

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 7 January 2014 in Grandtully Village Hall.

PRESENT

Community Councillors: Stuart Smith [SPS] (Chair), John Grant [JG] (Vice Chair), Stan Bruce [SB] (Secretary), Graham Huggins [GH] (Treasurer), Diana Gray (DG) and Pam Blanks [PB].

PKC Councillors: Kate Howie [KH] and Ian Campbell [IC]. 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Margaret Ross.

1. MINUTES

Approval of the amended minutes was proposed by JG and seconded by GH.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a. CC Website Update

PB reported that things are progressing well with the website. An advert is to go in the February editions of the Mid Atholl Quair, Newsround North and the Comment. We hope to encourage residents to use the website to find what is going on in the surrounding area and for those who are arranging local events or providing local services, to use our website to let residents know all about it.

3. Business

Police Matters

An e-mail from the Police Service was read out at the meeting advising people to avoid buying fake goods or using the services of bogus workmen.

Treasurer's Report

GH reported that there had been no expenses since the last meeting.

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

GH gave an overview advising that £1.5 million has been provided by the fund with £1.2 million already being spent and with £77000 being allocated. Out of 14 applications put forward 12 have been granted.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants Since the Last Meeting

PB reported summed up all the micro grant applications submitted during 2013, which totalled £5008.00. This report can be viewed on the Community Council website, i.e. www.midathollcc.org.uk.

Planning

Applications Approved:

- **12/00709/FLL** – Installation of Hydro Scheme and Powerhouse – Pitcastle Hydro Scheme, Strathtay.
- **13/01299/FLL** – Modification of consent (07/01299/FUL) House type Plot 3 West Park Farm,

- **13/01875/FLL** – Change of Use of part of field to garden ground at Tigh Na Rathaid, Grandtully
- **13/02002/FLL** - Alterations to House and Change of Use of Garage to self-catering Annex at Riverwood, Strathtay
- **13/02042/FLL** – Erection of Garage at Tumult House, Ballinluig

Application Refused:

- **13/01644/FLL** Erection of house in garden: Cuil An Daraich, Logierait

New Applications:

- **13/02049/FLL & 13/02050/LBC** Erection of greenhouse: Grandtully Castle
- **13/02130/FLL** – Erection for rafting store/changing facilities, formation of car park, engineering ops and associate works land 1200 metres north west of Tigh Na Rathaid, Grandtully (comments submitted by the Community Council)
- **13/02243/FLL** - Modification of Consent (12/01788/FLL) Change of house type West Park Farm

HPCP

GH reported that the new executive committee of 5 people are meeting on a monthly basis. They are working on a Business Plan and seeking to adjust the constitution. They are investigating the Broadband scheme at Laggan, which could work in this area. They are also looking at the dualling of the A9 and the issue of wind farms in the Highland Perthshire area. A need has been identified to look at the overall impact of wind farms in this area rather than a piecemeal approach of one at a time. GH is to visit each Community Council to explain what HPCP are up to. There has been lots of support for HPCP from Perth & Kinross Council. There followed much discussion on the impact of wind farms, the resultant access roads that scar the countryside and the concrete bases that are unlikely ever to be removed. It is hoped that people will raise the awareness of potential problems to HPCP.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DG has been advised that the white lines along the side of the A9 were missing between Dunkeld and Ballinluig. There was a view that this had been the result of the road works on that stretch of the A9 and that the lines had since been re-instated. To be looked into.

Local drivers had reported that there was flooding on the road between Grandtully and Aberfeldy as well as flooding at the entrance to Ballechin. Perth and Kinross Council are in the process of dealing with this.

Reverend Matthew Robertson thanked GH for bringing the wreath on Remembrance Day to the Grandtully/Strathtay Memorial. It was confirmed that next year there will be one for Ballinluig as well.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 4 March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Mid Atholl Village Hall.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.