



BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th Sept 2021

Held in the Adult Resource Centre, plus Teams, Blairgowrie at 7.00pm

<p><u>ATTENDANCE</u></p> <p>Morag Young(MY) Robin Duncan(RD) Linda Miezite(LM) David Cuthill(DC) Pete Richardson(PR) Sandy Thomson(AT) Gina Purrman(GP) Scott MacGregor(SM) ColleenMcVey(CM)</p> <p>APOLOGIES Clare Damodaran (Press) Clare McMicking (Minute Secretary)</p>	<p>Councillors-Present BobBrawn(BB) Caroline Shiers(CS) On Line- Tom McEwen(TM) Grant Laing(GL)</p> <p>US Visitor Guy Houston(GH)</p> <p>Public Speakers Steve Johnson (SJ)</p>	<p><u>ABSENCES</u></p> <p>NONE</p>	
<p>Item 1 – Welcome & Apologies MY welcomed Guy Houston from Pleasanton US our twin city.</p> <p>No apologies</p> <p>-Guy was here for the CATERAN YOMP and he had been presented with a quach for delivery to the Mayor of Pleasanton from Provost Dennis Melloy, in the Wellmeadow earlier in the afternoon. A letter from the Mayor was read out and so we hope the twinning will continue. A hamper had also been put together by Sam Stewart of Pro comm. This hamper of local produce and</p>			<p>MY SM</p>

<p>publications were for Guy to take back to the US. MY and SM will compose a reciprocal letter for Mr Houston to take back to the Mayor.</p> <p>-LM-Shared her experiences of IT and zoom /hybrid meetings and her paper can be forwarded if requested.</p>	
<p>Item 2 - Adoption of August Minutes and matters arising. MY read out the amendments that had been made. Everyone agreed to the amendments. Clare will be asked to change and to send out a final minute to the circulation list. Minutes were approved, RD proposed and SM seconded. Discussion was had about how the group would like the checking of the minutes to be done. They agreed that the minutes produced by Clare McMicking would be sent to the office bearers in the first instance, then on to the wider group for further amendments, so that a complete minute could be adopted at the monthly meeting and save time. The group would agree the amendments by email as they were made, then as a complete minute at the following monthly meeting.</p> <p>-RD. had sent £1459.49 to Pro Comm as agreed. Slightly less than mentioned last month due to updated figures.</p> <p>-GP had sent letter asking police to attend meeting however reply said they were short in numbers at present but hope to do so in future.</p> <p>-Flag Poles in the Wellmeadow was an initiative not attached to BRCC</p> <p>-Twinning-GP in negotiation with Berbiere with letters sent to groups in France. Dialogue will continue.</p> <p>Matter Arising -</p> <p>-Beeches Road -A complaint from a resident was being considered and BB stated that opinions were being sought on resident permits. This does not happen outside Perth however views would be taken and considered. BB asked MY to post the question to the public to see if there was interest in a resident's permit. It was suggested that CD. Could ask for opinions in the Blairie.</p> <p>-Pedestrian Crossings in Wellmeadow- Options were considered at the site meeting with Chic Haggart, Siemens rep, BB, AT and members of the public. Options were to keep synchronised and reduce time to 30 sec or cancel synchro. AT to send MY the wording for our online posts to ask the wider public their opinion/preference for the sequencing.</p> <p>-Kay Seal had sent in a letter about the community making small changes to their habits to improve the environment. However, the Blairie had done an article on the subject and she was happy with this message.</p> <p>-LM. To present paper on Xmas for children at the Oct meeting.</p> <p>-Parking in Berrydale Road and the exclusion zone. CS will send GP information to pass on to the resident, in a letter confirming this trial period and opinions are being taken.</p> <p>DC suggested police and traffic wardens should be used to discourage poor parking behaviours by parents. CS to look into this.</p> <p>DC said an Audi car was reported abandoned. PKC and police told but nothing had been done in last 21 days. CS to look into this.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>BB</p> <p>MY, CD</p> <p>AT, MY</p> <p>LM</p> <p>CS, GP</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>

<p>-SM requested the yellow lines be extended on the north side of Hatton Road at the junction with Balmoral Road. BB and CS agreed this should be able to be done. BB to take forward suggestion to Daryll at PKC.</p>	<p>BB</p>
<p>Item 3 - Subjects raised by members of the public. None</p>	
<p>Item 4A - Police and Fire Reports. Police Report sent out monthly but this just mentions a few issues within P&K and not all details within Blairgowrie and Rattray. Fire Report mentioned that there had been 40 call outs in August and that 3 trainee firemen were getting training on car exiting. (How to deal with personnel in car crashes)</p> <p>Item 5A – On going issues. Sub Groups –List being set up by MY in order to structure roles within BRCC MY listed the following council members and their specific responsibilities.</p> <p>Roads & Traffic- AT, SM and DC Resilience- PR Citizen of the year- AT, LM Twinning France – GP Twinning US-SM Sir William Bench- RD Xmas tree-RD SM Fireworks RD,MY Xmas Kids- LM Clunie Loch -DC IT-CM Pro Comm Liason- RD & GP</p> <p>MY gave the full list, including all her affiliations, to GP.</p> <p>Item 5B-Resilience Update- it is considered that the Town Hall is not going to be the right place for a generator to be placed. The High School looks as if this may be the right place to instal . This could be considered in the plans of the new recreation centre. CS to contact Miahri Milne PKC</p>	
<p>Item 5C – Arising and Ongoing Issues. Data protection – GP required some assistance with this and asked if another councillor could assist. This to be discussed.</p>	<p>GP</p>

