

**Mount Blair Community Council AGM
7.00pm in Kirkmichael Session House**

Present: Tony Thompson (Chair), Ali Petrie, John Manning, Bernard Noonan, Donald Cameron, Robert Brawn, Cllr Bob Ellis, Cllr Caroline Shiers, PC Alistair Crowe (Police)

Apologies: Liz Grant, Charlie Brown

In attendance: 12 members of the public

1.	Welcome and apologies	
2.	Minutes of the 2013 AGM	
3.	Matters arising	
4.	<p>Report of the Chair Over the last year the Community Council have been consultation with P&KC on Public Transport in Mount Blair</p> <p>After consulting various Groups the CC submitted a report to P&KC for consideration and possible inclusion into the Planning Report for 2018 -2023</p> <p>The CC is progressing with the initiative to improve Broadband within Mount Blair.</p> <p>The CC is working with P&KC to improve the quality of the regular maintenance in the green spaces and road maintenance within Mount Blair.</p> <p>As a result of the ‘Spittal Fire’ a Steering Group has been formed to explore the possibilities of regenerating the site.</p> <p>There have been various meetings over the year with Police Scotland to develop and improve community policing in Mount Blair.</p> <p>Community Council Members have attended seminars on ‘Path networks’ and ‘Digital Media’.</p> <p>Along with the Chair of Blairgowrie and Rattray, a meeting was held with the Chief Executive and senior officials of P&KC on issues relating to the services provided by the Authority.</p>	
5.	<p>Report of the Secretary 5 meetings were held last year, during this year there will be 6 meetings. The dates are as follows; 13th July, 7th Sept, 9th Nov, 18th Jan 2016, 7th March. The 9th May 2016 will also include the AGM.</p> <p>The Community Council carries insurance through PKC and that runs from 1st Oct to 30th Sep, and is also registered under the data protection act.</p> <p>There will be an election for the members of the Community Council on 5th Nov.</p> <p>The Community Council together with the MBCDT & GTA made a joint submission in response to the Local plan consultation.</p>	

	During this last year we carried out a questionnaire about windfarm proposals.	
6.	<p>Report of the Treasurer</p> <p>Annual Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with regulatory requirements to cover the year ended 31 March 2015.</p> <p>On both accounts- our Main Account and the Drumderg Micro Fund Account- our funds were all but exhausted. This is good news for the Micro Fund reflecting a growing awareness of its existence and a demand for its assistance.</p> <p>For the Main Account, this represents a cautionary warning that we must monitor our expenditure with rising costs and an increase in the number of meetings per year with the resulting increase in administrative load.</p> <p>Going on to specifics, the Main Account received a small grant of £119.28 from Perth and Kinross which brought our working balance back to £700 in accordance with Council Guidelines.</p> <p>Our expenditure totalled £689.66, an increase of £147.74 on last year, which has brought our closing balance down to £10.34. This means that a grant of some £690 should be forthcoming for the year ahead.</p> <p>Apart from costs for the Wind farm Questionnaire, there were no unusual expenses- the increase reflects rising costs and extra travelling on Council matters.</p> <p>Turning to the Drumderg Micro Fund, we received a grant top up of £1055 which brought our working balance back to £2537.04. Over the course of the year we approved 11 applications with awards totalling £2442 leaving us with a closing balance of £95.04</p> <p>It is understood that we are entitled to a grant of £2400 per annum subject to a maximum working balance of £2400, allowing for any outstanding award cheques to be cleared- hence the reduced amount received during the year.</p> <p>This means that we effectively have £1345 in reserve and should be able to call on this should demand for funds be higher this year.</p> <p>In summary, both accounts have operated within the respective guidelines and have been successively audited accordingly.</p>	
7.	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>The existing Chairman and Treasurer offered to stand for re-election. All agreed.</p> <p>JM resigned as Secretary and Charlie Brown has been put forward to succeed JM. All agreed.</p>	
8.	AOCB	
9.	DONM – Mon 16th May 2016	