*Minutes of Committee Meeting held on*

*Monday 6th January 2025 at the BaRi Building , Blairgowrie,*

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|  | **Those present: Cathy Doe, Pat Lumsden, Jan McHugh ,Morag Reid,Jean Smith, Hazel and Bruce Robertson.** |  |  |  |
|  | **Apologies from**: Cllr Bob Brawn . William Wilson |  |  |  |
|  | **Minutes of last Meeting**.  Approved by Jan McHugh Seconded: Jean Smith |  |  |  |
|  | Matters Arising:  ELM DRIVE – William has spoken with Tayside Contracts but a repricing exercise will probably have to take place.  THE MEETING PLACE – Bruce to speak with Roger. Jean, Bruce and William met with regard to the funding application.  REFORM STREET BED - Has been repaired presumably by Council.  INSURANCE OF POLYTUNNELS – Jean will ask BRDT if the Polytunnels can be insured under the Garden insurance as it is proving difficult to insurance them as a separate entity.  MARY’S TREE - Jean had spoken with Simon before Christmas and had agreed we would wait until the ground was less hard In the New Year to plant the tree at Ardblair.  COFFEE MORNING – A successful get together for volunteers old and new.  HANGING BASKETS - An order for 2,154 plants has been placed with Pentland Plants at a cost of £696.66 and has been sent to PKC. It is thought we will have lost most of the plants we had hoped to save from last year as the weather has been too cold in the polytunnels.  TREASURER’S REPORT - Only £5.00 has been spent this month so nothing really to report.  Morag did update the Committee on end of year accounts which will be reviewed by Margaret Weatherspoon in readiness for the AGM on 27th January. We more or less broke even for lst year but a full report will be submitted at the AGM>  AOB: - We have been offered some pollinator plants from PKC as part of their Stepping Stone Polllinator Scheme. Jean has put together a list of pollinator plants and where she thinks may be suitable for planting them. She asked the Committee to have a look at this and let her know their views.  Coronation Corner has also been chosen as a bee friendly area and a bee post will be erected there by PKC.  Bruce to chase up a contact who may be willing to help him out with handyman work as there is too much for William and Bruce to cope with on their own.  Cathy to speak to Christine Fraser with regard to her husband being interested in helping out.  The tree at Westerfield is to be looked at again to allow a decision to be made regarding taking it down.  Containers at Balmoral Road badly needing replaced. Pat will enquire at Coupar Angus regarding a supplied and it was suggested William speak to the owner of the Balmoral Hotel as to whether they wouldl like to sponsor the two containers at the front door of the Hotel.  POP UP SHOP:  After some discussion as to whether it was worth having a one day Pop Up Shop in Blairgowrie it was decided it would be preferable to hire the Coupar Angus Shop for a week. Enquiries will be made as to available ldates.  AGM:  The Agenda was agreed and some discussion took place as to the Office Bearers and the procedure that is followed. An Notice of the AGM will appear in the Blairgowrie Advertiser on 14th January and Hazel will put it on Facebook. The volunteers will be notified and sent a copy of last year’s Minutes for their information.  DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 3rd February 2025. 6.30pm at BaRi Building. | WW  JS  JS  JS  MR  BR  CD  PL/WW  CD |  |  |