head end: Ongoing issue reported repeatedly. PKC councillors are aware. Correspondence received today suggests that BEAR are actually responsible but Bear have previously suggested it is PKC. They will need an overnight closure of the slip road to fix it, no date yet but PKC may take the opportunity to fix other holes at the same time. KH will make HS consider transport Implications.  Level crossing closure 18th/20th April traffic management needed. PKC and BEAR need to be aware of CC concerns re: safety. Lorries cannot be allowed to access southbound on A9. Councillor support for upgrade welcome.  Trees at entrance to village have finally been cut back. This was done by Bear who removed at least 3 trees in excess of 30cm across and several other small ones.  Pot hole reporting: community encouraged to report directly to PKC. Inform KH of complaint for follow-up.  **CRP- Community resilience plan**  First Aid course 12th Feb IM and KH booked to attend given their proximity to hall and key roles in community groups.  Sand-bags deployed for flood prevention.  Salt in community/CRP cupboard for emergency use. |  |
| 8 | **PKC Councillor Report**  Continued lack of clarity of roles at Bear/Transport Scotland.  CC agree Councillor Crawford keep up pressure re; upgrade of A9 junctions.  TRC to take up role of representation of CC in monitoring A9 issues. JL propose IP seconded.  Infrastructure Community report- highlighted concern that village maintain position re: transport plan. TRC emphasised importance of considering A9 in context of integrated transport system linking road, rail and ensuring equitable bus/train fares. C’llr Crawford to hand over information and contacts to TRC | **CC**  **CC** |
| 9 | **Strathallan Community Rail Partnership Report**  Men’s Shed have applied to rent south bound rail building at Gleneagles station. |  |
| 10 | **Paths Group**  Meeting planned to fulfil OSCR obligations (Office of Scottish Registered Charities)  The Paths Group have not met recently but will have to hold their AGM soon in order to comply with the terms of their approval by OSCR as a SCIO. The planning gain from the wind farm is still under negotiation with PKC and the Group have so far not identified an alternative source of funding. There is a possible additional trustee who may join the Group. |  |
| 11 | **Police Report**  None |  |
| 12 | **Elections**  Secretary- AG elected.  Minutes Secretary- CH elected.  JL proposer TRC Seconded |  |
| 13 | **Blackford tree planting proposal-RTS Forestry**  (on behalf of Blackford Farms) local community consultation)  Larger buffer around sides of Glenside Farmstead required.  Concern re: deer fences crossing paths. Styles over deer fence where footpaths are established are required. |  |
| 14 | **Local Energy Feasibility Study**  Local resident Richard Scott has agreed to act as consultant advisor with regard to alternative renewable energy. Richard is advising on the potential for Local Energy Scotland grant funding of a Feasibility Study looking at the potential for hydroelectric power for Blackford.  Richard and JL met with Nigel Murray of Blackford Farms as talks with the local landowner are a requirement of the Application process.  Richard will attend the meeting of 25th February to discuss and report on the application for agreement Item to be included on Agenda.  CC approved in principle that an application be made for CARES funding to carry out an Options Appraisal on Blackford Farms land. RS to provide full update at next meeting. | **RS**  **JL** |
| 15 | **AOCB**  **Blackford twinning Committee:** Minutes of 14th November 2019 already circulated and approved. DONM: 7.30 pm on 13th February 2020 Moray Institute. All welcome.  **Community Council DONM:** 25th February 2020 at 7.30 pm Moray Institute. |  |