

## MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 in the Mid Atholl Hall.

### PRESENT

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

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One member of the public.

### APOLOGIES

Community Councillors:- Alison Forsyth

### Welcome

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

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September were approved; proposed by JG and seconded by GH.

### 2. MATTERS ARISING

#### A9 Dualling meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August

SS reported that Mark Ruskell has written back providing an update from Jacobs and Transport Scotland. He has been advised that the decision is to be made soon.

#### PKC Licencing Board Consultation

KH reported that, following the outcome of the case study in Dundee, the decision has been taken not to proceed further with licencing, regarding the 'Overprovision and Revocation of Premises Licences'.

#### Road Repairs

KH reported that the repairs on the A827 between Logierait and Pitnacree had been carried out. However, the road has been dug up again since then and repairs are pending.

### 3. BUSINESS

#### Police Matters

JE reported that since our last meeting there had been three road traffic incidents and one of careless driving. Nothing to report of any consequence in the Mid Atholl area. He advised that there will be some road safety campaigns coming up in the near future, with Christmas in mind. JE also advised that there is an ongoing restructuring of the police area going back to community policing.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### Opening Balance

P&KC Account	£ 572.00
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 3,990.70

### Expenditure

P&KC Account	£ 37.00
Mid Atholl Account	£ 0
Micro Grant	£ 500.00

### Closing Balance

P&KC Account	£ 535.00
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 3,490.70 (A further £ 800 has been pledged)

## **Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel**

GH reported that the Griffin Wind Farm Funding scheme is working well. A recent grant had been awarded to the Tulliemet Curling Club to replace fencing and refurbish the club house.

## **Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants**

PB reported that a grant has been awarded to the Mid Atholl Recreation Park, for the fencing around the park to be replaced (it had been demolished as a result of flooding) to secure the park and prevent damage from unauthorised vehicle access.

An award has also been granted for the provision of junior golf clubs for the Strathtay Golf Club for visitors and local youngsters, to allow them to try the sport before incurring financial costs.

An award has been approved for the provision of additional signs in the area, alerting drivers to the presence of Red Squirrels, to be purchased by the Grandtully and Strathtay Conservation Trust.

It is hoped that further applications will be submitted before the end of this allocation of funding at the end of November 2016.

## **Planning**

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

## **HPCP**

GH reported on the uncertainty of the future of HPCP following the withdrawal of funding from P&K Council. There followed some discussion on this.

He advised that the Broadband Pilot Project has been completed successfully but that there are difficulties in moving forward with this initiative unless a commercial company becomes involved in the process, which would mean the profits would not go into the Community.

#### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

GH proposed that SS be appointed as another signatory on the CC's bank account; this was seconded by SB. Approved unanimously.

SS reported that the CC had been asked by Karina Jarvie, of the Perth & Kinross Fairtrade Steering Group, to support their initiative to gain Fairtrade Zone Status for Perth & Kinross. She advised that Councillor Mike Williamson has been designated the Fairtrade Champion for Ward 4.

SS duly proposed that the CC support this initiative and PB seconded this proposal. Approved unanimously.

#### **5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next bi-monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Grandtully Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.