



	<p>of their materials in the Bannerfield car park. BE to contact the contractors and request the removal of the materials. The court had been vandalised recently, however the police were involved and identified the culprits. A discussion had taken place regarding the security of the court, and it was decided that the court would be kept locked with spare keys being accessible from various places in the village, such as the Village Shop, which was approved by the Community Council.</p>	<b>BE</b>
7.	<p><b>Report of the Treasurer</b> The Micro Fund had been topped up by £1000 which, after 3 applications is reduced to £562.</p> <p>Main Account is at £138, RB had been in contact with P&amp;KC and submitted an interim balance sheet with a request for enough cash to last until March. Much of the cash is spent on travel expenses and room or hall hire. BE suggested using the school as a venue for meetings, as this would like be cheaper. CB said the school would have to pay for a janitor if it were used as a meeting venue. BE to investigate. The possibility of applying to Drumderg for a Micro Grant was discussed.</p>	<b>BE</b>
8.	<p><b>Police Report</b> PC Phil Maxwell from Pitlochry spoke to residents about Road Safety. Driving in the winter is very different than in other times of the year. Adverse weather and longer periods of darkness makes driving more hazardous. This means that we need to adapt the way we drive.</p> <p>Different weather conditions create different hazards throughout the winter and in different areas of the country at different times. A single journey may take us into very different weather, road and traffic conditions, so we need to be prepared for each one. Plan ahead and take what you might need – appropriate clothing and equipment.</p> <p>It's a good idea to have your vehicle fully serviced before winter starts and have the anti-freeze tested. If you can't have it serviced, then do your own checks. In particular, check:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lights are clean and working</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Battery is fully charged</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Windscreen, wiper blades and other windows are clean and the washer bottle filled with screen wash</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tyre condition, tread depth and pressure (of all the tyres, including the spare)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Brakes are working well</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fluids are kept topped up, especially windscreen wash (to the correct concentration to prevent it freezing), anti-freeze and oil</li> </ul> <p>Pedestrians, motor cyclists and pedal cyclists can also assist by wearing bright coloured or reflective clothing during the hours of darkness or in reduced visibility conditions</p> <p><u>Recent crimes/issues in the area:</u> Chalk graffiti on tree house and sports court of Kirkmichael Primary School – youths responsible warned – no damage, chalk washed off</p> <p>Vandalism – at a farm at Blacklunans overnight 2/3 Sept – windscreen of tractor smashed - undetected</p> <p>Theft – from an oil tank at a residential property near Bridge of Cally between 10 Sept and 17 Nov – approximately 1000 litres stolen - undetected</p> <p><u>Public Concerns</u> Concerns were raised regarding the use of off road quad bikes/vehicles and trials motorbikes which are unlicensed and uninsured. PC Maxwell said that any concerns should be called in using the Police 101 phone number or by phoning Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.</p> <p>An unlicensed and SORN'd van in Sillerburn was moved by a contractor employed by P&amp;K Council, would the owner of the vehicle need to pay the expenses back to P&amp;K Council? PC Maxwell was unsure as this was not his department.</p> <p>TT asked what the current policing situation was in Blairgowrie and the Glens. PC Maxwell</p>	

	<p>said that current call numbers from the area were being reviewed to find out where the needs are. Resources demand that priority calls are answered, if there aren't enough officers available then this gets passed on to Community Officers.</p> <p>TT expressed concern that there hadn't been a consistent community police officer in recent years, which had made it difficult to build a relationship and have local knowledge of the community. PC Maxwell said that sadly the situation is unlikely to improve as duties previously carried out by civilians are now having to be carried out by officers, meaning they are spending less time on the street, and further cuts are being forecast. Police reports will continue to be circulated by email and any issues called in on 101 will be investigated, more serious issues being called in on 999. TT asked about the probability of the Rural Watch system being used again, PC Maxwell said this would be unlikely as the rotation of officers would not promise continuity.</p> <p>Kath Booth said there had been three accidents within a week in Ballintuim, would this be a police matter or a Council matter? BE said that a 20mph sign had been tried in various location but is unlikely to be adhered to. A flashing speed sign tends to be more effective, BE was going to look into costs involved. AP asked if the flashing speed sign by the Straloch school could be moved but had been told by the council that the school could still reopen.</p>	BE
