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**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on**

**Monday 2 May 2022**

**Cargill, Myreriggs Road, PH13 9HS**

**Present:** Mary Birch, Ian Cruickshank, Pat Lumsden, John McLean, Morag Reid, Janine Seymour, Phil Seymour, Avril Wilson, William Wilson

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| 1 | **Apologies**  Cllrs Bob Brawn and Caroline Shiers |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of previous meeting held on 1 April 2022**   * Approved – Phil Seymour * Seconded – Pat Lumsden |  |
| 3 | **Treasurer’s Report**  A comprehensive financial report was circulated by WW, showing a balance of £22,134.19 in the bank made up of £19,625.13 restricted funds and £2,509.06 unrestricted funds. |  |
| 4 | **Matters arising**   * Website – PS met with Steve Johnson and website is now up and running. PS will put on documents and photos. Everyone encouraged to use website to check updated documents etc. – [www.blairinbloom.org.uk](http://www.blairinbloom.org.uk) * New email address will be [info@blairinbloom.org.uk](mailto:info@blairinbloom.org.uk) MB to link it * ATV – now up and running. ***Post meeting note – hoses fixed and used to water new planting in Wellmeadow.*** * Ukraine fund raising event – Town Hall Sunday 22 May 10am-4pm. Anyone free to help out on Bloom stall please let MB know. * Wellmeadow container – painted and relined and back in situ. Thanks to the painting squad of Pat, Nicky, Avril, Jean, Anne, Jan, Morag and John and to the woodwork team of William, John & Ian. Thanks also to PKC Environmental chaps for their help in transporting it. Apologies if I have forgotten anyone! * Litter pick – ongoing on first Sunday of every month. | **PS**  **MB**  **All** |
| 5 | **Project updates**   * Ardblair herbaceous bed & shrub bed– Funding to be sought from HM Queen Platinum Jubilee fund for new planting. Also possible sponsorship from Lidl and Home Bargains. MB to contact. * Meeting Place – majority of woodwork to be replaced. Painting by Community Payback last year has not lasted. MB has asked Alex Butter’s for quotation for porous surface. More funding needed – MB will submit an application to Community Environment Challenge Fund. * Parkhead – weed killing to be done. * Bulbs to be removed from street containers, Reform St beds and bus stances bed. Will be dried off and replanted in autumn in clumps rather than random planting. | **MB**  **MB** |

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|  | **Project updates continued**   * Westfields – land ownership possibly Thomsons. MB to write to them. Bike to be removed asap – ***post meeting note remove on 9 May if possible.*** | **Action**  **MB** |
| 6 | **Rattray Community Garden**   * Utilities – probably end of year before work can commence as Scottish Water take 6 months from date of ordering work! WW still working hard on this. Scottish Hydro - £3k for connection, but not including road crossing. Scottish Water - £1700 for mains water and £1700 for sewage. Road closure costs approximately £8/10k. * Funding applications – decisions awaited on applications to Bank of Scotland. Applications to RHS were unsuccessful. * Funding for purchase of small tractor once vehicle is chosen. JM & WW on the case! * WW met with stone mason regarding essential work highlighted in survey report. Circa £6k on essential work. Circa £19k for all work on walls. * Ground at side of large polytunnel beside wall to be cleared asap. | **WW**  **JM/WW** |
| 6 | **AOCB**   * Plant sale – permission given from Castle Water to use their carpark area beside Tesco on 28 May 2022. * Jan & Gerry Mchugh thanked for organising the tool shed at RCG. * Next litter pick – Sunday 5 June, which is Jubilee Weekend. Bloom taking part in procession with ATV and a stall in Wellmeadow. |  |

***Next meeting Monday 6 June at 6.30 pm – Rattray Community Garden***