



BLAIRGOWRIE AND RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Meeting

13th May 2021

Minutes prepared by Euan Donald.

Attendance Carla Sutherland, Kim Wood, Robin Duncan, Sandy Thomson, Stephen Johnson, Morag Young, Euan Donald, Councillor Caroline Shiers, Councillor Tom MacEwan, Councillor Bob Brawn

Apologies – Chris Smith (Fire Scotland)

Members of the public - Clare Damodaran, Bob Stewart, Scott MacGregor

ORDINARY MEETING

1. BRCC changes Note to all: no recordings are permitted without explicitly given consent from everyone attending the meeting. This is a requirement of PKC and our Zoom licence.
 - a. Resignation of Phil Seymour. Phil's resignation has been accepted and the council thanked him for his outstanding service.
 - b. Nominations for new Chair. Carla Sutherland was unanimously voted in as the new Chair. Carla agreed to serve in post until the elections for new members is held.
2. Adoption of previous minutes and matters arising Robin and Steve.
 - a. Sir William McPherson memorial – update employed architect, David Wilson, to give some designs. We need to approve renaming of the street from Riverside Park to Sir William Macpherson Park so that it can be forwarded to PKC. Agreed. Need funding for the next steps. There will also be a plaque.
 - b. Project promoting the rich history of Blairgowrie and area – update. Caroline taken over this group. Online timeline project and other bits and pieces attached. Some funding available. Launch date of last Friday in June. Also want to set up a U-Tube channel. Catch stories from people and add musical elements. Work on digital but hope to have something physical in the future. Caroline to send out email covering this. Schools not involved yet but that is the intent.
 - c. Static caravans – no update
 - d. Public Wi-Fi in Blairgowrie – update went live in March, Steve mapped out the area. Still needs promoted to businesses. Caroline to follow up. Steve to also promote it to businesses.
3. Subjects raised by members of the public.
 - a. Clunie Loch – update changes to the site. Clearway signs will be installed in May by PKC. Hardcore laid for designated parking bays. Boulders in place to stop other parking. Community wardens patrolling at weekends. Mess left by campers still needs cleaned up. Daily litter pick.

No news about the poster yet. Visitor management training presentation to follow. School competition is still running. Close date 24th May. PKC make signs and install asap.

- b. space for people review 20mph – update Caroline asked that Wellmeadow area be looked at again. Are the disabled parking bays all needed? Space for people project finishes end of May. Consultation after that period. Lot of problems with the one-way system and parking at Wellmeadow – Scott. Humps outside Rattray Primary School (High Street) are not signposted. Some humps are not well positioned e.g. Hatton Road so people can swerve around the humps. Snow ploughs to blame for some of the damage. More contact with Roads Dept (Daryl MacEwan). Sandy and Carla to investigate traffic issues and comms with PKC.
- c. Other items. Request for advice on planning application from a resident of Burrelton. The only advice which could be given was to contact the local PKC councillor. A list of councillors was passed on.

4. Planning

- a. layby/drop off zone on Elm Drive – update, no update. Park for the moment. Exclusion zone takes priority 6-month trial. Discussion on option of Hazelwood Road. Kim and Carla to take it forward.
- b. Laird Aggregates Ltd - Proposed Extension to Marlee Quarry, Blairgowrie - Proposal of Application Notice – update email from Willie Booth shared. Need to know more about the traffic and how well the road will be maintained. Steve – committee to work with local team “stop the new quarry” Facebook page. Euan to ask Tim Bain how best to collaborate.

5. Police Report. Fire Report. Reports are attached to the end of this document.

6. Sub-committee updates:

- a. Christmas Tree electric tree to go up. Need £3K to pay for it. Crowd funding in someone's name not a charity. Potential for it to be done through charity. Robin to check BRDT. May be pushed to get a tree for this year according to Scott Macgregor. PAYPAL could be used. We have an account. Robin to update us next meeting.
- b. Bonfire night – plans moving forward, not sure about location, down to the football club at Davy Park, no issues now according to Sandy.
- c. Blairgowrie telephone box and defibrillator phone box cleaned, designed checked, just about to send off the design. Going in next week, painter to paint the bench after Bruce Whytock replaced spars. Should look good by end of month. Morag not yet heard about replacing the glass/Perspex.
- d. Pleasanton links piece in the Hub, no contacts received but Hub due out later.

7. Treasurer's report

8. Local Councillor's reports

- a. Caroline – no news

- b. Tom MacEwan – Town Hall is used as the Covid vaccination centre so not having other meetings. It is impacting on peoples' lives – parking, traffic cones which are never removed, etc. Tom asked for long term plan and whether they could use another location. Too many social interactions lost. Sandy – other venues were rejected for a variety of reasons. Difficult to get another location and that has not changed. Residents of George Street want PKC to look at residents parking zone. Lots to look at before this might happen. Parking to be added to the agenda-long term/multi storey.
- c. Bob Brawn – library chargers up by end of week. Marfield undergrowth cleared, lots of litter, though. Caroline litter pick organisation. VAS on bridge not ready. 20 mph in Rattray changes must wait until after trial period.

9. AOB

- a. Litter pick 30th May follow up with Blair in Bloom.
- b. Under-age drinking lot of occasions of under-age drinking, police called a few times, where is the alcohol coming from, who can police the shops, teenagers have little to do in Blairgowrie, can report shops to trading standards. Can report to crime stoppers contact licensing department www.tsscot.co.uk/consumer-advice/consumer-advice/
- c. Cigarette sales to under-age children as above
- d. Citizen of the Year do we want to look again Sandy, Phil and Kim, run a name a special person for citizen of the year or postpone for a year.
- e. resilience committee needs resurrected, resilience group – still has no power back-up Sandy is following it up.

Next meeting – 10th June 2021 @ 6:30pm. Meeting via Zoom.

Distribution of Minutes by email unless specified:

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 Mr Sandy Thompson
 Mrs Kim Wood
 Miss Carla Sutherland
 Mrs Morag Young
 Mr Steve Johnson
 Mr Euan Donald
 Cllr Caroline Shiers
 Cllr Bob Brawn
 Cllr Tom McEwan

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Attachments

10. Police Commander Reports



Commanders Bulletin 21042021.pdf Commanders Bulletin 28042021.pdf Commanders Bulletin 05052021.pdf Commanders Bulletin 12052021.pdf

11. Fire Report



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12. Treasurer's Report Available on request

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