

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Extra-Ordinary General Meeting held 16th November in the Grandtully Village Hall.

PRESENT

PKC Elected Member Kate Howie, Community Councillors: Stuart Smith, Stan Bruce, Graham Huggins, John Grant, Alison Forsyth and Pam Blanks.

APOLOGIES

None

1. Welcome

The PKC Elected Member, Kate Howie, welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the CC members for efforts during the previous year. She described the CC as fantastic and complimented them on the things that they had achieved.

2. Appointment of Chairperson

Pam Blanks proposed Stuart Smith for the Chair, seconded by Graham Huggins. Approved.

Kate Howie handed over the Chair to Stuart Smith.

3. Appointment of:

Vice-Chair - John Grant proposed by Pam Blanks, seconded by Stan Bruce. Approved

Secretary – Stan Bruce proposed by Stuart Smith, seconded by John Grant. Approved

Treasurer – Graham Huggins proposed by John Grant, seconded by Stuart Smith. Approved.

4. Appointment of Data Controller (*Data Protection Act 1998*)

Stan Bruce proposed by Stuart Smith seconded by John Grant. Approved.

Other Roles

Planning

It was agreed that Alison Forsyth will take over the assessment of planning applications in the Mid Atholl area. This role was previously carried out by Margaret Ross and following her resignation from the Community Council, Stan Bruce.

It was noted that there has to be a main CC contact for the Griffin and Calliachar Community Fund panel. The decision was taken for Graham Huggins to continue in this role.

Sub Groups

It was noted that there is a Sub Group already in situ to vet Micro Grant Applications to the Griffin and Calliachar Community Fund Panel. The group in place involves Graham Huggins, Stan Bruce and Pam Blanks. It was agreed to include Alison Forsyth in this group, as the experience she has gained from attending the Griffin Fund Panel meetings will be most useful. In addition, this will ensure that there are always 3 people available at any one time to meet up and discuss these grants.

5. Adoption of:

Constitution – received via E-mail, read and approved by all Community Councillors

Standing Orders – received via E-mail, read and approved by all Community Councillors.

Code of Conduct for Community Councillors – received via E-mail, read and approved by all Community Councillors.

6. Financial statement outlining current position of Community Council

Graham Huggins confirmed that this statement had been given at the previous meeting on 2nd November and that there had been no changes since then.

7. Meeting Dates and Venues for 2016

These details had already been proposed and published in the minutes of the Bi-monthly meeting held on 2nd November 2015. They are to be held on the first Tuesday of every alternative month starting in January.

8. Training Issues

The Chairman said that he would find out what courses were available and inform the CC.

9. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Graham Huggins reported that he had been contacted by a representative of Transport Scotland with regard to the setting up of Resilience/Emergency Centres along the A9 corridor. They are interested in the Mid Atholl Hall being such a centre. John Grant would be the appropriate contact and he will liaise with Transport Scotland and Kate Howie will check on this issue and report back to the CC.

John Handling from PKC is looking at the Resilience/Emergency Plans for each CC in the Highland Perthshire area. There had been some prior discussion about writing up such a plan for using the Grandtully Village Hall as such a centre. The decision was taken to use the Blair Atholl Resilience Plan as a basis for drawing up one for the Mid Atholl and Grandtully Village Halls.

There was some discussion on the need for updating the CC website and for a Councillor to be designated to oversee it. Alison Forsyth volunteered to set up a Face book and Twitter Page for the CC and linking them to the website. The Chairman is to write up a proposal paper with regard to 'managing' the website for the Councillors to consider. Michella Samy, who manages the CC website, is to be notified of the outcome. In addition, it was agreed that there is a need to set up appropriate CC E-mail address for CC members to use rather than their individual addresses. Chairman to look into this.

There was a suggestion that tea and coffee be provided before the commencement of the Bi-monthly meetings for all those present. These could be served from 7.00 pm to 7.30 pm. Agreed by all.

It was confirmed that the CC can co-opt a Councillor to the CC with effect from May 2016. This person would ideally be from the Logierait area.

The Secretary was tasked to inform PKC of the new arrangements.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next bi-monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, 5th January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Grandtully Village Hall.