9.	<p><b>Road Maintenance and Closures</b> CB said that a road sweeper had been in the area recently.</p> <p>AP said that when the council mends the damage in Ballintuim they could potentially close the road. CS was going to organise a meeting to discuss road closures for the area as the detours are enormous. TT had asked Tayside Contracts for a meeting to discuss a light system that could let vehicles past, BE to investigate.</p>	BE
10.	<p><b>Green Space Maintenance</b> The Greenspace maintenance regularity is still being investigated. AP, CB &amp; TT will be meeting for a walk around the village to identify problem areas which will be itemised and sent to Nigel Taylor.</p>	AP/CB/TT
11.	<p><b>Roadside Grass Cutting – Tay Infrastructure Partnership</b> Verge trimming had been done without consideration for the wildflowers in the summer; to resolve this JM will be identifying areas containing wildflowers. Concerns were raised regarding the safety of road users if the verges are left to grow, but it was confirmed that if an area containing wildflowers was obstructing traffic in any way it would be cut. AP volunteered to assist JM.</p>	AP/JM
12.	<p><b>Defibrillators</b> On Sunday morning and on behalf of the Community Council, TT along with CB attended the official 'switch on' of the Kirkmichael Village defibrillator. The Stathardle Tug of War Team with special mention to Euan Martin and Garry West deserve a big thank you from the Community for their fund raising efforts. The team have raised so far £4000. They have now purchased another defibrillator for Ballintuim and are fundraising for another in Bridge of Cally, with thoughts of installing a defibrillator in Enochdhu. Regular training sessions on their use have been planned.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Broadband</b> TT said that the first meeting of the Broadband Steering group was held on 13<sup>th</sup> November. A survey had been carried out and a Design and Construct tender will be advertised. BT had not been forthcoming about the properties affected by slower broadband, but have to let the community know within 8 weeks of setting up the broadband in core areas. Geographical factors include being further than 1.2km away from the Broadband cabinets. AP asked how fast is considered 'superfast.' 24mb is classed as superfast, however there is the potential of getting up to 40mb, which would be much better than the current mb count.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Spittal Report</b> An informal offer had been made to the current owners, which was rejected. This project is still ongoing. The fencing had been replaced by contractors and the site has now been made relatively secure. TT spoke to P&amp;KC about the potential dangers of the site if broken into.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Public Transport</b> JM said that the public transport survey contents and wording have been finalised and will be distributed throughout Mt Blair on the buses, posted to every home by volunteers and also through News Group. The questionnaire will be due to be returned, analysed, and sent to P&amp;KC in time for the transport tender process. JM confirmed that the commercial and medical issues will be included.</p>	

16.	<p><b>Kirkmichael Footpath Network</b> Contracts for the Footpath Network have been awarded and the work will start shortly. The funds for the Enochdhu car park have been reallocated to the Pitcarmick path.</p>	
17.	<p><b>MBCDT Report</b> Sally Gingell had been completing the cataloguing and had also sorted through and scanned the Kirkmichael School Journals from the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. An early Glenshee chairlift event had also been documented. Upcoming talks are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2-4pm &amp; 7-9pm at Kirkmichael Session House</li> <li>• Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2-4 pm Open Afternoon at Glenshee Pottery</li> <li>• Talk and Share Time on Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 7-9 pm at Bridge of Cally Hall</li> </ul>	
