

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 14th May 2015 in the Grandtully Village Hall.

PRESENT

Community Councillors: Stuart Smith (Chair), Stan Bruce (Secretary), Graham Huggins (Treasurer) Pam Blanks plus PKC Councillor Kate Howie and seven members of the public, including Donnie Broad (Pitcastle Estate) and Karen Gifford (Natural Power).

APOLOGIES

Community Councillors Diana Gray, John Grant and PKC Councillor Ian Campbell.

1. MINUTES

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

UPDATE ON PITCASTLE HYDRO SCHEME

Karen Gifford kindly gave an update on the progress of this scheme advising that most of the conditions of planning have now been fulfilled and planning permission had now been given for the demolition of the boathouse. Plans to fell some trees are awaiting the go ahead from Perth & Kinross Council. The consent for the additional access route to the site is also awaited. It is proposed to have grid connection by November of this year. Potential contractors are currently familiarising themselves with the project and a further update on progress is likely to be provided at the next CC meeting.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a) Local Development Plan - Main Issues Report.

The CC had reported back about the congestion in Ballinluig.

b) Flood Risk Management – Public Consultation.

The CC had deemed that there was nothing to report as flood risk in Logierait was already acknowledged in the consultation documentation.

c) Drainage Issue on road to Strathtay from the Tulloch of Pitnacree.

KH reported that the drainage problem has been resolved. The build up of water had been caused by bottles and cans and other litter. These had been cleared and a mesh put in place to prevent future blockages.

d) Speed sign at Logierait.

KH reported that this is now working.

3. BUSINESS

Police Matters

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

GH advised that he will go through this in his AGM report

TAYplan – Strategic Development Plan

The CC had had taken the opportunity to engage with PKC officers regarding the development of plans for our area. There will be an opportunity for everyone to comment on the Main Issues Report in November and December. KH highlighted the lack of availability of affordable housing in the area and that money is available but the problem is a shortage of land. It was recognised that there is a need for more council houses.

Community Council Training Session 13th May 2015

SS reported that the session had focussed on the Community Empowerment and the PKC guidelines for developers applicable to larger development schemes.

Paul Kettles, the Planning Enforcement Officer gave details of the new 'High Hedge' legislation, the implications for home owners and how it has been implemented to date.

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

GH had little to report as the next meeting is to be on 18th June 2015, when the grants applied for will next be awarded.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants

PB reported that there haven't been any applications since the last meeting but that there is one in the pipeline. This will be detailed in the next CC meeting.

Planning

There is one application to be considered by the Community Council

HPCP

GH reported that HPCP now have their own offices at 23a Atholl Road in Pitlochry. They represent all the CCs in Highland Perthshire and have a group of people working on projects such as the provision of high speed broadband in the area. The pilot scheme should have been up and running by now but this has been delayed by BT. The end of May is the new proposed set up time for the pilot areas. The resultant broadband project throughout Highland Perthshire will be community owned with profits going back into the project.

HPCP are currently trialling a new 'App' that will provide details of the whereabouts of the nearest defibrillator, in the Highland Perthshire area, in the event of an emergency.

There is also to be a new magazine The Highlander that is non profit making, which will provide information on news and events in the area

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SS drew attention to the NHS Tayside meeting to be held on 23rd May, between 10.00 – 2.00 pm in Pitlochry Town Hall, which KH recommended as an opportunity for local residents to discuss concerns and views on issues such as the closing of the Dementia Ward in the Pitlochry Hospital. A MOP, advised that a 'Join the Conversation' initiative has been started by the NHS, asking local people to fill in 'feedback' cards. These are to be collated and reviewed with the information gained being relayed back to the local community. This is linked to the integration of health and social care.

An event entitled 'Making It Happen', will be held on 6th June, between 10.00am – 3.00 pm in Aberfeldy Town Hall, raising awareness of county and voluntary groups.

SS reported that the CC has received a letter from PKC giving dates and times of public exhibitions as part of ongoing consultation in respect of the Tay Crossing to Ballinluig. These are as follows:-

9th June from 11.00am to 4.00pm in the Mid Atholl Hall
10th June from 4.00pm to 8.00pm in the Mid Atholl Hall.

GH reported that at a recent meeting, he had attended, no cycle route had been proposed along the new dual carriageway. It was agreed that a cycle route should be provided.

SS reported that S Bruce and he had attended the first meeting covering an initiative of police and emergency services coming together to discuss their operation in the area – there will be follow up meeting on 18th June and the CC will appoint a representative to attend.

The CC has received an e-mail from a MOP raising awareness again of speeding through Grandtully and Strathtay. It was noted that KH had already organised a sign on the east side of Grandtully however it is sometimes blocked by tall vehicles parking in front of it. This will be looked into.

It was reported that the Police had been monitoring vehicle speed at Little Ballinluig (the west entrance to Grandtully) earlier in the week and the CC will be monitoring the situation.

KH drew attention to the Logierait Bridge Anniversary celebration, which is to be held on Saturday 20th June, from 12.00 until 4.00 pm, after the Logierait Market and invited all to attend.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 2nd July at 7.30pm in the Ballinluig Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.