

# MBCC

## Mount Blair Community Council Minutes

9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7:00pm at Netherton Church, Bridge of Cally

**Present:** Chair – Tony Thompson [TT], John Manning [JM,] Colin Murdoch [CM], Robert Brawn [RB], Ali Petrie [AP], Cllr Bob Ellis [BE]

**Apologies:** Cllr Caroline Shiers  
Charlie Brown

**In Attendance:** 4 members of the public

1	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	
2	<b>Minutes of previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>  Proposed JM, Seconded RB	
3.	<b>Matters Arising</b>  Nothing to Report	
4.	<b>Report of the Chair</b>  Nothing to Report	
5.	<b>Report of the Secretary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sent out details of the Planning Community Council Workshops offered by P&amp;K to MBCC members. No takers.</li><li>• Distributed Perth &amp; Kinross Community Learning and Development Plan 2015 – 18 to MBCC members.</li><li>• Contacted Lucy Garthwaite about glass again being left at Kirkmichael Recycling Centre when containers are emptied by P&amp;K. Glass cleaned up again by P&amp;K.</li><li>• Reported BT wires between Kirkmichael Hotel and the Strathardle Inn to BT as being touched by overhanging tree branches. BT said this is the responsibility of the land owner but they will have a look and perhaps bring up a cherry picker to clear the branches.</li></ul>	CB   CB
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	<p><b>Report of the Secretary - continued</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter sent to Jenny Brayshaw, thanking her for her work in preparing the Minutes. Helen Brawn now to take over.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Report of the Treasurer</b></p> <p>RB reported that the main account had a balance of £18.00 and we are awaiting reimbursement from Perth &amp; Kinross following submission of our Financial Statement.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>No Police report received. Regular Police bulletins are sent out via the Newsgroup emails.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Road Maintenance &amp; Closures</b></p> <p>TT spoke with representatives of Perth &amp; Kinross Council regarding the roadworks on the A93, north of the Spittal. Resurfacing is due to commence on the 20<sup>th</sup> June until 30<sup>th</sup> June inclusive (subject to weather etc). This section of the road will be closed from 8:00pm until 06:00am. TT asked whether half of the road could be closed off, thereby allowing cars to travel through, but this was rejected due to the width of the road. One large resurfacing machine will be used on this occasion.</p> <p>BE suggested asking the landowners to give up some of their land to make the road wider to allow HGV's to use the road. BE said that he would look into this and contact the various parties.</p> <p>Works on the parapet at Kirkmichael Bridge to be completed. BE to liaise with CM on this.</p>	<p>BE</p> <p>CM/BE</p>
9.	<p><b>Green Space Maintenance</b></p> <p>TT is maintaining contact with the new supervisor. Matters are progressing.</p> <p>Repairs to the steps from Kirkmichael car park to the river are to be completed BE to liaise with CM on this.</p>	<p>TT</p> <p>BE/CM</p>
10.	<p><b>Roadside Grass Cutting</b></p> <p>TT advised that he had written to Greenspace requesting a meeting. To date he had received no reply. TT also sent an email to Nigel Taylor and is waiting to hear back from him.</p> <p>BE said that it may prove more fruitful if TT were to go to the "top" in order to expedite this matter.</p> <p>With reference to the cutting of grass etc, JM suggested that Autumn would be preferable rather than Summer. AP highlighted the need to save the wild flowers too.</p>	<p>TT</p> <p>TT</p>

10.	<p><b>Roadside Grass Cutting – Continued</b></p> <p>As this is an ongoing matter, hopefully the position on this may be made clearer by the next meeting.</p>	TT
11.	<p><b>Defibrillators</b></p> <p>TT advised that the Grant from Drumderg had now been sent and the last defibrillator has been ordered.</p> <p>AP advised that Ballintuim is still awaiting the code to access the unit. It was mentioned by RB that he understood that all the units were to have the same number, which he believed to be 9999. It would be sensible to double check this.</p> <p>AP also highlighted the need for good signage where these units are placed.</p> <p>RB asked TT if he knew where the Bridge of Cally unit will be situated. TT advised that it will be placed outside the Bridge of Cally Hall.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Broadband</b></p> <p>Work at Pitlochry has nearly been completed at Loch Tay. AB Internet has been appointed to carry out the works which comprises fibre and wire.</p> <p>Lunnan Vally is still awaiting tenders from other installers.</p> <p>TT advised that a consultant would be appointed to select the best contractor.</p> <p>AP suggested that we contact Liz Mallinson to see if she could help us.</p> <p>JM is to make contact with Liz Mallinson to see how matters will be progressed.</p>	JM
13.	<p><b>Spittal</b></p> <p>Nothing to Report. No further news from Group who own the land.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Public Transport</b></p> <p>TT reported that he has heard nothing further from PKC despite meetings, telephone and emails. The situation is still therefore deemed to be ongoing.</p> <p>BE said that he would speak with Andrew Warrington for an update.</p> <p>TT said that he would get in touch with Ardblair Medical Centre for an update.</p>	BE TT
15.	<p><b>Community Resilience</b></p> <p>TT suggested that it would be helpful to the community if various groups could be set up in times of need which could encourage people to get involved</p>	

