

Minutes of Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Meeting
Held at the Adult Resource Centre, Jessie Street, 9th February 2010

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1 Attendance and Apologies

Present: Gordon Robertson, Jim Bradley, Catherine Robertson, Hamish McGregor, Neil Kennedy, Dick Robertson, David Adams, Hazel Gartside, Helen Lewis, Colin Woods

Councillors: Cllr. Caroline Shiers, Cllr. Bob Ellis

Guest: PC Willie Johnson

Members of the Public: 8

Apologies: Ivy McLaughlin, Matthew Rathbone, Ewan Baird

2 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Amendments: Page 2 SAS---SiAS
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Page 3 The police have £5000---AFYD have £5000

These were approved, proposed by Jim Bradley and seconded by David Adams

3 Matters arising from those minutes

No matters arising

4 Correspondence Log

Please see separate sheet

5 Public Concerns about the Proposed Visitor Centre

Mr Roy Oxley spoke on behalf of residents in Ericht Court and Riverside. The main concerns are congestion on Lower Mill Street, parking and access of emergency vehicles.

He asked if there could be a 20mph restriction and Old People signage.

Cllr. Shiers said that these issues are being addressed following her meeting with these residents.

Other concerns

- Reinforcing parking restrictions on the double yellow lines
- Operating charges
- Hourly charges
- Jobs-Full time, part time, seasonal
- Renovating a build/ new build

- Any provision if build goes beyond the final date of grant
- What happens if the Visitor Centre runs at a loss
- Who is responsible for the security of the building
- Do builders have to comply to finish by the date? Who pays after the date?

Letters of objection on the Visitor Centre, have been sent by the Riverside Residents and the Factor.

Cllr. Bob Ellis informed the meeting that John Wilson (BARRC) had sent him an e-mail. It was not allowed to be read, as the e-mail should have been sent directly to the chairman of BRCC.

6 BRCC vote on Planning Application for Proposed Visitor Centre and Hydro Project

Please see separate sheets (2).

As the vote was in favour of both schemes, Gordon Robertson read a draft letter of reply to be sent to the planning office. The letter of reply was accepted by the committee.

This letter is to be put into the press and also a copy sent to the Clerk of the Common Good Land.

Action: Gordon Robertson to send copies to Planning, the press and the Clerk of the Common Good Land.

6 Nomination for Holyrood Garden

Helen McCann accepts the nomination.

Action: Hamish McGregor is going to see Helen to fill in the form of acceptance and send it to confirm the nomination.

7b Police Report

PC Willie Johnson reported that there were 27 crimes in the last month in Blairgowrie. Most of them had been detected or under enquiry.

There were 23 stopped for speeding, some of which were on the Perth Road, within the 20 mph speed zone.

PC Willie Johnson is the new Community Officer for Blairgowrie and Rattray. There will be a Community van, once a month, at a central point at which people have contact.

The drug Bubbles is being used by more and more youngsters and can be fatal. It is easily bought on the Internet.

SCYD are accompanying the police at the weekends.

8 Loon Braes

Cllr. Bob Ellis informed us that the Environmental Services, with volunteers, are going to be tidying the area using chain saws and chippers. This is on 20th and 27th February from 10am till 4pm. The week previous there will be a litter pick. Gloves, bags etc will be supplied. There will be a press release informing the public of these dates.

In the next financial year, 30-40K might be available to level the paths.

The council is responsible for the maintenance and the benches in the area.

A suggestion was that individual groups could have responsibility of an area. The BRCC felt that this would not work, as Loon Braes is landscaped as one natural area and breaking it up into different sections, would spoil its natural beauty.

7 Proposed Letter to Council Leader Ian Miller

Gordon Robertson spoke to Ian Miller asking him to come to our meeting on 9th March. There has been no reply. It was agreed that we should send him a letter listing the concerns.

Action: Gordon Robertson writing to Ian Miller.

8 Housing Tanners Field Rattray

David Adams reported that outline permission has been approved for 70 houses. There has been a proposal for an amendment to approve 75 to 100 houses. A public meeting should be held between November 2009 and end of February 2010. This has to be on one day between the hours of 12 noon till 9pm. There is no community aspect shown on the plan but this will be on the plans for full planning permission. There is no objection from the education authorities.

