

## **BIRSE PARISH LIAISON GROUP (BPLG)**

### **Community Representatives Lists 2001-2014**

#### **Introduction**

The purpose of this paper is to compare the list of local community representatives in Birse parish in September 2001, with the current list for October 2014.

#### **The BPLG**

Everyone living in the civil parish of Birse and on the Electoral Register for the area, is a member of three democratic local community groups:-

- one of the parish's three local Community Associations (Finzean, Ballogie or Birse);
- one of the parish's two local Community Councils (Finzean or Birse & Ballogie); and
- the local community business covering all of the parish (Birse Community Trust).

These six local community groups based on the Electoral Register, are the members of the Birse Parish Liaison Group (BPLG). This Group was first set up in 2000 by BCT and the three Community Associations (FCA, BCA, BACA). The membership was then expanded to include the two Community Councils (FCC, BBCC), when they were established in 2001.

At the first meeting of the expanded BPLG in September 2001, the Group agreed a paper setting out the BPLG's Terms of Reference and Administrative Arrangements.<sup>1</sup>

The Group meets once or more a year as necessary, to discuss topics of shared interest. The next meeting of the Group in November 2014, will be the BPLG's 28th meeting in the 15 years since the Group was set up in 2000.

#### **The Lists**

At the first meeting of the expanded BPLG in September 2001, the Group also agreed to produce a list of the individuals on the Committees of the three Associations, the two Community Councils and the BCT Board of Trustees. The first list of these local Community Representatives was produced in December 2001.<sup>2</sup>

The BPLG has produced an updated list of Community Representative nearly every year since 2001.<sup>3</sup> The current list is dated October 2014.<sup>4</sup> The analysis below compares the numbers and composition of the community representatives on the 2001 and 2014 lists.

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<sup>1</sup> on BCT website - Other Reports & Papers

<sup>2</sup> on BCT website - Other Reports & Papers

<sup>3</sup> BCT has copies of the list for 10 of the last 14 years.

<sup>4</sup> on BCT website - Other Reports & Papers

The results reflect that the relatively high level of local community representatives established in Birse parish in 2001, has continued since then.

**Numbers:** This table shows that the number of community representatives is higher now compared to 2001, as are the number of different individuals and households involved.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
No of Representatives	45	48	7%
No of Individuals	40	46	15%
No of Households	37	44	19%

**Representation:** The percentage increases in the numbers of individuals and households involved as community representatives in 2014 compared to 2001, match the respective percentage increases in the total numbers of voters and households in the parish on the Electoral Register in 2014 compared to 1998..

Electoral Register	No. of Adults (18+)	1998	2014	<i>Increase</i>	<i>% Growth</i>
	Ballogie	102	119	17	17%
	Birse	156	178	22	14%
	Finzean	268	308	40	15%
	Total No. of Voters	526	605	79	15%
	No. of Households	251	299	48	19%

**Individuals:** Considering the 40 individuals involved in 2001, 8 (20%) are currently community representatives with 3 of them now on different groups, while 12 (30%) have died or moved from the area. Thus, with the 46 individuals involved in 2014, 8 or 17% were representatives in 2001 and 40 or 83% are new representatives compared to 2001.

**Groups:** This table shows that the numbers of representatives in the different types of community groups in 2014, is similar to the pattern in 2001.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2014</u>
Community Associations	24	25
Community Councils	16	18
BCT	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	45	48

**Distribution:** This table shows that, in 2014 compared to 2001, the number of representatives in Finzean (FCA, FCC + any BCT Trustee) is higher and the number in Birse and Ballogie (BACA, BBCC + any BCT Trustees) is lower. This is very largely due to the increase in the number of individuals on FCC (6 to 12) and the reduction in the number on BBCC (10 to 6).

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2014</u>
Representatives from Finzean	19	28
Representatives from Birse & Ballogie	<u>26</u>	<u>20</u>
	45	48

**Gender:** This table shows a slight increase in the proportion of female representatives in 2014 compared to 2001 (44% to 48%). The number of female chairs has increased from 1 to 2 out of 6, while the number of female secretaries is the same at 4 out of 5.

	<u>2001</u>		<u>2014</u>	
	<i>males</i>	<i>females</i>	<i>males</i>	<i>females</i>
Finzean	9	10	13	15
Birse & Ballogie	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

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