



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

**10th June 2021**

Minutes prepared by Robin Duncan

Attendance - Kim Wood (Chairperson) Robin Duncan, Sandy Thomson, Steve Johnson, Morag Young, Euan Donald, Councillor Caroline Shiers, Councillor Tom MacEwan, Councillor Bob Brawn.

**Apologies-** Carla Sutherland

**Members of Public who spoke-** Clare Damodaran, Bob Stewart, Scott Macgregor, Gina Purrmann.

**Ordinary meeting**

Minutes from meeting of 13th May 2021 were proposed by Robin Duncan and seconded by Morag Young.

Sir William Macpherson Drive - The name change had been approved at the last meeting and this ratification was going through PKC. There is a meeting to be held on 11th June between the sub-group headed by Ian Richards, PKC, and David Wilson the architect. Also in attendance is to be Sir William's daughter, Annie. Plans for a memorial seat are planned for the Wellmeadow and a stone memorial at the Riverside.

Heritage Group- Headed by Councillor Shiers- all is going well.

Cluny Loch – Litter picks are being done by PKC and by local volunteers. On Facebook members of the public are being asked to be respectful and remove their own rubbish and the police will be showing a presence. Parking on the main roads is to be restricted.

Space for People - 20mph signs are in place for 18 months then the situation will be reviewed.

Derelict House at David Street- ST brought this to the attention of the meeting and commented that 5 young boys were loitering in it and this could be dangerous. Elizabeth Butt of PKC is looking into the situation.

RD commented on the dangerous crossing at Bonnington Road/Hatton Road and Councillor Shiers agreed to add this to the list for the meeting with Darren of PKC.

Elm Drive -The exclusion zones in this area are noted on Facebook and when they end this will be confirmed.

Co-opted- Scott Macgregor, Gina Purrmann and Bob Stewart are to be brought onto the council and forms are being completed and sent to PKC. There is, however, to be an election so these co-options will go ahead, but all co-opted members will have to complete other forms for the

election. Forms have been received from Christine Grant and these are to be completed for the election due in August. As of 1<sup>st</sup> July, notification of the election will be announced. We have potentially 10 places on the council. The currently elected members do not go for re-election. This has been confirmed by Christine Grant of PKC

3G Pitch- Although planning had been approved for this pitch at Davie Park, there is a consultation required and letters of support from the community are sought. This is to take 8 weeks and ST was very disappointed that this had not been clarified by PKC before now.

Scotia Homes- CD asked if Scotia Homes had been asked to focus on the infrastructure requirements as planning not yet been approved despite the fact that they are being sold "off-site". BB. Confirmed that this can happen and that 7 houses have approval to be built.

Laird Aggregates- RD confirmed that he had had a meeting with Billy Whytock and discussed what questions the residents should be asking of Laird Aggregates. Planning has not yet been sought, but once this has been placed the community needs to ask many questions of the developers. Many reports will have to be done and these can be looked at on [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk). Other site <https://my.pkc.gov.uk>

Commanders Report. The report showed little criminal activity in Blairgowrie and Rattray and members were rather sceptical on the veracity of this.

Christmas Tree - Progress is being made and RD has been in touch with Tesco. I can now report that we have been awarded £1000. Application to Eastern Perthshire Action Partnership by Councillor Shiers said that we did not qualify. The Co-op has been contacted and RD awaits approval or not. Deposit to be paid by end July with balance due on delivery. RD will approach others and consider Crowdfunding.

Bonfire - Because of problems with embers on the new 3G pitch it is unlikely that there will be a venue this year. The subgroup is to have a meeting with David Stubbs. The idea of fireworks only is being considered.

Defibrillator- This is now operational. However, stickers have not been delivered and new Perspex window is not fitted yet.

Bob Millar, painter, has not completed the job on the bench but this to be completed very shortly.

Pleasanton Links- It was felt that until someone was keen to promote twinning, we should keep it on the back burner.

GP felt that a European connection could be made in the future after the elections.

Citizen of the Year - There is to be no award for this year, however, last year's winners, Kay Seal and Mary Birch are to be presented with a specially commissioned trophy presented by the Blairie.

Resilience- A PKC official met ST in the town hall to discuss the fitting of generator and he was very negative. ST however contacted Erich Electrical and Gary from Erich feels that he can solve the problem.

#### Councillors Reports -

Bob Brawn- Community reporting on fly-tipping and confirmation of where it is.

- Daryl from PKC meeting in Blairgowrie with group to consider road issues.
- Looking for volunteers at the vaccination centre at town hall.

- BB and RD had Zoom meeting with property group of PKC and an on-site meeting to be convened mid-July to see problems first-hand.

Caroline Shiers - There is to be a Davie Park Project looking to consider reinstatement of a putting green plus other outdoor activities.

Tom MacEwan- Parking in Brown Street has been noted to satisfaction of local residents.

Cluny Loch plans in place for busy summer. This was discussed above.

AOCB

Scott MacGregor conducted a Facebook Survey on the appetite for the community to have 3 flagpoles rather than one. There was a positive response with a small majority liking the idea however, there were several rather nasty comments when some went down the political route. SM will give extra time for other opinions and this will be on next month's agenda.

Web Site - MY and KW to liaise with Tracy and it will be a team effort to keep the web pages of BRCC updated.

ST hoped that normal parking would resume in the Wellmeadow so that it would be more inviting for tourists. Currently there are too many places for Disabled and Loading.

VAR sign - Workmen were seen at the crossings, so we hope the long-awaited repair is taking place.

Covid Test Centre at Davie Park is operational.

Rubbish leaking into Erich- SEPA and PKC are meeting soon.

MY made very positive comments about work done by Blair in Bloom.

CS commended on the fly tipping clearance of Davie Park.

Community Action Plan - As many as possible should complete the questionnaire.

Closing date is 21st June.

Community Insights- MY mentioned a software package which breaks down areas and demographics to allow funding packages to be accessed. The cost is £6000. However, it would be hugely beneficial for local authorities to see funds currently spent on Consultants and PKC Officers. CS to look into this.

Meeting Closed

Next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 @ 6:30pm. Meeting via Zoom.

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Cllr Bob Brawn  
Cllr Tom McEwan

**Attachments**

1. Police Commander Reports



Commanders Bulletin  
18052021.pdf



Commanders Bulletin  
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Commanders Bulletin  
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2. Fire Report

No report received

3. Treasurer's Report

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