

**Mount Blair Community Council  
Annual General Meeting  
7.00pm on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in Kirkmichael Session House**

**Present: Tony Thompson, Robert Brawn, John Manning, Andrew Duncan, Bernard Noonan, Donald Cameron, Cllr Caroline Shiers, Cllr Liz Grant, Ins Laura Burns (Police),**

**Apologies: Cllr Bob Ellis**

**In attendance: 9 members of the public**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the 2013 AGM</b> Proposed by AD seconded by RB	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Report of the Chair</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Report of the Secretary</b>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Report of the Treasurer</b></p> <p>Our Main Account showed a total income of £1122.64 which included a balance of £594.32 carried over from the last year. With a total expenditure of £541.92, we have carried forward a balance of £580.72 for the coming year.</p> <p>It is worth noting that there has been very little change in our expenditure although there has been a slight drop in the overall total.</p> <p>It is also important to note that as a result of new regulations issued by Perth and Kinross Council, our grant this year will only top our bank balance back to £700- that is we should receive a grant of around £120 rather than the normal £500.</p> <p>The Drumderg Micro Fund Account showed a total income of £4360.44 which included a balance of £1960.44 carried over from last year.</p> <p>From that fund, seventeen grants were approved and cheques issued totalling £3147.65, which would leave a balance of £1212.79. However, at the time of preparing the Financial Statement, two cheques remained unrepresented and therefore our final year end balance- which has been carried over to this year- is £1482.04.</p> <p>In summary, both accounts are in a healthy position and should easily meet all known commitments. The Micro Fund account has a particularly strong balance in preparation of further applications throughout the year.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Election of Office Bearers</b> AD proposed TT for Chair, seconded by RB. RB proposed JM for secretary, TT seconded. JM proposed RB for Treasurer, TT proposed AD for vice chair, RB seconded.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 meeting</b> DC said that roadworks at Raharley should be corrected to Rochalie. RB proposed, AD seconded	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> Traffic management have made a summary of action points to revisit in October with regards to road closures in the ski season.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Report of the Chair</b> TT said there had been a short meeting regarding the Greenburn wind farm plans, and assured the public that the council would be representing the views of the community when formal discussions commence. Once information is received it will be distributed through the News Group and other means.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Report of the Secretary</b> JM said he had received a letter concerning the TAY plan, and there will be drop in events scheduled in Perth Concert Hall with a response deadline of 27 <sup>th</sup> June.  There is a consultation planned for the Cairngorm National Park plan.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Report of the Treasurer</b> All statements have been submitted to the relevant bodies. Opening balance for MBCC is £594.32, 3 grants through Drumderg totalling 630.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Police Report</b> TT attended a Police Scotland meeting with Alyth and Coupar Angus councils and was able to reinforce the need for community policing which was agreed and accepted.  Community Inspector Laura Burns has been in office in Blairgowrie since December and is responsible for most of Perthshire when on duty. There will be four full time officers in Blairgowrie with Patrick Donnelly being Kirkmichael's point of contact. If you have any concerns please dial 101 and leave a message for either Peter Duncan or Patrick Donnelly and they will get back to you. The 101 number is anticipated to improve as control rooms are being relocated. The community drop in is also to be continued.  Recent incidents include theft of traffic lights and their generators, police are looking for trucks and vans out late at night. Also some quad bikes have been stolen from the Pitlochry area, they were stolen and hidden in forestry during the night then retrieved during the day and transported during rush hour. Any vehicles that aren't usually seen locally should be treated with suspicion.  There have been reports of speeding motorcyclists and lorries in the area, there is a	