<p>Training requirements discussed. These would include community engagement, Planning, licencing, Diversity and equality inclusion. These meetings can be arranged on zoom in 30/40 minute sessions. Liason required with PKC. Contact GP if interested</p> <p>-New handbook is available online in pdf format. If anyone would like a hardcopy “green book”, see GP and make sure to sign for it.</p> <p>Feedback Boxes to be in Agenda at next meeting.</p> <p>Item 6 -Treasurer gave report which confirmed that a claim would be put into PKC. for last year’s expenses to bring our fund up to £700. Expenses this year were £413.7.</p> <p>The year end was 31st Aug and accounts are to be audited by Graham Edwards(accountants) and would be presented to the Oct meeting and then forwarded to PKC.</p> <p>Our account ending in 560 stands at £9269.86 and includes funds for specific purposes ie Bench Fund, Xmas Tree fund, Well/defib, Fireworks and Nativity Fund, Resilience Fund.</p> <p>Treasurer stated that further funding is required for the Xmas tree and the Fireworks. MY and RD to consider funding options in the very near future although some were in hand.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>GP</p>
<p>Item 6 - Local Councillor reports.</p> <p>CS reported that a new chief Executive had been appointed by the name of Thomas Glen who had come form local authority in the West of Scotland.</p> <p>Adblair residents have requested a hedge to be put in place by builders to separate them from the new housing estate so that Ardblair does not become a thoroughfare.</p> <p>CS mentioned that plans were moving forward in considering the development of a putting green at Davie Park.</p> <p>CS reported that the town walkabout with Daryll from PKC and highlighted 32 issues that are being considered.</p> <p>CS requested volunteers from BRCC for stewarding duties at the town hall for during Covid vaccinating.</p> <p>BB- Commented that the Balmoral Road works were done timeously. Plans for white lines on Glenalmond Road plus temporary cushions. Greenery had been cut back after PKC walkabout but repairs to properties still to be attended to.</p>	

<p>Reporting on the police report BB confirmed the report given to us is a general report for Perth and Kinross, although in future the local inspector will become more specific?</p> <p>The deadline for the Community Investment Fund had passed and there are more requests than the £47,000 available. 5 volunteers were required to come onto the panel and GP and SM agreed to make up the 5.</p> <p>Tom McEwan – Confirmed that the Common good committee had agree the lease of Davie Park.</p> <p>MY Agreed to represent BRCC at the meeting for renaming of the Riverside Park to Sir William Macpherson Park.</p> <p>Because of covid and time delays TM requested patience for the community on time taken over some issues.</p> <p>Grant Laing mentioned there was a yellow flood warning this evening and if this should go to amber there would be sandbags made available.</p>	
<p>Item 7 – Pending Planning Applications - None although we are looking out for those at West Gormack and the Laird Aggregate proposals coming to the planning stage.</p>	
<p>Item 8 – Secretary’s correspondence. The hotmail e-mail account will be shut down shortly. GP is looking for the protocols as to how she should handle the hundreds of e-mails that come into her inbox. Discussion before next meeting.</p> <p>How to deal with community engagement possibly between BRCC and Pro Comm. Again to be discussed between GP/RD and Pro Comm.</p>	GP/MY
<p>Item 9 – Chair’s report on follow ups since last meeting. Chairperson’s Report- The community Insights programme has now been bought, and thanks extended to PKC.</p>	

<p>Good wishes were sent to the Bookmark festival to take place 9-10th Oct.</p> <p>Congratulations to Proactive Communities on the success of their summer activities in Davie and Lochy Parks. Good to see Chris Martain of PKC supporting the project.</p> <p>Commiserations to Blairgowrie Football team(men) on their defeat by Dundee's East Craigie Team.</p> <p>Congratulations to Lesley Stewart on competing in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, shooting discipline. Her welcome back to the town was splendid, and the fanfare was appropriate for our newest Olympian.</p> <p>IT-Website is up for renewal on 10th January. Should we move to a new type – to be considered</p>	<p>MY</p>
<p>Item 10 - AOCB.</p> <p>-GP mentioned the Blairgowrie International Café meeting to be held on 19th Sept at the Marquee at Little's Restaurant. The group were happy to support this initiative and MY to post to fb about their next meeting. LM to send MYthe flyer in jpg (image) format.</p> <p>DC.- mentioned the continual problem with Fly Tipping. As far as the Reform Street car park is concerned, CS investigate.</p> <p>Citizen of the Year proposal to be taken forward by AT .</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>LM, MY</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AT</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting AGM 14th October 2021 at Adult Resource Centre 7pm</p>	

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