

**Blackness Area Community Council**  
**Meeting Notes Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 Blackness Community Hall**

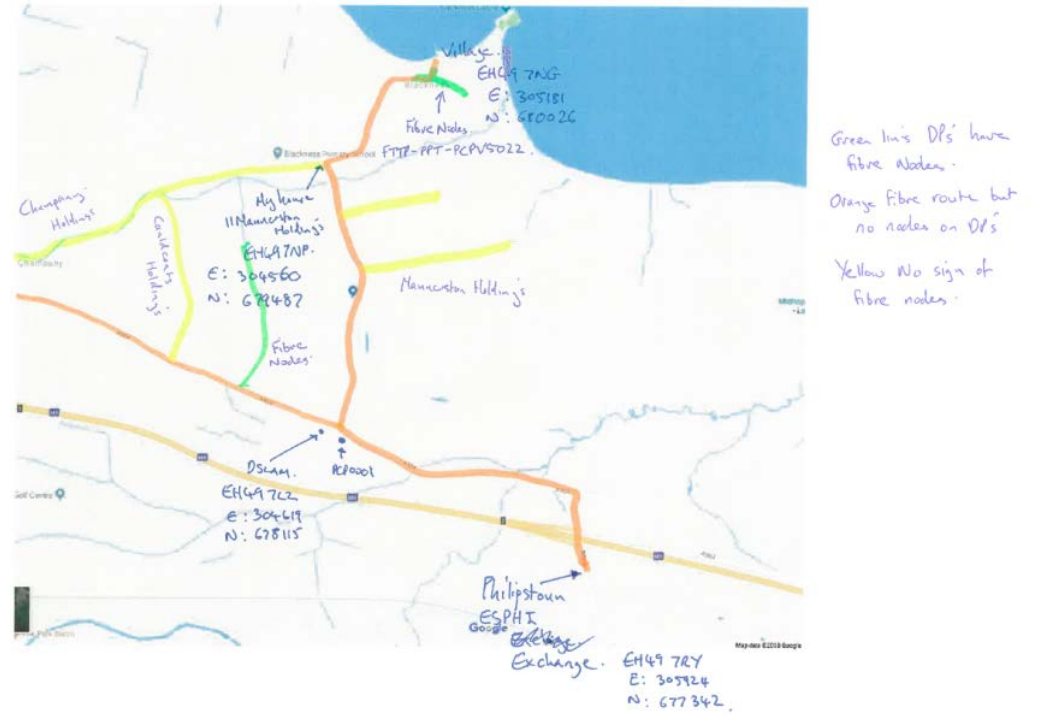
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Community Council members: Helen Brown (HB) Karen Walker, Martin Watt, Dorothy Garrow	
Members of the public: Nan Whyte, Derek and Sharman Faulds, Merv Archibald, Terry and George Rowland,	
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
Dave Lawson	
<b>2. Approval of Previous Minutes:</b>	<b>Action</b>
Note of previous meeting approved. The 3 community councillors present put forward KW as co-opted membership – check with Brian Pirie that this is now ok and approved Various apologies were notes following the confusion over the venue and attendance at the January Meeting	HB will email Brian Pirie
<b>3. Community Police Report</b>	
<b>Police Report:</b> Circulated at the meeting and apologised not for attending. Can we ask if RTA could be recorded and reported on.	HB will email Greg to ask
<b>4. Actions and matters arising from previous minutes</b>	
Sue Gairns – add to mailing list  HB met with Malcolm Brown from Historic Environment Scotland and reported on their discussions which included – Hire of meeting space, parking, the gate, events, improvement of loo facilities, visitor numbers, the play park, filming issues, attendance at BACC meetings and input to newsletter.  Traffic, gate and parking issues were discussed further and it was agreed that signage needed to be improved. Nan Wyle and Merv will contact Malcolm Brown directly to request a meeting about these specific issues. We will also add him to the email circulation invite to the next meeting	HB to add Sue to mailing list HB to email NW and Merv  Action HB add to mailing list and invite to meeting
<b>5. Councillors' Update</b>	
No councillors were present. Falkirk Council are running a workshop for Community Councillor – MW will check diary and attend if possible. HB was not available	
<b>6. Community Projects</b>	
CEILIDH : Community Hall fundraiser for the Community Hall is to be held in the hall on <b>Saturday 17 May 2019</b> - save the date	ALL
PLAYPARK EXTENSION: HB advised the group that despite assurances and delay they have been unsuccessful with the Falkirk Environment Trust bid of around £20K funding. This is a HUGE blow to the project as we are unlikely to find another large source. HB has individual quotes for all the items wanted for the park and will arrange a meeting with Mike Joyce from Falkirk Council to see what we can get for our money and arrange for the fencing to be repaired. INEOS used to have community funding and the Airport has a fund too.  John Muir Way - HB reported on the sudden arrival of the diggers to upgrade the path along from St Ninians Way. There had been no consultation despite us emailing last March with concerns we had over the project. A response from Angus Duncan was circulate at the meeting. It was confirmed that there would be NO lighting. The committee also discussed the possibility of an additional Bin near the bridge.	Action – HB contact Mike Joyce
<b>7. Planning Update</b>	

