

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting held 8th January 2015 in the Grandtully Hall

PRESENT

Community Councillors: Stuart Smith (SPS) (Chair), Stan Bruce (SB) (Secretary), John Grant (JG) (Vice Chair), Graham Huggins (GH) (Treasurer) and Pam Blanks (PB).
PKC Councillor Kate Howie (KH) and PKC Councillor Ian Campbell (IC)
Steve Band (Police). Five members of the public

APOLOGIES

Diana Gray

1. MINUTES

The minutes of last meeting were approved; proposed by JG and seconded by SB.

2. MATTERS ARISING

None.

3. Business

Police Matters

Steve Band reported that 45 calls had been made to the police since the last meeting – mostly traffic incidents. Other calls to the police related to neighbourhood matters and the reporting of scams and bogus workmen.

Guidance for Local Residents from the Police

Bogus workmen working in the area – if you agree a price and are happy with the standard of work, do not hand over money up front or increasing amounts of money before the work is completed to your satisfaction. Trading Standards will also offer advice where required.

The new limit for drink driving has been introduced and enforced.

Several members of the public brought up the perennial problem of the speed of traffic through Grandtully – particularly at the Little Ballinluig end of the village. Speed checks have been carried out in the village and the request was again made that these checks could be undertaken at the Little Ballinluig side in addition to the checks carried out by the Grandtully Hall.

Treasurer's Report

GH went through the Treasurers Report as follows:

Balance as at 06.11.14

Community Council	£ 1,172.10
Micro Grant Funds	£ 1,033.00

Balance as at 06.01.15

Community Council	£ 1,157.10
Micro Grant Funds	£ 554.20

Micro Grant Payouts

J&C McWilliam – notice board	£ 478.80
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Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

The panel will discuss the future strategy for assessing and approving applications at their next meeting. Grants continue to be awarded and a meeting between representatives of the panel and Perth & Kinross Council will take place to discuss the interface and any potential overlap between the council's service provision and grants that can be awarded by the panel. The aim is to have a joined-up approach whilst not using grants to replace council services.

Planning

New Applications:

14/02067/FLL	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse and erection of a single storey garage at The Old Mill Of Clochfoldich, Strathtay, Pitlochry
14/02113/FLL	Alterations to outfall weir at Loch Broom Hydro Electric Scheme, Ballinluig
14/02145/FLL	Change of use of land from agricultural to garden ground and erection of greenhouse 70 Metres SE of West Park Farm, Aberfeldy

Amended Applications:

14/00834/FLL	Erection of four warehouses, office and associated works - Land 80 Metres North West of Inch of Tulliemet Farm, Ballinluig
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The CC decided not to submit comments on the new applications but will write to PKC regarding the amended application North West of Inch of Tulliemet Farm, Ballinluig. The amendment to this application concerns the road access to the site. The amended drawing show proposed improvements for access on and off the existing A9 – however there is no indication of the implications for the A9 being dualled and the exact line of the new dual carriageway is still not known.

HPCP

Graham Huggins (the Chair of HPCP) gave an update on the organisation and its progress. Graham is very enthusiastic about the work that is being undertaken and HPCP's ability to take on further projects. The Broadband pilot project is on track and the work on the defibrillator "app" and the support for the group looking to set up a successor for "Comment" are ongoing. HPCP now has a revised structure and clear focus and is supported by an enthusiastic and very competent team of staff and volunteers.

Items arising from Conservation Trust meeting

The Grandtully and Strathtay Conservation Trust had a public meeting late 2014 and several points that were raised and discussed at that meeting had been communicated to the Community Council. The Chair ran through each of the nineteen points and their status. The Community Council agreed the following actions:

- Ian Campbell to contact Scott Dyer about street lighting on Grandtully Bridge
- The Chair to contact Darrel Mckeown about a west-bound bus shelter in Grandtully
- The Community Councillors as well as the conservation trust members to contact those with overhanging trees to request them to be trimmed back from the road
- The Chair to contact the North Tayside Red Squirrel group about signage
- All to keep an eye out for build-up of leaves on the road and advise PKC direct on 01738 475000

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Grandtully Traffic Lights – it was reported that the traffic lights have been causing delays particularly for traffic heading towards Aberfeldy. Kate Howie offered to phone this in and suggested that in future, if such a problem develops, anyone can phone and report the issue to the council on 01738 475000 in order for it to be resolved as soon as possible.

John Grant reported that the pavement on the flyover going in to Ballinluig from Logierait is in poor condition and that there is a slightly sunken manhole cover. He noted that the area has been marked up with yellow paint so looks like repairs are planned. Kate Howie kindly offered to look into this and the repairs required

Gillian Gilchrist gave an overview of the project she is undertaking into health and social care in the area. The project is going well and Gillian has already engaged with a number of residents and sought and logged their views on living in the area and the benefits and challenges it brings. Gillian welcomes further input from individuals and took the opportunity to spend further time immediately after the meeting to discuss the project and initial findings.

A member of the public raised the subject of the traffic priorities at the Gushat in Strathtay as the road markings currently show the “main” road to be the one that leads down to the bridge rather than the road to the shop. The road markings seem to encourage traffic down to the bridge (with the weight restriction) even though a lot of this traffic is headed up the valley. Ian Campbell reported that changing the priority for traffic at the junction has been agreed by the council and it is programmed to be changed. This should prevent unwary drivers reaching the bridge by mistake.

Dates of Canoe Slalom events at Grandtully in 2015: Chris Baillie, SCA Slalom Committee Chair, had emailed the dates for this year: 21-22 Mar, 11-12 Apr, 15-16 Aug and 29-30 Aug

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th March 2015 at 7.30pm in Ballinluig Hall.

The May meeting will now be 14th May instead of 7th May – in order to avoid the day of the general election.

The July meeting will be on 2nd July.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.