	<p>bike safety initiative running currently. If another road user causes you to take evasive action because of their driving then please take down as much detail as possible and report them.</p> <p>Bogus callers continue to be a problem, with elaborate stories such as pregnant spouses needing to use facilities being used to gain entrance into homes. If in any doubt <u>do not let them in.</u> Bogus callers contacting you over the phone will tell you that your bank account is compromised and that you should transfer funds into a secure bank account that they will give you the details for. To give proof that they are genuinely your bank they will tell you to hang up and redial their number. If in doubt contact 101.</p> <p>A domestic property in Bridge of Cally had a padlock forced open and building entered.</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding Blairgowrie Police Station and whether it will remain open. The front desk has been closed as it was decided that it was better to have police out on the street.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Broadband Update</b></p> <p>TT had attended meetings in Pitlochry with Highland Perthshire discussing superfast broadband, but had not been able to ascertain locations or dates. TT was in contact with Sean Marley from Community Broadband Scotland about solutions for areas that would not be receiving the superfast broadband.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Tullochcurran Wood</b></p> <p>No further info</p>	
10.	<p><b>Ground Maintenance &amp; Kirkmichael Play park</b></p> <p>There was a situation with the Kirkmichael play park which has since been sorted, however PKC's handling of the issue was very poor. The play park had some maintenance done without any notice to the local community, and was left unusable for some time. The community council inquired about the work and their concerns were not taken seriously, however apologies were offered for the lack of consultation.</p> <p>A meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May with regards to the grounds maintenance around Kirkmichael. A discussion was had regarding the standards of work that the council is delivering and how the community did not feel it was getting value for money, as well as a great deal of mess being left behind.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <p>A discussion was had at the previous meeting about getting a singular point of contact for the local area, Willy Young has been nominated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drainage on BOC bridge – Grills on BOC bridge been removed so drainage has been better, road resurfacing will hopefully improve things.</li> <li>2. Subsidence on BOC Rochalie Road – works is programmed to begin in the Autumn.</li> <li>3. Road surface from Rochalie to Windy Corner still needs attention. It has been indicated that this work will be done in conjunction with Rochalie works</li> <li>4. Bulging wall opposite BOC Post Office – sticking out by 7-8 inches and measuring device has been broken for about 18months. Still nothing been done.</li> <li>5. Dounie Bridge pointing requires monitoring.</li> </ol>	

	<p>6. The new road configuration at the new Cray Bridge still remains a concern and will be progressed with the Authority. A suggestion of a grit bin has been turned down on two occasions but we will continue to press for an acceptable resolution.</p> <p>A discussion was had about the new traffic lights in Blairgowrie, long waits are causing a lot of upset. It was also mentioned that with the longer waits the load on the bridge will be greater. CS said that the Wellmeadow improvements are going to be reviewed, but allowances have to be made for public transports and pedestrians.</p> <p>There is a new play park on the riverside in Blairgowrie, but there is no safety barrier stopping people from falling straight into the river. CS to investigate.</p> <p>An electrical box and lamppost in Sillerburn was recently knocked down, and was replaced by a new one. The new box requires a special tool to access it, and a work team replaced a bulb recently but replaced the screws by hand which meant that anybody could undo the screws and access it. TT to investigate.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>TT</p>
12.	<p><b>Public Transport in Mount Blair</b> No further developments.</p>	
13.	<p><b>MBCDT Report</b> The Kirkmichael path network is having a legacy fund grant application for 50% with further funding be sought from Drumderg. Some concerns have been raised about the network, particularly in Glen Derby there are worries of further foot fall.</p> <p>Month of history had a small turnout, however a lot of very interesting history had been discovered. The Rattray family history is currently being scanned and a military record website has been subscribed to. Some oral interviews have been taken and there will be a display at the summer festival. The Keir childrens letters are being transcribed and Johnny Milne has provided some photographs.</p> <p>The Kirkmichael School all weather court has had funds confirmed and allocated by PKC, but are awaiting a site visit for further assessment.</p> <p>TT asked JM if the minutes of the MBCDT could be distributed on the News Group. JM to chase up.</p>	<p>JM</p>
14.	<p><b>Report from the Councillors</b> LG has been following up the realignment of the Lair Road.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Area Reports</b> RB - Resurfacing work Bridge of Cally bridge and repairs to defective asphalt at Spittal of Glenshee, work to be carried our during week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> May. Due to the size of the machinery required the road will need to be closed. Surfacing work to be done in the evenings of 27, 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> May between the hours of 6 and 10 pm. The planing work can be carried out during normal working hours using traffic control.</p> <p>JM – Hydro scheme to be commissioned in the next day or two, Jan and Martin Jamieson got married and left, there won't be a simple replacement, Daniel Montcrieff to be director of Kindrogan and Liz Phipson will be coming in the next week or two.</p> <p>DC – Blackwater hall is going steady, completion is scheduled end of July. DC to give an update on the Newsgroup. New build of toilets at the back, old toilet block to be a storage area.</p>	

	<p>TT – The water coming up through the culverts was put down to bad weather, the problem was it was coming out when it was freezing, which happens every year. Culvert outside the Session house been fine since it was suctioned.</p> <p>TT - Been in touch with Scottish Water about a completion date for the work on the Kirkmichael bridge, still trying to find out a date.</p> <p>AD – The grit at the sides of the road, the council used to put grit out every year, but it needs to be put in bins. The heaps get weeds growing through them and if it snows you can't find them. LG said that a list needs to be compiled of specific spots that are problem areas needing grit bins.</p>	
16.	<p><b>AOCB</b>  Kirkmichael in Bloom has a new committee, after 14 years Kim has decided to step down. Jill Curtis is the Chairperson, Petrina Menzies is secretary, Richard Robertson is Treasurer. Ryder Cup decorations will be put out in the planters.</p> <p>Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014 7pm @ Session House</p>	AD/TT