



	<p>A member of the public enquired about the land behind the Strathardle Inn, as there are rumours that planning permission for five houses has been obtained and approved. Questions were asked about the exclusion zone of the TPO on the oak trees. BE will investigate.</p>	BE
6.	<p><b>Report of the Treasurer</b>  Main account balance is £855, Microfund balance is £1495. There has been one successful application since the last meeting. Bank of Scotland have received the paperwork for the change of signatories, and have said it will take three weeks to complete the process.</p> <p>RB said that in the past when the community council submitted its accounts to PKC it would receive a grant of £500, however new policy has been implemented that state that the yearly grant would be withheld if our community council account was in excess of £700 at the end of the financial year.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Police Report</b>  <u>Youth causing annoyance calls (since last meeting)</u></p> <p>1 x call in Victoria Place, Rattray – youths throwing snowballs – left prior to police arrival  1 x call to Hatton Place, Rattray – youths throwing items at window – 3 youths traced and warned in front of parents  1 x call to Sidlaw Road, Rattray – youths in back garden causing annoyance – no trace on police arrival</p> <p><u>Crimes/Incidents of note</u></p> <p>Attempted break in at site offices at the Lair, Kirkmichael overnight 14/15 Dec – attempt to jemmy front doors - undetected</p> <p>Break in to a garage and 2 sheds (same address) in Balmoral Road, Rattray overnight 14 Nov – tools and electrical items stolen - undetected</p> <p><u>For information</u></p> <p>There have been reports of persons going round houses in Perthshire looking for sponsorship – make sure you know exactly what you are signing up to, should you get involved and be very careful who you give personal details like bank account numbers to.</p> <p>There have been a few incidents of heating oil being stolen again from domestic and commercial premises – it is good practice to secure your tank, ideally with a closed shackle good quality padlock which makes it very difficult to cut.</p> <p>A conversation was had regarding the lack of police presence at recent council meetings, the absence has been noted in several other communities. It was also mentioned that contacting the police using the 101 police number is not always reliable.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Broadband Update</b>  No update yet, meeting tomorrow for additional information.</p>	TT
9.	<p><b>Access for timber extraction from Tullochcurran Wood</b>  TT said that further communications were had, however they weren't very clear. TT to contact the Forestry Commission for clarification. Questions were raised as to whether the bridge would be able to take the weight of logging lorries in its current state. BN said that there are no general restrictions on the bridge as it is, there is nothing stopping any other HGVs from crossing.</p>	TT

10.	<p><b>Ground Maintenance</b>  TT and AD have been discussing the viability of carrying out the ground maintenance. The council has been informed that Kirkmichael has a budget in excess of £5k for maintaining the grounds, and has been given a list of various specifications, which are obviously not being met. BE has been speaking to Andy Clegg, and BE agreed to arrange a meeting with TT, AD and Andy Clegg. TT to follow up.</p>	TT/BE
11a.	<p><b>Highway Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drainage on BOC bridge – council has cut the grills on the drainage outlets on the bridge but they are not low enough and therefore do not take all the water away.</li> <li>2. Subsidence on BOC Raharley Road – the landslide and road surface is getting worse with recent weather, but no work can be carried out until next financial year. The council may be waiting for funds to carry out the work but are still not managing the issue in its current state.</li> <li>3. Road surface from Raharley to Windy Corner still needs attention.</li> <li>4. Bulging wall opposite BOC Post Office – the owner has said that he is happy to have the tree removed and the council have agreed that the wall is moving, however the TPO remains.</li> <li>5. Dounie Bridge pointing will require monitoring.</li> </ol> <p>TT suggested a more effective way to deal with reporting issues would be to have one responsible officer within the local authority to be the point of contact. BE recommended that we contact Jim Valentine the Executive Director of Environment Services in the first instance for his views.</p>	
11b.	<p><b>Report on Construction work at the Lair</b>  Completed.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Public Transport in Mount Blair</b>  TT said that the community council should be investigating ways of making the bus service in and round Glenshee more user friendly to all users, especially to walkers who only wish to do part of the Cateran trail. It was also commented that the timing of the bus from Strathardle misses the Perth bus by a few minutes meaning that users would have nearly an hours wait for the next bus.</p>	TT
13.	<p><b>MBCDT Report</b>  JM expressed his sadness over the death of David Rennie, and informed the council that Nigel Johnston has taken over as director. Mike Purdy has stood down with Roger Clare taking his place. Dennis Poole has also stepped down, so MBCDT is keen to find new directors. Sue Smith has started as development and support assistant, and the archive project is running with a live website. A fundraising games night has been proposed at the Log Cabin with dates to follow. The oil scheme is up and running and able to supply fuels other than heating oil. MBCDT is promoting a project to refurbish the laybys in Glenshee which the National Park has agreed to do. TT asked if it was possible to have the MBCDT minutes published on the News Group email, JM agreed.</p>	JM
14.	<p><b>Report from Councillors</b>  BE said that he and Nigel Johnston of the Glenshee Tourist Ass. and Philip Smith went to Braemar for a meeting with Royal Deeside and Braemar DMO Group looking into the likelihood of a country walk along the A93 corridor to try and encourage tourism. Information to follow.</p> <p>There is an open day at the Glenshee Pottery on 18<sup>th</sup> March from 10am-3pm which will include a small geocaching event.</p>	

	<p>There will also be a Glenshee Tourist Association (GTA) and Blairgowrie and East Perthshire Tourist Association (BEPTA) endurance event on 8<sup>th</sup> June on the Dalmunzie Estate which will include cycling and running, with anticipation of 60-80 participants.</p> <p>The Cateran Yomp will be held on 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June with an expected turnout of 500 participants.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Area Reports</b></p> <p>JM said that the Kindrogan and Dalruzion forest plan review open day was held recently, and it would appear that the future plan is very different from the plan given a few years ago. Previous plans had much more ideas about encouraging nature after the forestry, but they can't afford it now. The Forestry Commission will allow Waymakers provided somebody will take responsibility for maintaining it.</p> <p>BN said that the drains are needing work, North of Blackcraig Drive has substantial puddles. He suggested that a monthly meeting be held to discuss road maintenance to send to the council.</p> <p>AD has been monitoring the culverts in Kirkmichael and they seem to have water coming out of them rather than water going into them. It was worst on the night the mains burst, but since then they aren't working properly. AD to make a list of which culverts.</p>	<p><b>BN</b></p> <p><b>AD</b></p>
16.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Colin Massey from the Strathardle Inn said that street lighting is a serious safety issue between the Inn and the Session House. The first street light into Kirkmichael is on a dangerous corner where there is a pavement which pedestrians must step out into a traffic blind spot to access.</p> <p>The Churchyard wall at Glenshee church has fallen down because of a broken branch on a tree in the graveyard. The wall is now falling down into the layby used for church parking.</p> <p>PM said the road going north from the village going as far as the corner by Straloch school needs re-tarmacked. Number to call for potholes is 01250874661.</p> <p>A93 at the Lair, the road down to Cray is too steep; a 4x4 had difficulty getting up it as the plough doesn't go down until near lunchtime and there is no grit bin. Lair will be reviewed in April.</p> <p>Christmas lights were a great success.</p> <p>Kirkmichael Primary School All weather sports court to be reviewed next meeting. JM to contact Sue Smith</p>	<p><b>TT</b></p> <p><b>TT</b></p> <p><b>JM</b></p>
17.	<b>Date of next meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014</b>	