



## BLAIRGOWRIE AND RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Meeting

**8<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Minutes prepared by Euan Donald

Attendance – Carla Sutherland (Chairperson), Kim Wood, Robin Duncan, Sandy Thomson, Steve Johnson, Morag Young, Euan Donald, Colleen McVey, Gina Purrmann, Bob Stewart, Scott Macgregor, Councillor Caroline Shiers, Councillor Bob Brawn.

**Apologies-** Councillor Tom MacEwan

**Members of Public** - Clare Damodaran, Iain Wallace

#### **Ordinary meeting**

1. Adoption of previous minutes and matters arising – Minutes were adopted, proposer, Euan, Seconder Morag
  - a. Sir William McPherson memorial – Memorial to be commissioned for the Wellmeadow and for Riverside Park. Sculpture may be delayed. Renaming of xxx to Sir William MacPherson Walk approved
  - b. Project promoting the rich history of Blairgowrie and area – there has been a lot of promotion of this. There is a banner by the library. It is designed for visitors primarily. Support from the local community would be appreciated
2. Subjects raised by members of the public.
  - a. Clunie Loch – portaloos installed but human waste is still a problem. Winner of signage are twins from Coupar Angus who received their award via a presentation where the voucher was passed by paddle to the winners. There are still some issues such as a chain being removed. Police Scotland have issued 13 PCN recently. BRCC is happy to congratulate all involved in this project
  - b. Ban fireworks – discussed. This is not within the remit of BRCC but with PKC. BRCC encourages the community to come to the public fireworks display in the town rather than hold individual displays
  - c. Funding alert – Robin
  - d. Potential volunteers for Council – Robin to talk to Pro Com and publicise on Facebook page. Deadline for requests is 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
  - e. Davie Park lease – there was a very interesting review of the history of Davie Park. Iain Wallace pointed out that the Park was a bequest as an open space for the townsfolk, especially children.

Sandy Thompson said that the Park will remain for the use of the local community. There was a lively discussion about how to keep the history, including important documents, available for future generations. A local archive was suggested. BRCC voted to support actions to keep the park for the use of the public

- f. Speeding in town by the Wellmeadow – VAR at the bridge is working but there is still speeding. Sandy estimated that at least a third of vehicles speed over the bridge with larger vehicles being the most noticeable. Cameras attached to the VAR are too expensive at £6,000 each. A “pop-up” copper can be purchased for £250. Volunteers could get trained to use speed cameras through the Speedwatch program. The cost is £3,000. Ten people are needed to make it work. It was suggested that someone approach the Climate Café and the Community Investment Fund. After a lot of discussion, it was agreed that Carla from BRCC should write to the Police. Other opinions should also be sought out.
- g. Twinning – Gina reported on the discussion she had with Berbieres. There is a lot of interest from the French town. It was suggested that Gina contact Philip Nappe who did work with the transatlantic twinning projects
- h. Recreation Centre, West Park, roadworks – Morag asked about an extension of double yellow lines on Honeyberry Drive. The road is dangerous especially at school drop off and pick up times. Councillor Brawn said that there were plans to expand the yellow lines but there was no implementation date agreed yet.

Morag asked for clarification on the Recce Centre as there seemed to be inadequacies in the facilities for very young children. There was a general agreement that the latest iteration looks very utilitarian. Councillor Brawn pointed out that there were very many external parameters which restricted the final plans.

West Park – There was a discussion about how little green space was included in the latest version of the West Park plans. There was nowhere to run social activities. PKC is looking to build biodiversity into its plans.

- i. Flag in Wellmeadow – update – Survey closed before the meeting. There were a further 20 replies. There was a small majority in favour of three flag poles but there was a rejection of the plans to fly the Union Flag. This project has been moved on to the planning stage. There was a debate on which flags could be flown and who should fund them. No conclusion on this was made, however.
- j. Other items

### 3. Planning

- a. layby/drop off zone on Elm Drive – no update
- b. Laird Aggregates Ltd - Proposed Extension to Marlee Quarry, Blairgowrie - Proposal of Application Notice – update, Carla met Billy Whytock but there was not much change. Laird Aggregates seem happy with the present situation.

4. Police Report. Fire Report Police reports are attached to the minutes. No fire report received

5. Sub-committee updates:

- a. Christmas Tree – Robin reported a donation of £1,000 from Tesco and several smaller donations. No response received from Sainsbury's or the Co-op.
- b. Bonfire night – there will be no bonfire this year. However, it is planned to run the fireworks display from a pontoon on the river on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. PKC has been asked for a 45-minute closure to traffic of the bridge. Future years are under discussion with various parties
- c. Blairgowrie telephone box and defibrillator – this is now complete. Photos taken for the local paper. The only outstanding tasks such as painting the bench and planting flower beds are from other groups
- d. Pleasanton links – this will not be pursued
- e. Citizen of The Year – last year's recipients to be presented with their awards. Covered by the Blairie. Councillor Shiers asked that we recognise the work done in the town by local youngsters. BRCC voted to support this idea. Councillor Shiers and Carla to work on this with Morag.
- f. A quote has been accepted for installation of an earth pole to support the emergency generator still needing installed in the town. Sandy to write to PKC to investigate next step

6. Treasurer's report – available on request

7. Local Councillor's reports

Councillor Brawn agreed visit with Robin to Ferguson Park to go ahead at a time and date to be agreed. A meeting for BRCC with PKC traffic department (Daryl) is planned. Dates to be agreed EV charging stations not yet live. There will also be charging points at West Park and the Recce Centre.

Councillor Shiers reported that updates from SEPA regarding the slippage at Welton Road. Discussions are ongoing between PKC, SEPA and the landowner. Notification of works on Welton Road start on 19th July to shore up the road which will last for 19 weeks. Lots of work around Davie Park including looking to relocate benches and to install picnic benches etc. The gym equipment installation at Riverside is going well and part of regeneration of that area. Councillor Shiers congratulated the volunteers for driving that forward. This is probably the first outdoor gym in PKC. There have been lots of complaints re speeding, dog poo and overhanging hedges. Discussions now underway re the putting green at Davie Park with Pro Com. A good deal of pressure on council services as COVID has kicked in with people having to self-isolate following contact tracing. Finally, John Corrigan is retiring after over 30 years' service to the community. Councillor Shiers thought that it would be nice if the community council could recognise huge contribution he has made over the years.

8. AOB

Sandy asked why PKC employed a person full time to press an entry button at the Waste Disposal Site on Welton Road. Councillor Brawn reported that the person had other duties. The barrier was to prevent non-domestic waste being dumped without a valid permit by contractors. There was a large cost to the extra removal required and a lot of lost income from contractors not purchasing the correct permit.

Next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 @ 6:30pm. Meeting via Zoom.

**Distribution of Minutes by email unless specified:**

**BRCC:**

Robin Duncan  
Sandy Thompson  
Kim Wood  
Carla Sutherland  
Morag Young  
Steve Johnson  
Scott Macgregor  
Bob Stewart  
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Colleen McVey  
Linda Mieзите  
David Cuthill  
Pete Richardson  
Euan Donald  
Cllr Caroline Shiers  
Cllr Bob Brawn  
Cllr Tom McEwan

**External:**

PKC Community Councils  
Clare Damodaran (Press)  
Mrs B Leslie (Blairgowrie HS)  
BRCC Website  
Blairgowrie & Rattray Development Trust

**Attachments**

9. Police Commander Reports



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10. Fire Report

No report received

11. Treasurer's Report

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