

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 2nd November 2015 in the Mid Atholl Hall, Ballinluig.

PRESENT

Community Councillors: Stuart Smith (SS) (Chair), Stan Bruce (SB) (Secretary), Graham Huggins (GH) (Treasurer), John Grant (JG), and Pam Blanks (PB)

PKC Councillor: Kate Howie (KH)

Three members of the public.

APOLOGIES

PKC Councillor Ian Campbell, Community Councillor, Diana Gray and PC John Maddocks.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed the public to the meeting and introduced the Community Councillors. He reported that Diana Gray had now resigned from the Community Council after many years of sterling service to the community and expressed his thanks to her for all her efforts.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of last meeting were approved; proposed by GH and seconded by SS.

2. MATTERS ARISING

KH provided an update on Item 4 – the Travellers incident. There has been no damage to the pitch from Nae Limits gaining access across it rather than gaining access through the gate. KH has spoken to Murray Scrimagear and there should be no future problems.

SS provided an update on the Hospital Cars issue. Norman McCandlish has now circulated a survey on the public transport problems experienced by residents in the Highland Perthshire area, which incorporates the Hospital Cars Scheme.

JG reported that the Speeding Sign at Logierait is playing up again. KH advised that she is aware of this.

KH reported that she had spoken to a representative of Splash to request that their high sided vehicles refrain from parking in front of the Speeding sign at the entrance to Grandtully.

3. BUSINESS

Police Matters

The CC had been advised that a PC John Maddocks might be unable to attend and e-mailed a copy of his report in this event as follows: -

“Driving in the winter is very different than in other times of the year. Adverse weather and longer periods of darkness makes driving more hazardous. This means that we need to adapt the way we drive.

Different weather conditions create different hazards throughout the winter and in different areas of the country at different times. A single journey may take us into very different weather, road and traffic conditions, so we need to be prepared for each one. Plan ahead and take what you might need – appropriate clothing and equipment

It's a good idea to have your vehicle fully serviced before winter starts and have the anti-freeze tested. If you can't have it serviced, then do your own checks. In particular, check:

- Lights are clean and working
- Battery is fully charged
- Windscreen, wiper blades and other windows are clean and the washer bottle filled with screen wash
- Tyre condition, tread depth and pressure (of all the tyres, including the spare)
- Brakes are working well
- Fluids are kept topped up, especially windscreen wash (to the correct concentration to prevent it freezing), anti-freeze and oil
- Pedestrians, motor cyclists and pedal cyclists can also assist by wearing bright coloured or reflective clothing during the hours of darkness or in reduced visibility conditions.”

It was further reported that there had been no ‘Youth Calls’ since the last CC meeting and no ‘Crimes/Incidents in our area.

Treasurer’s Report

GH talked through the Treasurer’s report as follows:-

Opening Balances

P&KC Account	£ 626.80
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant Account	£ 3,150.50

Total £ 4,345.50

Expenditure

Expenses	£ 50.30
Micro Grant	£ 1000.00

Total £ 1050.30

Closing Balances

P&KC Account	£ 576.50
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro grant Account	£ 2,150.70

Total at Bank £ 3,295.20

A further £1,500 of Micro Grants have been allocated but not paid yet.

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

GH reported that the next meeting is due later this month with no change since our last meeting.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants

PB reported that there had been a micro grant application for funding towards a Defibrillator for Ballinluig, to be located at the Service Station. There was a second application for funding towards two table tennis tables for the Grandtully Village Hall, further to requests from local residents. This would encourage further use of the village hall, particularly during winter months. Both these applications had been approved. There is also a

proposal for funding towards the replacement of a public notice board in Grandtully. The one to be replaced is located alongside the official notice board, in the triangle of land opposite both Freespirits and Legends. Costings to be obtained, to include if feasible, a general tidy up of the area. KH reported that SSE are impressed with the way the Griffin and Calliachar Community Fund Panel is operated.

