

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 3 September 2013 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].

Four members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Margaret Ross.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of Bi-monthly meeting held on 2nd July 2013 were approved. Proposed by JG, and Seconded by DG.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a. CC Website Update

PB announced the new website address – MidAthollCC.org.uk, (NOT case sensitive). The new name will move us away from the original website and avoid confusion.

Thanks are due to Dave Pike, who has liaised with our new provider to make this happen. He has also been patient with CC members providing him with the requisite information. Thanks too to PB for moving things forward.

There is still much to be done with the website, setting up the links to local parties, e.g. village halls and their calendars, churches, schools, etc. and providing information on local events throughout the year e.g., the monthly Logierait market, Aberfeldy Farmers Market. Any ideas on what could be included are welcome.

We will use the services of a local person, with the relevant skills, to update the information on the website on an ongoing basis.

b. Ballinluig Bus Shelter

KH confirmed that a request for a replacement bus shelter has been made – which is dependent on availability.

c. Fencing Opposite Motor Grill

A new fence has been erected.

d. Survey

PB reported she has acquired the name of a website that will be useful in drawing up the survey, which can then be loaded onto the new website. She will report back.

3. Business

Police Matters

Steve Band reported that since the last meeting there had been a theft of copper from the mobile mast at Tulliemet. He asked for locals to look out for suspicious vehicles and cars and anyone interested in scrap metal. He warned of bogus callers pretending to be representatives of utility companies or offering work.

A car had been reported stolen the previous weekend from outside No. 15 Creag Eilid.

There had been noise related complaints from local residents during the recent SCA Canoe Slalom event and an earlier domestic incident at the SCA campsite.

He reminded everyone of the 101 non emergency number.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance at Bank	£4,925.68
Available funds for Mid Atholl CC	£1,454.00
Payment for membership of HPCP	£25.00
Balance at 3/9/13	£1,429.00 a
Available funds for Micro Grant	£4,000.00
Funds allocated for Micro Grants	£416.00
Balance at 3/9/13	£3,584.00 b
Balance at Bank as of 3/9/13 a+b	£5,013.00

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

GH advised that had not been any meetings to report back on.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants Since the Last Meeting

One from the Mid Atholl Bowling Club for a 'Short Bowling Mat Handling Unit'. This is a holder that the bowling mat can be rolled onto to make it easy to transport the mat to and from storage.

Cost £764 - request for maximum grant of £500

One from the Breadalbane and Ballinluig Youth Football Team, which consists of 16 boys from the surrounding area, who play their home games in Ballinluig.

They are requiring new training kit, also to be used as away kit as they now have several teams playing in the same colour causing problems.

Cost £528.89 - request for maximum grant £500.

One from the CC to meet the costs incurred in transferring the ongoing development of the website from Eilidh Robertson (nee Grieve) to the new provider and the purchase of the new name. Plus the cost of setting up the links from the CC website to the relevant parties in the area.

Cost £700 - request for £416.

These grant applications were approved.

A further grant application was handed in by a local resident attending the meeting – this will be discussed and dealt with as soon as is practicable with the details and result reported back at the next meeting.

Planning

MR, who was unable to attend the meeting, had kindly produced the following report.

13/00999/FLL

Erection of porch at Woodside of Tulliemet, Ballinluig.

Application approved July 2013.

13/01437/FLL

Erection of House at Garden Cottage, Pitnacree

This would appear to be a 4 apt two storey house which is proposed to be built on land south of Garden Cottage and west of Ferry Cottage.

13/01456/FLL

Alterations to dwellinghouse at 1 The Paddock, Grandtully

This application is for the formation of two en-suite bedrooms in the loft space with formers. It would appear that the dormers are to be at the rear of the property.

HPCP

GH advised that there was nothing much to report at present but he will report back at the next meeting.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Affordable Child Care

PB provided the following report resulting from a meeting she had with Christine Miller, from Perth and Kinross Council, who had been extremely helpful.

Some primary schools have Crèche facilities, provided by the Childcare Strategy Team, which are based in the school but targeted at pre-school children with ongoing adult learning at the same time.

The Childcare Strategy Team organise Pre-Registration Training courses for those interested in becoming child minders, which are free of charge but these are in Perth. If there is enough interest, local training could be requested. There are leaflets available, answering all the questions one might have about becoming a child minder. These are entitled 'Becoming a Childminder'.

There is no funding from P & K for out of school care. The average pay for this type of care is £13 per hour. This sort of enterprise requires parents with a business plan. The Child Care Commission has figures of requisite

staff/child ratios. An example of such an enterprise is Honey Pot of Perth – they have nurseries in Almondbank, Scone and Perth. They have a mini-bus to collect the children and drop them off. The average cost is £8.00 per hour per child for ‘out of school care’.

To be involved in this sort of care you must be educated to or working towards NVQ Level 3 in child care. Childminders can apply to the Childcare Strategy Team for a Category 1 or 2 Start-Up Grant or a Development Grant with a maximum of £200 per childminding service. These are covered in the Childminder booklet.

To find out more about becoming a registered Childminder you can contact the Perth & Kinross Childcare Strategy Team on 0845 6014477 or at childcare@perthgrammar.pkc.sch.uk.

For assistance with the business side of things you can contact:-
GROWBIZ – a social enterprise group which supports people who are self employed and working for themselves;
Economic Development at Perth & Kinross;
Scottish Enterprise.

A local resident advised those present that a ‘Breakfast Club’ has already been set up in Grandtully and various activities have been/are being organised by the Grandtully Primary School Parent Council. They have already utilised a Griffin Wind Farm grant to carry out these activities and are due to evaluate their projects and report back to the Griffin Funding Panel with a view to gaining further funding.

PB to meet up with the local resident, to gain further information on these projects, which can then be put onto the CC website.

Rafting Company Base - Strathtay

PB had been contacted by residents about an Aviemore based rafting company that has set up a base on the Strathtay side of the river within the conservation area. KH had also been contacted by residents and reported that she had been in discussions with Paul Kettles, the PKC Enforcement Officer. He had visited the site and been advised that this site is a temporary one. Paul Kettles has allowed operations to continue on condition that a planning application is lodged within two weeks.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 5 November at 7.30pm in the Mid Atholl Hall in Ballinluig.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.