

**Mount Blair Community Council
Public Meeting
Monday 13 July 2015 at 7.00pm**

Minutes

Present- Charlie Brown, Secretary (CB); Bob Brawn, Treasurer (BB); Bernard Noonan (BN); Donald Cameron (DC); Ali Petrie (AP); John Manning (JM)

Apologies- Tony Thompson, Chairman (TT); Bob Ellis (BE); Caroline Shiers

As a result of the Chairman's absence, the meeting was chaired by BB.

Minutes of Last Meeting – 11 May 2015

Proposed and seconded.

Matters Arising

Nothing to discuss unless raised under other headings on the Agenda.

Chairman's Report

None in view of absence.

Secretary's Report

CB has taken over as Secretary. Receiving invites to various meetings usually costing a high fee. Declined. Nothing else to report at this stage.

Treasurer's Report

Annual grant received from Perth and Kinross bringing funds up to £700. Several expenses to be paid and this will reduce the balance to £345.

Five awards have been made from the Drumderg Microfund-

£297.81 to Clicking Needles

£300.00 to Kirkmichael in Bloom

£300.00 to Kirkmichael School PTA

£300.00 to Glenshee Tourist Association

£300.00 to Strathardle Coffee Tots

The fund has now been exhausted for this year.

In the last couple of years, we have not used up our full balance of the fund and consequently have not received our due annual quota of £2400. TT has tried to make a case that we are entitled to further funds – no success as of this meeting.

Police Report

No Police Office present at the meeting although it was mentioned that there had been a car vandalised in Silerburn Road and garden machinery had been stolen locally.

Broadband Survey

No further details- TT not present.

Planning- Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan

No further news at this time.

Spittal Re-Development

No further update at this time.

MBCDT Report

JM advised that Sally Gingell and Ali Constable to jointly run the Genealogy Project.

JM advised that the Community Oil Purchase scheme now has 50 members and continues to grow.

Kirkmichael Footpath Network

BE not present to comment or update.

CB said that money had been obtained for the project. Funding for information boards, designs of posts etc is in hand.

Road Maintenance

A93 repairs at Rochallie are well underway and should be nearing completion- within the next week or two.

The Bridge at Bridge of Cally has been damaged by a car. Council will be repairing but BB advised this will be subject of an insurance claim.

There are some new road closures on the A93, both at night-

At Lair Brae (near by Glenshee Pottery) – 8pm to 6am Sunday 19 July to Tuesday 21 July;

At Rhiedorrach (north of Spittal)- 8pm to 6am Tuesday 21 July to Thursday 30 July.

A member of the public, Trevor Taylor, mentioned the danger of potholes in the 30mph zone at Ballintuim.

Ground Maintenance

BN reported there had been a serious accident on the Quarry Road junction with the A924 on Sunday. The grass verges are so high that it is hard to see oncoming traffic.

JM pointed out that although the verges need cutting, there protected species of wild flower which cannot be cut. It was suggested that JM mark where such plants are in order that contractors could work around them.

BB will mention overgrown plants to Strone Estate when possible (owners away at this time).

Digital Media

No discussion at this meeting.

Rural Transport

A member of the public, Trevor Taylor, said he was still waiting to see a copy of the survey which is in the process of being developed and handled by MBCDT.

Open Day at Kirkmichael Village Hall

TT not present for comment but it is understood that he is arranging a meeting of all interested parties imminently. AP believes that the date will be at the end of August.

ABO Windfarm

BB advised that he has been contacted by ABO and a copy of their Application to PKC will be available for view at Kirkmichael and Bridge of Cally Shops, the Session House and Blairgowrie and Alyth libraries.

AP has been told that there will be another round of meetings with ABO and that public halls have been booked.

Independent of the Community Council AP has distributed a leaflet has been distributed to all households in the area- about 750 in all – to inform the community about the proposed turbines and to try to gauge the community response. This leaflet drop has been privately funded and has utilised its own researched mailing list.

A member of the public felt that the leaflet was biased to the 'no' campaign and any results may well be tainted.

CB felt that the Windfarm topic was taking too much time and consideration should be given to taking it off the Agenda. It was agreed that it was still a subject of concern for residents and should remain.

BB asked that differing views should not become personal- remembering that whatever the eventual outcome, we will all still be here.

AP should be able to report back with some definitive results at the next meeting allowing for a more constructive discussion.

Report from Councillors

No Councillors present.

Area Reports

AP has been in touch with Mr Maloney (PKC) about potholes on the A924 and speeds in Ballintuim.

CB said there has been a road sweeper in Kirkmichael and the verges have been cut.

DC has been in touch with the roads department about School Brae on the A93.

A member of the public mentioned that estate agents boards- one on a house in a state of collapse and one that is oversized on the bridge- have detrimental affect on the Kirkmichael in Bloom project. AP to follow up.

AOCB

Regarding the Ceteran Common Wealth. JM has joined the panel. AP still waiting for meeting of the stakeholders to be arranged by Andrew Barrie.

AP read out part of an email which confirmed that plans for benches/statuettes were in early stages.

BB closed the meeting, thanking the members. He also apologised to the public for the brevity of the meeting and the absence of discussion on some matters.

Next Meeting

Monday 14 September 2015.