Planning

SB reported that there is nothing controversial to report only minor applications for this area. KH is to check on the exterior lighting at the House of Bruar warehouse site at Ballinluig/Logierait. In the approval of their planning application, for that site, there is a stipulation that exterior lighting is to be reactive only, not on all the time.

HPCP

GH reported that there been a delay in the implementation of the broadband project, due to unforeseen circumstances. He will provide a more detailed report at our next meeting. HPCP are looking into non-government funding, which would enable the focus of the initial broadband provision to switch to Pitlochry. They are in the middle of making these changes to the project.

He advised that Heartland FM now operate from the HPCP offices and are supported by them.

The Ambulance Service are impressed by this version of the Defibrillator App, which has been designed by pupils at Pitlochry High School.

HPCP are also supporting PUGS, the group responsible for re-furbishing the children's play park area and the terraces at the Pitlochry Recreation Area.

GH re-iterated that HPCP is supporting Heartlander Magazine, which is non-profit making.

Post Election Meeting

SS explained that there had been no requirement for local elections to the Community Council on this occasion and welcomed Alison Forsyth who will become a Community Councillor on 5th November. The present members are remaining on the Community Council with the exception of Diana Gray, who will be sorely missed. This leaves one vacancy. It would be most useful if a replacement for Diana could come from the Logierait/Ballinluig area to maintain the balance of areas covered by the Community Councillors. We are not able to co-opt someone until May 2016 but we could ask a potential Community Councillor to attend our future meetings.

As the new Community Council commences on 5th November 2015, there is a need for an 'extraordinary' meeting to discuss and assign the roles for the 'new' council. KH suggested Monday 16th November in the Grandtully Village Hall. Agreed by all present.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JG reported that the 'speed sign' at the entrance to Logierait was offline again – this has been reported.

KH has spoken to Splash about problems caused by their vehicles blocking the view of speed sign at the entrance to Grandtully.

KH has also drawn the attention of Transport Scotland to the flooding at the entrance to Ballinluig from the A9.

An MOP drew attention to an important update on the future of health and social care provision for Aberfeldy and the surrounding area which is being held at Aberfeldy Town Hall on **Sat 21st November from 10.30-2pm**. This is being hosted by the League of Friends of Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital (refreshments and soup will be on sale). There will be an update and plans available on the proposed closer of The Cottage Hospital and the move of services to Dalweem. There will also be updates on the on-going work looking at rural transport, a single point of contact for information and volunteering, and also the Care at Home provision. This event is a follow on from the 'Informing, Involving and Consulting' events held since February 2014.

SS reported that he and PB had attended a consultation meeting in Glasgow run by the Scottish Government called "Fairer Scotland", exploring opportunities for greater community empowerment in the future. They have not received any follow up or output yet from that event but will share once they do.

SS, on behalf of the Community Council, took part in a pilot Human Rights project run by the Scottish Human Rights Council, the Scottish Government and Perth & Kinross Council. This involved consultation with residents, community representatives and local authority staff, NHS and the Police. The aim was to explain what human rights are and how they apply to various situations. The pilot project will be evaluated by the facilitators and may well be rolled out across other areas in Scotland.

John Handling has been in touch with SB with regard to a Community Resilience Event. A need has been identified to have an equivalent Community Resilience Plan between each Community Councils and village halls with feedback to Perth & Kinross Council. The Plan will set out where locals will go if there is no power in the area, e.g. to Grandtully Village Hall where there is a generator. KH put forward Blair Atholl plan as a good example of such a plan. There is a need to action this. GH advised that Heartland FM would offer assistance with this, as did KH, if required.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The remaining Community Council meeting dates for 2016 are as follows:-

Tuesday	1 st March	Mid Atholl Hall
Tuesday	3 rd May	Grandtully Village Hall
Tuesday	5 th July	Mid Atholl Hall
Tuesday	6 th September	Grandtully Village Hall
Tuesday	1 st November	Mid Atholl Hall

The meeting closed at approx. 8.30pm