

**BLAIR ATHOLL AND STRUAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING TUE 13/12/16 7.30 P. M
IN THE ARMOURY HALL, BLAIR ATHOLL**

PRESENT Colin Ross (Chairman), Malcolm Dix (Treasurer), Nigel Wild (Minutes Secretary) Donald Isles, Stewart MacGlashan, Cllrs Kate Howie and Ian Campbell. And 1 member of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Rosalind Gray, Cllr M Williamson

2 POLICE REPORT None

3 MINUTES OF MEETING 08/11/16 Approved

4 MATTERS ARISING

Calvine AED Power Supply. This is due to be fitted W/C 12/12/16
Pavement subsidence At Village Hall P&K are arranging repairs. Still outstanding
NHS Out of Hours Service. Still awaiting reply from NHS
Flood Risk Action. Atholl estates have completed their short term actions
A9 Dualling Meeting with Sarah Morgan of Jacobs. Sarah Morgan was not at the Blair Atholl
Drop in session but members met the engineers. The northern Exit from Calvine on to the A9 will
be closed and all traffic will be diverted to a new 4 way grade separated inter change just north of
Bruar
Large wood lorry problems. Kate Howie chasing the Forestry Commission to get a list of Haulage
Contractors

5 HPCP UPDATE CR & NW attended AGM 28/11/16 Next meeting 16/01/17

THE HPCP BROADBAND Operation will be separated in to separate body as originally intended and will continue to provide a service.

The remainder of HPCP will become an entirely voluntary body but the existing officers have all resigned, Some will continue to serve until the end of the financial year, but there were no offers to stand for election

6 BROADBAND Comments to Scottish Parliament. The CC, Andrew Bruce Wooton and Neil McKinley had all submitted comments.

7 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GROUP SMacG 6 people had attended the recent meeting but there are no current Problems. Stewart MacGlashan had been invited to give a talk to Fife Council about the activities of the CRG.

8 COMMUNITY FUND SMacG The Crowd funding appeal had been set up. The Fund is not able to set up a Joint Business Account at a bank, so a joint personal account was set up by Donald Isles and Stewart MacGlashan to hold the money meantime. So far £350 had been raised with a target of £2000, with the aim of keeping £1000 as liquid funds for any emergencies. Mike Williamson had arranged for STV to visit Blair Atholl and record a news item about the fund.

9 STRUAN SCHOOL CONSULTATION. P & K have produced their final report which is very detailed. The CC accepted. the findings, but 1 local person felt strongly against the closure of the school. Some interest had been expressed locally about the future use of the building, but nothing will happen until the School is formally closed and the Councils Estates Dept will then deal with the building.

10 REMOVAL OF PHONE BOXES. Colin Ross had sent more details to P&K who had sent all the details to BT.

11 FINANCE J & H Mitchell have advised the CC that it will receive a bequest of £500. The bequest has been made by the Late ROBERT ROBERTSON MACKENZIE, who was bought up in Blair Atholl and had strong connections to the area. His working life was spent with General Accident in Perth. He his buried beside his parents in Blair Atholl Churchyard.

12 PLANNING Atholl Estates Planning Application for 8 houses at rear of the Watermill.
A special meeting was held on 6/12/16 attended by 2 Comm councillors and 2 local people at which Andrew Bruce Wooton explained the proposal for 9 houses for rent . There were no objections.

13 UPDATE REPORTS P&K councillors

Ian Campbell advised that the current council workload was the budget for next year. A joint effort REUSE Recycle shop had been set up in Aberfeldy.
The council have to set up Community Action Plans which are similar to the one Blair Atholl produced in conjunction with CNPA. A possibility of a SNOW Road was being investigated at Blairgowrie. It was proposed to erect cameras at the Glen Shee Snow Gates with monitors in Blairgowrie as last year many motorists ignored road closed signs and caused traffic chaos preventing the Snow ploughs getting through.

14 AOCB

A member of the public complained about the maintenance standards of the grave yards as being disrespectful and well below those applied by Highland council and others.

There was cut grass over the headstones, and her husband's grave stone had been damaged. CILR K Howie will get a council official to contact the complainant to discuss. Any other complaints should also be passed to K.Howie. She would also forward the councils Maintenance policies.

The Village hall charitable trust meeting had attracted about 30 participants and about 95 people had applied to become members

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUE 10/01/17 AT 7.30 P.M. ARMOURY HALL BLAIR ATHOLL