15.	<p><b>Community Resilience - Continued</b></p> <p>Some Suggestions:-</p> <p>Support for people who are less skilled with modern communications.  Prescriptions  Flooding  Checking neighbours  Power cuts</p> <p>TT will be attending a meeting with P&amp;KC on 23<sup>rd</sup> May to discuss items relating to Community Resilience. TT to report back.</p>	TT
16.	<p><b>Mount Blair Open Day</b></p> <p>After last year's success, TT asked the Committee for their views on holding another Open Day this year.</p> <p>AP suggested that the information should be put onto the Newsgroup network. AP also suggested that perhaps the event could be held every other year and possible held at the Kirkmichael Village Hall.</p> <p>RB suggested that costs for this should be looked at, in view of limited funds.</p> <p>BE suggested holding the event at the end of September.</p> <p>After discussions, the Committee agreed to go ahead with the event this year.</p>	
17.	<p><b>MBCDT Report</b></p> <p>JM mentioned that the formal opening of the Kirkmichael Path Network will be advised in due course.</p> <p>The Archive project ends this Summer. Sally is to continue on to take it forward.</p> <p>Disabled Toilet for Kirkmichael Shop. A grant was made, but the Trust could not help due to the fact that the shop is not a charity.</p> <p>Fundraising for the Community is being held for a week in the Howes building. Details are to be found on the internet.</p> <p>Scenic Route webcam will be online from this Autumn.</p> <p>The future of Straloch School is still under discussion. TT provided a copy of the report from the Councillors.</p>	TT
18.	<p><b>Report from Councillors</b></p> <p>Bio security is in place on the CATERAN Trail.</p> <p>The CATERAN YOMP has attracted 900 competitors this year and will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	

18.	<p><b>Report from Councillors – Continued</b></p> <p>JM mentioned that he had some concerns over Phytophthora Ramorum transmission being passed on to trees. This can be spread on footwear, dogs paws, bicycle/vehicle wheels, tools and equipment.</p> <p>Path to Strathardle Inn – TT is to speak with Colin Massey and BE will be talking to Andy Barry at PKC to look at the feasibility of putting the pathway in. Ownership of the land will need to be discussed. TT/BE will report back in due course.</p>	TT/BE
19.	<p><b>Area Reports</b></p> <p>CM reported that he had removed the planters from Kirkmichael.</p> <p>AP advised that there had been reports of strange vehicles hanging around and that persons unknown had been letting cows out. The Police have been advised but no news to-date.</p> <p>AP also advised that complaints had been raised about the Maggies Bike race. Primarily, participants were travelling through the villages with no respect to the speed limits and the noise was horrendous. Advance notification of this event was not provided and local people had no idea that the event was taking place.</p> <p>TT will possibly speak to the Police and to Colin Heggie.</p>	TT
20.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>RB reported that the wall is still bulging and has moved another 2mm. RB will take regular measurements over the next couple of months and then report back.</p> <p>JM reported that there was no disinfectant or brushes available on the Ceteran Trail in order to prevent the spread of disease. JM also advised that he has had to pay approximately £12k to have trees felled already.</p> <p>TT had no further comments to add.</p> <p>With regard to electric car charging TT advised that it depended on cost, but that it would not happen this year.</p> <p>Christmas Tree Lights – JM will report at next meeting.</p> <p>Telephone Boxes - If nothing is done BT will eventually de-commission and remove them. In this case, it was agreed that we should purchase them. AP suggested that we wait for BT to de-commission them and then act.</p> <p>TT suggested that we should let the local community know and also write a letter to BT.</p>	<p>RB</p> <p>JM</p> <p>TT</p>
21.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7:00pm – Netherton Church</p>	

