

**BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (BARBA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2015**

Held in The Royal Hotel, Blairgowrie at 5.45pm

<p><b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>          Anna Bowman (AB)          Steve Johnson (SJ)          Simon McCaig (SM)          Hazel Harris (HH)          Angus Forbes (AF)          Kate Walker (KW)          Lesley McDonald (LM)          George Gall (GG)</p>	<p>President          Sec          Treasurer</p>	<p>Helen Williams (HW)          Brian Smith (BS)          Jessie Shaw (JS)          Barbara Lynch (BL)          Nora Cormack (NC)          Kevin Donald (KD)          Sandy McCurdy (PKC)</p>	<p>One Voice          One Voice          One Voice          One Voice            PKC</p>
<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>          Stephen Page (SP)</p>	<p>Cllr Caroline Shiers (CS)</p>	<p>Cllr Bob Ellis (BE)</p>	
<p>Item 1 – Welcome</p> <p>1.1 The meeting opened at 5:45pm. AB welcomed everyone and introduced Graham Innes and Helen Warburton from Creation Social Media who provided an interesting presentation on the latest trends and an update on Social Media. SJ proposed a vote of thanks to Graham and Helen for taking the time to come and carry out the presentation. The Business Association are looking at costing a half day training so if anyone is interested then please let us know – there would be a cost to this.</p>			<p>Info All</p>
<p>Item 2 – Apologies:</p> <p>2.1 Apologies had been received as above.</p>			
<p>Item 3 – Minutes of the last AGM.</p> <p>3.1 These were accepted – proposed by KW, seconded by SM.</p>			
<p>Item 4 – Secretaries Report – SJ provided a list of activities undertaken from March 2014 to March 2015 including:</p> <p>Renaming to Blairgowrie &amp; Rattray Business Association          New website with new name          Supported Junior Ryder Cup          Farm Shop Appeal          BOOKMARK - £250 donation from Youth Fund          New membership form and welcome letter          New President – Anna Bowman          Logo competition – ongoing          Revised Constitution – presented at AGM for review over next 12 months for approval at next AGM          Set events for 2015 – see below          2015 Youth Fund donations; £250 BOOKMARK, £150 Young Players Orkney Trip and £100 Cambodia Trip          STV Advert – 76 supporters pledging over £4000, 3 x 2 week airings          Discover Blairgowrie – business element</p>			
<p>Item 5 – Treasurers Report</p> <p>SM gave a summary of the finance reports – these are attached to the minutes.</p>			

<p>Item 6 – Election of Committee Members:</p> <p>President – Anna Bowman, proposed by KW seconded by HH  Vice President – Hazel Harris, proposed by SJ, seconded by KW  Secretary – Steve Johnson, proposed by AB, seconded by KW  Members Secretary – Anna Bowman, proposed by SJ, seconded by SM  Treasurer – Simon McCaig, proposed by SJ, seconded by AB  Committee Members:  Kate Walker, proposed by AB, seconded by SJ  Stephen Page, proposed by SM, seconded by SJ  Lesley McDonald, proposed by SJ, seconded by KW  George Gall, proposed by AB, seconded by SJ  Angus Forbes, proposed by AB, seconded by SJ</p>	
<p>Item 7 – President’s Plans for the next 12 months</p> <p>7.1 20 May – Members Info Exchange at 5.45pm  17 June - Employment Laws &amp; Auto Enrolement, <b>Business Breakfast 8am</b> in Cateran Cafe  15 July – Members Info Exchange at 5.45pm  19 August - Intro to Trends in Marketing  16 September – Members Info Exchange at 5.45pm  21 October – Pensions Update with Alan Learmonth <b>Business Breakfast 8am</b> in Cateran Cafe  18 November – Christmas Buffet and Members Info Exchange at 5.45pm TBC</p> <p>7.2 Membership – this is discussed in the meeting that followed the AGM and is in conjunction with the new Discover Blairgowrie website.</p>	
<p>Item 8 – Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next AGM will be held in March 2016.</p>	<p>All</p>

Distribution (email unless specified):

B&RBA Committee Members:

Anna Bowman (President, Members Secretary)  
Hazel Harris (Vice President)  
Simon McCaig (Treasurer)  
Steve Johnson (Secretary)  
Kate Walker (Member)  
Stephen Page (Member)  
Angus Forbes (Member)  
Lesley McDonald (Member)  
George Gall (Member)

Local Councillors:

Mr B Ellis  
Mrs E Grant  
Mrs C Shiers  
Businesses listed on the Discover Blairgowrie website and those present for info