

BLAIRGOWRIE & RATTRAY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (BARBA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2017

Held in The Angus Hotel, Blairgowrie at 6.00pm

<p><u>ATTENDANCE</u> Anna Bowman (AB) Steve Johnson (SJ) Simon McCaig (SM) Hazel Harris (HH) Lesley McDonald (LM) Kate Walker (KW)</p> <p>Cllr Caroline Shiers (CS) Cllr Tm McEwan</p> <p>Businesses: Barry Macfarlane Ashleigh Slater Jimmy McGinley George Gall Angela Macdonald Frank Benzies</p>	<p>President Sec Treasurer Vice President</p> <p>Artist Warp Weft Weave Tradesman CATERAN Café Copy Shop Blairgowrie Cookshop</p>	<p>Businesses cont'd: Peter Richardson Neil Rutherford John Hogg Kevin Donald Merle Palmer Callum Crighton Elly Nicoll Elaine Stephen Tracie Dick Laura Johnston Brenda Johnston</p> <p>Other: Len Seal Martin Mathers Noeleen Crowley</p>	<p>First Aid Perthshire Blairgowrie Dental Care Gillespie Inverarity & Co Mitchells Newsagents Growbiz Calutek Hibernica Cut Above Create at Nest The Travel Bar The Travel Bar</p> <p>Ericht Trust The HEAT Project The HEAT Project</p>	
<p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Stephen Page Fiona Findleton Lara Kelly</p>	<p>Jessie Shaw Ian Richards Pat Richards</p>	<p>Susie Black Sarah Elliott Bruce Paterson</p>	<p>Liz Mason Morag Rendall</p>	
<p>Item 1 – Welcome</p> <p>1.1 AB welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending and that it was excellent to see so many businesses attend.</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 AB, seconded by SM.</p>				
<p>Item 4 – Secretaries Report – SJ provided a presentation on various elements including:</p> <p>BARBA Membership – 51 businesses.</p> <p>Membership coupled with the Hub Magazine was providing approx. £2,400 annually to promote the town (What's On posters etc)</p> <p>PKC will only support the town if the town works together as one hence it is important that the Business Association is the voice of businesses so please help us with communication etc. There is a possibility of the Erich Trust and One Voice merging to provide one point of contact for the town but this is to be determined.</p> <p>Discover Blairgowrie website – for visitors AND locals, lists shops and services</p> <p>Town Map – locally produced showing businesses by colour code – paid for by advertising. The following businesses would like to advertise:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cargills Bistro Kate Fleming</p>				<p>All</p> <p>SJ</p>

<p>Gillespies (corner box) Calutek Blairgowrie Dental Care Blairgowrie Cookshop All Things Fair Blair Copy Shop</p> <p>Merle Palmer gave a short brief on Growbiz advising they are there for new and existing businesses</p> <p><u>Town Loyalty Scheme</u></p> <p>Martin Mathers and Noeleen Crowley from the HEAT Project (Home Energy Advice Team – an Ericht Trust Project) gave a presentation on a proposed project to introduce a Loyalty Scheme for the town. The Ericht Trust/HEAT Project are applying for funding to extend the current project for a further 2 years from March 2018 part of which will include the feasibility and introduction of a loyalty scheme. Whilst they will look to see what has worked elsewhere, it is important to note that we should introduce something that fits Blairgowrie & Rattray businesses so we should keep our thoughts open.</p> <p>Those present were asked to provide feedback on the idea after consideration.</p> <p>Martin agreed to provide links to examples of where schemes had worked. BARBA awaits this information from The HEAT Project.</p> <p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>BARBA will use the following methods to stay in touch with businesses:</p> <p>Email In person – business owners are invited to volunteer to be a link to other businesses close to theirs to aid passing on of information both ways.</p> <p><u>Issues Noted</u></p> <p>Investigate grants to improve shop fronts. Consider purchasing a defib for the community</p>	<p>All SJ</p> <p>All</p> <p>Committee Committee</p>
<p>Item 5 – Treasurers Report</p> <p>SM gave a summary of the finance reports – these are attached to the minutes. These were agreed – proposed by SJ and seconded by AB.</p>	
<p>Item 6 – Election of Committee Members – the Committee stood down and CS took charge of the mtg. She thanked the committee for their efforts and praised the turn out:</p> <p>President – Anna Bowman, proposed by SJ seconded by KW Vice President – Kate Walker, proposed by AB, seconded by HH Secretary – Steve Johnson, proposed by KW, seconded by AB Treasurer – Simon McCaig, proposed by SJ, seconded by AB (note Simon has advised he would like to stand down at the next AGM)</p> <p>Committee Members:</p> <p>Stephen Page (advised prior to mtg) Pete Richardson James McGinley Hazel Harris Lesley McDonald Merle Palmer – rep Growbiz Elly Nicoll</p>	
<p>Item 7 – AB thanked SM and SJ for their efforts as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.</p>	

<p>Item 8 – Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next AGM will be held in March 2018. The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th October at 5,30pm in The Angus Hotel.</p>	<p>All</p>

Distribution (email unless specified):

B&RBA Committee Members:

Anna Bowman (President, Members Secretary)
 Kate Walker (Vice President)
 Simon McCaig (Treasurer)
 Steve Johnson (Secretary)
 Hazel Harris (Member)
 Stephen Page (Member)
 Lesley McDonald (Member)
 Pete Richardson (Member)
 James McGinley (Member)
 Elly Nicoll (Member)
 Merle Palmer (Member)

Local Councillors:

Mr T McEwan
 Mrs C Shiers
 Businesses listed on the Discover
 Blairgowrie website and those present
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