

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 7th March in the Mid Atholl Hall.

PRESENT

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

One member of the public.

APOLOGIES

None

Welcome

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

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January were approved; proposed by SS and seconded by JG.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Community Council Website

GH reported that the CC cannot justify the cost of keeping our website going. Unless a volunteer wishes to take on responsibility for running it we cannot continue with it. We will continue to operate it for a short period of time to provide an opportunity for someone to come forward to take over the website management and updating on the CC's behalf. This course of action was agreed unanimously.

3. BUSINESS

Police Matters

There was no police presence.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance

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

Expenditure

P&KC Account	£ 25.00
Mid Atholl Account	£ 0
Micro Grant	£ 500.00

Closing Balance

P&KC Account £ 441.25
Mid Atholl Account £ 568.00
Micro Grant £ 965.82

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

GH reported that the next main meeting of the panel was due later in that week. He advised that SSE have produced a new fund of £500,000 of which £250,000 is to go into a foundation account and £250,000 is to be used to encourage new businesses in the area. Two members are required to help administer this fund, one from within the Community Council and one other, from within the local community. Volunteers are sought for this role and are asked to contact Graham Huggins if interested.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants

PB reported that she had received a cheque from SSE for this year's funding. An application from Logierait School has been approved to enable them to set up an ecological and educational project for their pupils.

Planning

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

HPCP

There has been no further activity to report.

A9 Dualling

KH reported that the recent drop-in sessions had been attended by approximately 280 people with a handful of people involved in one to one meetings. JG had attended a recent meeting in the Mid Atholl Hall of a group involved with the dualling of the A9 near Dunkeld and Birnam and confirmed that less than 500 metres of this section of the road is in our CC area...

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SS reported that he had attended a recent Community Council, People, Places and Planning meeting, which covered government changes to planning. He is to circulate the link for CC members via e-mail. Changes are being made to the development time period, i.e. from five years to ten years and the processes are being simplified. It will be easier to change and adapt the Development Plan. The Community Council responses to these proposals are to be submitted by 4th April 2017.

KH gave an update on the City of Culture bids that have been submitted which includes Perth as one of the two Scottish applicants. The decision will be taken next spring.

KH drew attention to the extra six million pounds being made available for local roads and safety. The 'speed warning' signs at the entrance to Logierait and Grandtully are to be replaced by something more efficient. More money is to go into preventing dog fouling with Dog Wardens employed on a flexible hours' basis. Already a number of people have been caught and fined. The telephone number to use to report dog fouling incidents is 01738 476476.

SB suggested moving our next CC meeting from 2nd May to 9th May in light of the local elections being held on 4th May 2017. PB to check availability of Grandtully Village Hall.

AF drew attention to the query raised by a member of the public, who had written to the CC asking about the possibility of combining the CCs in Highland Perthshire. It was noted that the CC is a statutory body and it is not the decision of Community Councils as to how the areas are set up. It was noted that the whole idea of the Community Council is about local representation and consultation so having one combined CC for highland Perthshire would not serve this purpose.

It was sadly noted that this was to be Kate Howie's last time attending our Community Council as a Perth & Kinross Councillor as she is standing down at the forthcoming elections. SS thanked her for all her invaluable input and hard work on the Community Council's behalf over many years and extended a warm invitation to Kate to continue to attend future meetings as a resident in our community council area.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next bi-monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at the Grandtully Village Hall at 7.30 pm following the AGM.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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