

Minutes of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Meeting

14th January 2021

Minutes prepared by E Donald

Attendance – Phil Seymour, Sandy Thomson, Robin Duncan, Kim Wood, Steve Johnson, Euan Donald, Cllr. Caroline Shiers, Cllr. Cllr. Bob Brawn, Councillor Tom McEwan

Apologies – Brian Rickwood

Members of Public – Mr A. Gowrie

BRCC meeting

ORDINARY MEETING

1. **Adoption of previous minutes.** The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true reflection of the meeting, with an amendment to acknowledge Mr A. Clegg was mistakenly identified as belonging to green Space. He is a Ranger. (proposed – Robin Duncan, seconded – Steve Johnson)
2. Subjects raised by members of the public.
 - a. Recreation Centre – no update required.
 - b. Clunie Loch – no update
 - c. Home Bargains application was discussed but no action by BRCC necessary.
 - d. new one-way system of lower mill street. It can be dangerous going up the brae. The snow has made this worse and people are tempted to go the wrong way along the flat one-way section. Snow plough and gritting are not sufficient. Can it be returned to two-way traffic? Councillor Brawn has raised the issue with the PKC Roads team. The road could have its priority status raised to ensure it is gritted/ snow ploughed earlier in the day. Councillor McEwan suggested that BRCC directly contact PKC. Phil Seymour has agreed to do this.
3. Roads, parking and crossing issues.
 - a. The Scotia Homes application is due soon. BRCC has not heard anything about the parking/layby options. Phil Seymour will contact Councillor Shiers. The school is considering carrying out a survey about the parking facilities around the school.

There were 150 responses to the playpark survey sent out by Kim Woods. The results have been sent to Scotia Homes and will be published on the BRCC Facebook account

Sandy Thomson noted there were several complaints about the automatic crossings in the region. He noted that it did slow down the traffic and that the benefit has gone with the automatic crossing control removal.

4. Police Report. Fire Report These are attached at the end of this report. There have been a lot of car break-ins reported. Phil Seymour will follow up with the Police about whether they follow up on CCTV at the Post Office and petrol station.

5. Sub-committee updates:

a. Fireworks Pending approval from the Scottish Government and PKC, the fireworks celebration will go ahead on 6th November.

b. Christmas Tree Robin Duncan will look at funding options for an “electric” tree like Rattray. He has already had discussions with the Illuminations Committee. The cost is expected to be around £3,000. The tree will be sited at the Wellmeadow.

6. Blairgowrie telephone box and defibrillator Rotary Club of Blairgowrie has offered to fund the purchase and installation of the defibrillator and cabinet. Once BT confirm the sale, Robin will firm up the quote and arrange purchase of the defibrillator and cabinet. There may be an opportunity to sell advertising to offset the running costs.

7. Treasurer’s report Available on request

8. Local Councillor’s reports

Councillor Brawn reported that the Edinburgh Woollen Mill in Blairgowrie will remain open as will the branch in Dobbie’s, Perth. Work on the library is ongoing. An unpaid work team has been identified to help clear up the site at Ferguson Park and Marfield. It is limited by Covid-19 restrictions in its ability to operate. The team must wait until the restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, we should all be encouraged to obey the regulations and guidelines in place to reduce the impact of covid-19.

Councillor McEwan added that dates have now been released for the resurfacing of Queens Road.

Councillor Shiers has taken up issues regarding handrails leading from Sidlaw Road down to Davie Park and issues re the football pitch damage at Davie Park. There is a bus shelter being repurposed up to the BMX TRACK in Rattray in the next few days which will provide some cover up there for kids and park users.

9. Community feedback Phil Seymour reported that there was no specific funding available to carry out a local survey. It was agreed that the survey should be revisited in the spring.

10. AOB

- a. Sandy Thomson proposed moving the start time for the BRCC monthly meetings forward. A new start time of 6:30pm was agreed.
- b. Sandy Thomson asked for clarification on the status and future for Blairgowrie Cottage Hospital. Councillor McEwan reported that the plan was to keep minor injuries and the out-patient clinics. Replacement of the aging x-ray equipment is a decision for the Radiology Department based at Ninewells Hospital and NHS Tayside.
- c. Robin Duncan asked who pays for the defibrillator pads when used by Scottish Ambulance Service. BRCC confirmed that it would absorb the costs.
- d. Kim Woods and Sandy Thomson reported that they would attend the Community Sports Hub AGM, primarily related to the Recreation Centre.

Next meeting – 11th February 2021 @ 6:30pm. Meeting via Zoom.

Distribution of Minutes by email unless specified:

BRCC:

Mr Phil Seymour
Mr Brian Rickwood
Mr Sandy Thompson
Euan Donald
Mr Robin Duncan
Mr Steve Johnson
Miss Carla Sutherland
Mrs Kim Wood
Mr Mark Purmann-Charles
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

11. Police Commander Reports



Commanders Bulletin
16122020.pdf



Commanders Bulletin
23122020.pdf



Commanders Bulletin
06012021.pdf



Commanders Bulletin
13012021.pdf

12. Fire Report



BRCC December
2020 Report.pdf

13. Treasurer's Report (November report) Available on request

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