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No issues in last few months.

**8. Broadband update**

Fiber is only available to the Village and Strip and people are getting connected  
Martin received a map from Steve Granger and will forwarding it to HB for inclusion in the minutes



HB will pass on Steve Granger's contact to Teresa to see what can be done regarding connection for the rest of the community and suggest a way forward. Who do we approach and how?  
Currently it seems to be BT no other providers – when will this change?  
KW – reported following the meeting on the costs of installation  
“Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) for zero cost (joining house to pole with fibre). This will improve our download speed to a guaranteed minimum of 100mbps (currently on 11!) and they expect us to actually get an average of 145mbps. We are getting a new hub plus installation equipment. This will cost us (on our current phone/broadband/BT TV package) £5 less per month. There is a £10 delivery charge for equipment.”

**Flight path matters**

MA has been attending Edinburgh Airport noise advisory board meeting and reported back on the following points

- The group now have a website
- There is an Aviation sub group which is employing a surveyor to look at validity of noise contour maps
- Noise monitoring – 3 at run way, 1 in Livingston. There are some mobile units – Dalgety Bay, MA volunteered his property – can group be involved
- There is a Health sub group – what are the impact of noise on physical / mental health is being looked at

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAA – met with the group and the Airport – there will be a seminar regarding the future plans at end of March</li> <li>• Aviation 2050 Policy out for consultation closing on 11<sup>th</sup> April – seminars will be presented locally</li> <li>• Scottish Govt - EU594 amending planning legislation around airports, suggesting CEC will be in charge of this. Added in to legislation that CEC should statutory consult with neighbouring Local Authorities to any issue.</li> </ul> <p>Any issues or points for discuss please pass to Helena / Merv</p>	
<b>10. Budget – attached for information</b>	
<p>No Update at meeting but details are as follows and report is attached  Account balance is £10,140.08 and split as follows: -  BACC = £1,060.62  Playpark pot = £9,079.46  *Note - £227.00 on 01 December 2017 is BACC Admin Grant. We did not get one in 2018!</p>	
<p><b>11. AOCB</b>  Blackness Inn has been sold and the new owners are local people who plan to turn it into a shop, cafe, pub, restaurant. Sheena and Colm will be invite to attend future meetings and asked to keep us in touch with progress. HB has left them with our email address so hopefully they will email us an update</p> <p>Highways – MW to follow up on traffic island update and main road issues. Lighting at Champany Corner was discussed and it was mentioned that dirt plays its part in obscuring the junctions and signage.</p> <p>Brown signs for Mannerstons – positioned on the out section rather than in section – Scottish Tourist Board signs installed. There are still problems with the Roads department not enforcing action which required by Rouken Glen. It is a messy junction and the issue needs following up. MW will contact road and copy Mannerstons owners in for information</p>	<p>MW contact road and copy Mannertons into the meeting and update</p>
<p>Meeting closed at 9.00pm  Date of Next Meeting; 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 HB sends her apologies in advance</p>	