

**Mount Blair Community Council
Public Meeting
7.00pm on 10th November 2014 in Kirkmichael Session House**

Present: Ali Petrie, Charlie Brown, John Manning, Donald Cameron, Tony Thompson, Robert Brawn, Bernard Noonan. Bob Ellis, Caroline Shiers, Patrick Donnelly (Police)

In attendance: 8 members of the public

1.	Welcome & Apologies	
2.	Minutes of the meeting 25th August 2014 RB approved BN seconded	
3.	Matters Arising <i>5. Scottish rural parliament:</i> TT not managed to action but would like to follow it through, will make contact and find out when the next meeting is. <i>8. Broadband update:</i> TT said things are moving along, he had a meeting with John Swinney and Scottish Rural Broadband who are putting together a map of the infill areas (properties with poorer speeds), as anyone further than 2km away from the boxes will miss out on the superfast broadband. <i>10a. Ground Maintenance:</i> TT & PM to put together an End of season report to send to Nigel Taylor. Cuts were more regular this year but not yet up to the 13 cuts promised. Churchyard was cut by hand which was a great improvement. <i>13. War Memorial:</i> TT has visited the site with Robert Duncan and it was discussed that it wasn't the best place to have a war memorial, and the pro and cons of moving it.	
4.	Retiral of Andrew Duncan AD is retiring from the community council for personal reasons and has made a huge contribution to this council for a long time as well as the community, he will be missed. The CC wishes him all the best.	
5.	Future of the Community Council It has been suggested that instead of having meetings every 3 months to have them every 2 months, as the agenda tends to be very long. Approved by all.	
6.	Co-option of new member When AD resigned a situation arose that meant the CC was short of one member, but received two applications for the post. Charlie Brown and Ali Petrie both live in different boundaries which meant that they were both eligible to be on the CC. TT welcomed CB and AP to the table.	
7.	Report of the Chair TT attended a meeting with BE, the police & fire service to try and coordinate everything between the services and the community, the idea being to have a meeting every 3 months to discuss levels of service in the community.	
8.	Report of the Secretary JM provided the latest certificate of employers liability for the CC. Emails: Perthshire Creates is an organisation bringing together creative people in the local areas, website is PerthshireCreates.com. There has been a request from Bob Gillespie to send photographs of people carrying out voluntary work to PKAVS. The Cairngorm National Park has produced an update, passed to TT. Concerns were raised over the planning system, there was a planning workshop in Rattray. There is	

	a WW1 info day at Perth Museum on 28 th Nov between 2-4pm. Local business enterprises are encouraged to get in contact with Dave Howie for information and business advice. There was an email from Brenda Murray who is development plan team leader, the planners want to give a higher degree of guidance on Tay special conservation area and want to have mandatory power.	
9.	Report of the Treasurer The Main Account has a balance of £451.55 and the Drumderg Fund a balance of £887.79- however, we are committed to a grant of £200 which will bring the fund down to £687.79.	
10.	Police Report Patrick Donnelly, Community Police Officer, apologised for not bringing police report but was unaware of any recent crimes of dishonesty or violence. Since daylight savings there has been an increase in shed break ins and fuel thefts. PD said he would like to visit the area more often and will endeavour to try and sort out the traffic issues in the area. Will also be speaking to TT about the rural watch. CB said the wood lorries going to Pitlochry have been driving too fast and have caused some cars to take evasive action. PD to speak to forestry. Motorbikes continue to be a noise disturbance through BOC, especially at the weekends.	
11.	Broadband Update As mentioned before not a lot of detail has been provided but progress is becoming more evident. There will be a map showing where the infill areas are. Anyone who has past experience of the old tv relay system would be asked for assistance, as the broadband will be done in a similar way.	
12. a.	Planning Developer contributions, Development Zones and Housing in the Countryside JM & TT attended a meeting recently that informed them there is a levy of £6350 for all new builds which is put towards the school and is required for all other than single bedroom properties. The previous local plan included a development zone in Glenshee but the current plan does not. A discussion was had about the diminishing economy in Mt Blair and how the levy discourages developers. BE & CS will organise a meeting to reassess the situation.	BE CS
b.	Windfarm Proposals TT is awaiting receipt of a map which indicates where all the wind turbines are located. AP will be forming a group which will investigate how many turbines, where, when and by what company they will be built. TT will contact the council and request a system to keep everyone informed of planning of this type.	
13.	Kirkmichael Village Shop – discontinuing sale of unleaded petrol Jan Taylor felt that not enough people knew about the discontinuing sale of unleaded petrol, as only 13 people came to the AGM. The general consensus in the community was that nobody wants this to happen, but the initial cost of upgrading the pumps and filling the tank is too great. A discussion was had about exploring payment options and negotiating with the fuel supplier. It was considered by the committee that as the loss of unleaded fuel would have a significant effect on the village and the village shop a full assessment of the balance of costs and services should be considered	
14.	Kirkmichael Footpath Network JM said that Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust and the development trust have joined together and received an offer of funding through the commonwealth legacy fund, the footpath network is likely to happen. One thing that we need to do is organise a volunteer group to deal with maintenance. TT to send plans through to AP.	
15.	Access for timber extraction from Tullochcurran Wood The Bridge has been surveyed after concerns were raised about logging lorries using	

