



## BLAIRGOWRIE AND RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Minutes prepared by E Donald

**Attendance** - Phil Seymour, Kim Wood, Robin Duncan, Sandy Thomson, Stephen Johnson, Euan Donald, Councillor Caroline Shiers, Councillor Tom MacEwan, Councillor Bob Brawn

**Apologies** – Brian Rickwood, Chris Smith (Fire Scotland)

**Members of the public** - Clare Damodaran, Allan Gowrie, Elaine MacDonald

### **BRCC meeting**

#### **ORDINARY MEETING**

1. Adoption of previous minutes - The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true reflection of the meeting. It was agreed that planning to be added as an agenda item.
2. Subjects raised by members of the public.
  - a. Clunie Loch – no update from Carla. Phil Seymour to check with Carla Sutherland.
  - b. new one-way system of lower mill street – no significant change this year. There has been more gritting, but issues still exist. May be that temporary changes can be made for two-way system. There is general support for the two-way system. Came about from an incident with a fire engine not getting access. One way system with defined parking bays was put in as a result. Need to have a discussion through the summer. Bob and Phil suggested a sub-committee be formed.
  - c. Kim Wood – CO-OP wanted us to advertise their raffle on our website, but we cannot promote specific businesses.
3. Planning
  - a. layby/drop off zone on Elm Drive Scotia point out there was only an understanding (good will gesture) by Stewart Milne. Scotia willing to discuss but Scottish Govt policy is to discourage traffic around schools. PKC has a legal obligation to follow Govt guidelines. Encourage children to walk or cycle to school. Same issue across the whole UK. We cannot raise this with the planning committee, unfortunately. Planning and roads are separate issues with separate governance. Stuart Nichol was leading the previous CC on this topic. Phil Seymour will contact Stuart Nichol to get his input on what was proposed before.
4. Police Report. Fire Report See end of document.

5. Sub-committee updates:

- a. Christmas Tree Meigle and Ardler got money from Eastern Perthshire Action Partnership. Robin Duncan to follow up.
- b. Bonfire celebrations are being planned until we know otherwise. Fireworks are provisionally booked.
- c. Blairgowrie telephone box and defibrillator BRCC now owns the telephone box and have a promise of the money from Rotary for the defibrillator and cabinet. We have the defibrillator and are waiting on the cabinet. Phil Seymour to send signage options balancing rotary vs BRCC desires. Bob Millar (Millar's Painters and Decorators Ltd) happy to offer services to decorate it. Some money available for decoration.

6. Treasurer's report included at end of report.

7. Local Councillor's reports

- a. Bob – 4 electric vehicle charging points are available by library, still need wired in. Speed sign needs power as well. Marberg site owners (James Keiller) are happy for PKC to clear up the site. Ferguson Park site – there are plans to get it cleared but these must wait until Covid restrictions are eased. Town Hall used for vaccinations. People seem happy with the way it is organised. Sandy noted that the traffic wardens have been very helpful around the town hall.
- b. Tom – clarification of gritting. Town Hall election point must be moved. PKC wants to know if there any other suitable locations. Let one of the PKC councillors know.
- c. Caroline – additional grit bins. There is a list. Review of gritting schedules is carried out after the winter. We should receive invitation. Issue with RECCE meetings not having the same information. There will be one source now. Access to Boat Brae to be looked at. Access to Davie Park to be discussed. New Park Ranger. Caroline to send me details.

8. AOB

- a. Sandy Thomson– Town Hall and resilience fund. No power connection made yet. Any news on when we can get this connected. Phil to make enquiries with Keith Colville.
- b. Kim Wood – Community Sports Hub meeting general feeling was that parking issues were not resolved. There were still a lack of entrance areas and several other points were raised. Planners looking at aspects of the design such as windows. No new date planned. Update for sports hub meeting due next week.
- c. Kim Wood– community action plan – Phil to come back to Kim with dates
- d. Phil Seymour– plaque from 1995, twinned with Pleasanton ([https://www.pleasantonweekly.com/morque/2006/2006\\_01\\_20.ascot20.shtml](https://www.pleasantonweekly.com/morque/2006/2006_01_20.ascot20.shtml)) .BRCC were very much involved (see Phil's emails). Both hold Highland Games. Can we make stronger

links?

Robin Duncan will check with Rotary about possible links. Phil Seymour to report back.

- e. Kim Wood– internet connections – can PKC do anything to improve internet for school learning. Councillor Shiers stated that pupils with difficulties can talk to the school about local hot points
- f. Clare Damodaran– free Wi-Fi is ready to launch but delay is due to power needing supplied. Councillor Shiers to check.

Next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 @ 6:30pm. Meeting via Zoom.

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

**BRCC:**

Mr Phil Seymour  
Mr Sandy Thompson  
Mrs Kim Wood  
Miss Carla Sutherland  
Mr Robin Duncan  
Mr Steve Johnson  
Mr 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**



Commanders Bulletin 20012021.pdf    Commanders Bulletin 27012021.pdf    Commanders Bulletin 03022021.pdf

**10. Fire Report**



BRCC January 2021 Report.pdf

**11. Treasurer's Report (November report)**

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