18.	<p><b>Councillor Report</b> BE said that a meeting had been scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec with the three ward councillors (Caroline Shiers, Liz Grant &amp; Bob Ellis) with Jim Valentine Executive Director &amp; Barbara Renton Deputy Director for the Environment Service. An in depth agenda had been organised to discuss the complaints from Community Councils regarding the poor level of services being provided. Jim Valentine has since cancelled but BE said that he fully intends to go ahead with the meeting without him.</p> <p>The Glenshee Tourist Association will be adding 'Strathardle' to their title.</p> <p>BE and some volunteers had undertaken some Gorse trimming by Loch Cottage as part of the Kirkmichael Path Group.</p> <p>Blairgowrie &amp; Rattray Access Network had been trained in the use of strimmers and brushcutters and will soon be receiving their own equipment for the upkeep of paths.</p> <p>A meeting with the Forestry Commission had taken place about building a car park just beyond the gate by Loch Mharaich. Walkers would be able to get from Ballintuim by going through Tomlea Farm. The FC were happy with low maintenance signage. Funding is in progress.</p> <p>BEPTA is potentially assembling footage for a DVD about East Perthshire, this is being prepared for the EXPO16 Exhibition over the 20th and 21st April in Edinburgh, where BEPTA is taking a Stand.</p> <p>AP asked if there had been a CATERAN Trail meeting this year. BE will be organising this. A new leaflet is currently being designed by the new marketing manager.</p> <p>The CATERAN Yomp number are well over 200 already, with forecasts of over 600 attendees. The dates for next year's Yomp is 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	
19.	<p><b>Area Reports</b> CB Kirkmichael – The Gritter has been very prompt this year. The dog bins have also been regularly emptied. The CATERAN Link Trail from Kirkmichael Hotel to the Lair is being investigated; the land from the signpost to the field is owned by the Church of Scotland who are being very supportive. The B&amp;B on the path is also showing their support.</p> <p>JM Enochdhu- JM had received a Plant Health Order from the Forestry Commission regarding 3 hectares of Larch trees on his land which now need to be felled plus the surrounding 250m due to a virulent disease known as Phytophthora ramorum. This disease can be spread on footwear, dogs' paws, bicycle/vehicle wheels, tools and equipment etc. Movement of infected timber is also a key means of spreading it over long distances. Further information can be found here: <a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pramorum">www.forestry.gov.uk/pramorum</a>. The felled trees will be subject to bio security. There is no current evidence to suggest it will affect the CATERAN Trail.</p> <p>AP Ballintuim – AP will continue asking for the flashing speed signs.</p> <p>RB Bridge of Cally – The bulging wall at BOC hadn't moved. Bridge drains and vents aren't being cleaned, with one drain growing grass out of it. Brian Milne will be coming up next week to look at the wall that was damaged by the bus. The Bridge of Cally Bridge's concrete and</p>	

	cement is now crumbling following the accident, and one of the stones has disappeared. Rochalie drainage is covered in leaves. BE to investigate.	<b>BE</b>
<b>20.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b> David Atiyah is investigating the possibility of a community owned wind turbine in the Greenburn Wind Farm and is looking for volunteers to take the idea forward. The idea being to borrow some funds with low interest and purchase a turbine. The Wind Farm had said if it goes ahead they will double the funds. Once this is done there would be enough funds to pay off the loan on the turbine making it community owned, with the original amount borrowed potentially being quadrupled. The Government Renewable Schemes means there would be considerable profit with a guaranteed income which could be used to fund a variety of local community projects, including for example helping to fund a new village hall in Kirkmichael. DA said he has no commercial interest and is keen to have a new village hall.</p> <p>AP volunteered to organise the Christmas lights and Christmas tree this year.</p> <p>Sylvia Thorne owns a property near the proposed Greenburn Wind Farm and would be worst affected by the development. She expressed concern that the community had not been consulted properly regarding the Wind Farm. Documentation was sent to the Bridge of Cally and Kirkmichael Post Offices for display, however the packages did not come with a check list which made it difficult to know if all the information was present. There had been a mixup with some of the material which had been sent to TT's home address. TT was disappointed that ABO hadn't distributed the information. AP to chase ABO.</p> <p>Hannah Goodman and Mhairi Ivey had been commissioned by Caledonian University to conduct research on private water supplies between Ballintuim and Kirkmichael. There will be a workshop for the community in the new year.</p>	<p><b>AP</b></p> <p><b>AP</b></p>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016</b>	