Action: Cllr. Shiers will find out if a date has been set for a public consultation.

9 AOCB

Miller Homes, Coupar Angus Road, will be going for approval on Wednesday 17 February 2010.

The area of subsidence at the riverside has been cordoned off. Structural engineers will produce a structural survey of the area from the bridge to Piggy Park. Report will be sent to Cllr. Bob Ellis.

Action: Cllr Bob Ellis to report results to the press.

Andy Glegg was consulted about the play area beside Maple Place on Council Land. This would cost about 80-90K, of which half would have to be raised by the community.

At Carsie, the community matched the amount for the play area.

AGENDA: Piggy Lane play area

A talk on the awareness of the role of the Community Council will be held on 25th February 2010. Several members of BRCC will attend this talk by Brenda Lackie

The filing cabinets shall be stored at the Council Offices in Leslie Street.

An American, Garrick McLean, who has roots in Blairgowrie, would like to donate a bench. Information was passed onto Perth and Kinross Council, who are dealing with the matter.

John Wilson, who shall co-ordinate the next issue of the Bulletin will be assisted by Helen Lewis.

Mr Forbes, who is a well-known writer for the disabled, has moved into Blairgowrie. He is very involved with the disabled and also has a website for the disabled. He wishes to get involved in the community.

Action: Hamish and Matthew to make contact

AGENDA: Polytunnels proposed by Hazel Gartside

Former treasurer Hazel Gartside wants her name taken off the website and intimated her resignation from the BRCC.

Gordon Robertson thanked Hazel for her time and commitment to the BRCC.

Meeting closed at 9:10pm.

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10th February 2010

Ref :- Proposed Hydro Project No. 09/01297/FLL

Ref :- Proposed Visitor Centre No. 09/02239/FLL

Dear Sir,

We the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council wish to inform you that we regard the support shown by the audience for both the Hydro Project and the Visitor Centre Project as proposed by Blairgowrie and Rattray Regeneration Company at their presentation on the 21st January 2010 as a true reflection of the majority opinion of the community of Blairgowrie and Rattray. The Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council therefore supports the Planning Application for both of these projects.

Taking into account the fact that the Proposed Visitor Centre is anticipated to be built on Common Good Land we wish PKC to take seriously our opinion that the Common Good Committee must recommend the best possible contribution to the Common Good Fund for Blairgowrie and Rattray. We expect that PKC will ensure that the Common Good Committee will allow Public Consultation and participation in any decision they may recommend for the disposal of this land. Should it be decided to either sell or lease this land to BARRC the proceeds thus gained should be deposited in the Common Good Fund for Blairgowrie and Rattray and not in a general fund available only to PKC.

The BRCC are aware that PKC have received objections to the Proposed Visitor Centre Project on the grounds of access and increased traffic from residents local to the Proposed Visitor Centre. We understand these include Erich Court residents and Riverside Park residents. These concerns must be taken seriously and a solution to them should be found as a condition of approving the Planning Application. We urge PKC and BARRC to work together to alleviate the justifiable concerns of these local residents.

Yours faithfully,

Gordon Robertson – Chairman – Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council

1. Does the BRCC accept the result of vote taken on the 21st January 2010 at the BARRC Presentation showing support for the proposed Hydro Project as a true reflection of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community's opinion.

YES 8 NO 1 ABSTAIN 1

2. Does the BRCC accept the result of vote taken on the 21st January 2010 at the BARRC Presentation showing support for the proposed Visitor Centre Project as a true reflection of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community's opinion.

YES 5 NO 4 ABSTAIN 1

3. Does the BRCC believe we need to hold a Public Consultation to establish the opinion of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community about support for or opposition to the proposed Hydro Project by BARRC.

YES 0 NO 5 ABSTAIN 5

4. Does the BRCC believe we need to hold a Public Consultation to establish the opinion of the Blairgowrie and Rattray Community about support for or opposition to the proposed Visitor Centre Project by BARRC.

YES 4 NO 5 (Includes casting vote of Chair) ABSTAIN 2

We need to record these votes in order that PKC are in no doubt as to where we stand and can therefore take into account our position in their decision making process regarding the Planning Application.