

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 10th January 2017 in the Grandtully Village Hall.

PRESENT

Community Councillors: Stuart Smith (SS) (Chair), Stan Bruce (SB) (Secretary), Graham Huggins (GH) (Treasurer) John Grant (JG) and Pam Blanks (PB); PKC Councillors Kate Howie (KH) and Ian Campbell (IC).

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Three members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Community Councillor, Alison Forsyth

Welcome

The Chair welcomed the public to the meeting and introduced everyone.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November were approved; proposed by JG and seconded by SB.

2. MATTERS ARISING

None.

3. BUSINESS

Police Matters

There was no police presence.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance

P&KC Account	£ 535.00
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 3,490.70

Expenditure

P&KC Account	£ 68.75
Mid Atholl Account	£ 0
Micro Grant	£ 2,024.88

Closing Balance

P&KC Account	£ 466.25
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 1,465.82

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

GH reported that since the beginning of the Griffin Wind Farm Funding scheme (2010) over £3million has been awarded to worthy causes. However, there is of late a dilemma with the number of requests received for social projects. Current rules regarding the awarding of funding allow support for a maximum of three years but not thereafter, whereas some of the requests for social projects would involve ongoing support for the foreseeable future. There was some discussion about statutory obligations and responsibilities. It was recognised that it would be useful to have a discussion involving Perth & Kinross Council, the Griffin Wind Farm Panel and service providers for this area to clarify the situation.

GH to raise this suggestion at the next panel meeting.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants

PB reported that funding had been awarded to the Friends of Breadalbane Academy to allow the purchase of sports team outfits for the basketball teams playing in the league. These players come from far and wide and include pupils living in the Mid Atholl area. The sports outfits will be passed onto other pupils as and when required.

Planning

There were no new planning applications since the last meeting to which the CC need to respond.

HPCP

GH reported that HPCP are at a crossroads just now with their next meeting due at the end of January 2017. GH confirmed that he has stood down as Chair of HPCP and unless someone else is willing to take on this role HPCP will be closed down.

The Broadband project which is Ossian connected will continue as will the Defibrillator Project. The Pavilion User Groups (PUGS) will also continue but in its own right.

A9 Dualling

SS summed up the discussions that have taken place to date and advised that the CC had received a letter from Transport Scotland advising that the off-line option is not being pursued. There are to be further displays detailing the preferred option in the Mid Atholl Village Hall on 15th February 2017, between 12.00 noon and 7.00 p.m. and on 16th February 2017 between 11.00am and 3.00p.m. IC advised that there have been some amendments to the on-line choices.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

KH drew attention to Perth City's application for the title of City of Culture. A Creative Communities fund has been set up to support the work of communities and individuals. The fund will grant up to £1,500 per application for up to a year, from January 2017, for applications to fund projects which develop relationships between different communities. To apply go onto www.perth2021.com/creative-communities-fund/.

SS reported that he is to attend a presentation held at the Breadalbane Campus in Aberfeldy on Friday 13th January regarding the proposal to create a cycle path from Perth to Kenmore. He is to report back to the CC.

A MOP reported that the CC website contained some broken links and inaccuracies. GH reported that there are now problems in funding the maintenance of the website. The MOP offered his assistance.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next bi-monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 7th March 2017 at the Mid Atholl Village Hall 10th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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