	it, and it has been deemed safe. The original contact for the forestry commission has moved office, which has in turn caused problems with communication. TT felt that because of the inadequate information the next step would be to take the concern to Scottish Parliament.	
16.	<p>Ground maintenance Performance has slightly improved, the graveyard has been hand cut this year as requested, which has made a huge difference. Weedkiller was applied earlier this year, an improvement on September last year. PM to provide TT with a record of work, TT to forward to CS.</p> <p>a. Kirkmichael Playpark The new equipment in the playpark is mainly for older children rather than primary aged children. The original objection was the lack of communication when maintenance was carried out, as well as the poor state it was left in afterwards. The council reiterated that the park was fit for use.</p> <p>b. Kirkmichael School – Community All Weather Surface Nothing to report</p> <p>c. Verges To be revisited next flowering season. JM to follow up.</p> <p>d. Glenshee Laybys BE has looked at agenda for Glenshee Tourist Association meeting and the Glenshee laybys is on there. The plan is to hire a digger to level out the ground and put height restriction poles to restrict overnight campers and lorries.</p>	<p>PM/TT</p> <p>JM</p>
17.	<p>Highways matters Rochalie roadworks due to be carried out next year Feb/March but as of yet no contractor. The road closure would be 7pm to 7am when it was specifically required.</p> <p>BOC Bridge, to be continued at next meeting. All eight of the drains were blocked, a regular cleaning process is needed. RB phoned Willy Mahoney and nobody came, phoned the police and nobody came. In the end did it himself. BE to speak to Willy Mahoney.</p> <p>Calvert at the bottom end of Blackcraig castle needing attention.</p>	BE
18.	<p>MBCDT Report Dance at Blackwater hall on 22nd of November.</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting will be sent to newsgroup.</p>	JM
19.	<p>Reports from Councillors CS has had a number of meetings with Police and road department about A93, a summary of new road techniques will be sent. Snow cutter update to follow. CS to speak to Willy Mahoney about snow fences and email TT. BE new sign for Sillerburn been erected. Ballintuim awaiting new 30mph signs.</p>	CS
20.	<p>Area Reports Enochdhu new road already has holes in. BE to investigate</p>	BE
21.	<p>AOCB A discussion about a possible pathway between the memorial and the Strathardle Inn was had. PM said Kirkmichael in Bloom entered Ryder cup competition, and won two tickets to go to ryder cup in Gleneagles. PM and her son Lawrence will be unable to erect the Christmas lights this year. CB to find someone. CB in rural areas there is a 2p per unit higher rate on electricity, this is perhaps something the council should be taking on.</p>	CB
22.	<p>Date of next meeting – 19th January 2015 Meeting dates for next year: 9th March, 11th May (AGM), 13th July, 7th Sept, 9th Nov,</p>	

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