

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 5th January 2016 in the Grandtully Village Hall.

PRESENT

Community Councillors: Stuart Smith (SS) (Chair), Stan Bruce (SB) (Secretary), Alison Forsyth (AF) Planning and Pam Blanks (PB)

PKC Councillor: Ian Campbell, (AC) and Kate Howie (KH)

Police Sargeant Caroline McNaughton (CM)

Three members of the public

APOLOGIES

Community Councillors, Graham Huggins and John Grant.

Welcome

The Chair welcomed the public to the meeting and introduced the Community Councillors

MINUTES

The minutes of last meeting were approved; proposed by SS and seconded by SS. The minutes from the Extra Ordinary Meeting were approved, proposed by SS and seconded by AF.

1. MATTERS ARISING

SS reported that he is still working on the updated CC website and liaising with Michella Samy on this and new e-mail addresses for the committee members.

3. BUSINESS

Police Matters

There was only one crime to report since the last meeting – a break in at The Paddlers in Grandtully and the theft of some spirits. This is still under investigation.

AF reported that she had been alerted to three young men selling, door to door, to houses in Strathtay and had rung 101 to report this. CM advised that there had been similar concerns in Pitlochry, flagged by their CC. CM advised that the police would rather receive a call from the public on such matters than not and that the number to call is indeed 101 unless there is an urgent issue such as a suspected car theft, in which case it is 999.

CM reported that the monthly message from the Police is 'not to drink and drive' and that it is important that people report anyone who is known to be drinking and driving. This can save lives.

Treasurer's Report

The only changes since the last meeting involve micro grant finances as per the update from PB, to follow.

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

Nothing to report.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants

PB reported that there had been a flurry of activity with the allocation of micro grants since the last meeting:-

- To cover the cost of refurbishing the general public notice board at the entrance to the bridge to Strathtay and 'tidy up' the area. Costings obtained since the last meeting.
- Funding towards purchase of ten tables for the Mid Atholl Hall to replace old and unusable ones to enable ongoing hiring out of the hall, bringing in much needed income.
- Funding towards the provision of a Christmas Tree in Grandtully, in front of the notice boards at entrance of the bridge to Strathtay with requisite electrical connections and lights.
- Funding towards the purchase of two iPads for children to use in Logierait School, to extend their learning and ICT skills.

The amount claimed in micro-grants for 2015 was £4760 leaving the sum of £240 to be topped up to next year's allocation of £5000.

The full list of micro grants for 2015 can be found on the CC website.

Planning

No new planning applications for this area since the last meeting. KH reported that training for new CC members with regard to planning procedures is being organised that will be of benefit to AF. SS reported that Planning Aid Forums are very useful and planning guidance can be provided by them at any time.

Further to concerns expressed at the last meeting it was noted that the external lighting at the House of Bruar warehouses in Ballinluig is for security purposes only, in that, it is not on all the time.

SS gave an update on the Barites Mine Planning Application and reported on the additional meetings arranged to get all views on this application. We (the CC) had applied for an extension to the decision date and this had been granted. This allowed time for an additional letter to go to P&K setting out suggestions from local residents on ways of minimising the impact of this application.

HPCP

Nothing to report.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PB reported that a local resident had requested that a 'Flood' notice be placed in Pitnacree, at the point on the Strathtay Road, just prior to where it joins the A827 to warn drivers of the water lying there. She had observed a number of cars getting into difficulty at this point at various times during the past few weeks. This problem had been deemed to have been fixed. KH will look into this. It was acknowledged that the unprecedented rainfall in recent weeks has caused problems with flooding along the stretch of the A827 below Ballechin.

A MOP drew attention to an article in the Breadalbane Quair on the merging of the health services in the Highland Perthshire area. There are working groups looking for members to get involved in raising funds to appoint Local Community Connectors, who can monitor networks to allow people to stay in their own homes for longer.

SS advised that the latest version of the Local Development Plan has been issued and that there is very little change in our area. Links to The Plan will go on the CC website as will the dates of the consultation meetings.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next bi-monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, 1st March 2016 in the Mid Atholl Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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