

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 4th July 2017 in The Mid Atholl Hall, Ballinluig.

PRESENT

Community Councillors: Stuart Smith (Chair), John Grant (JG) (Vice Chair), Stan Bruce (SB) (Secretary), Pam Blanks (PB) and Jill Davies of Outside the Box - Rural Wisdom Project and four members of the public.

APOLOGIES

CC Councillors Graham Huggins and Alison Forsyth, PKC Councillors Ian Campbell, Mike Williamson and Xander McDade.

1. MINUTES

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

2. MATTERS ARISING

None.

3. Business

Police Matters

There was no police presence.

Presentation by Jill Davies on Rural Wisdom Project

Jill advised that the Rural Wisdom Project is investigating what makes communities in rural areas work well as local residents get older and what could make life easier for older people in our communities. On behalf of 'Outside the Box', Jill is seeking to gain information from locals in Highland Perthshire's rural areas on issues such as independent living, activities, housing, quality of life etc. Outside the Box works with groups and people across Scotland to make a difference in their communities. To find out more please check the following information sources:-

Website: www.ruralwisdom.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/RuralWisdom
Twitter: Follow Outside the Box [@OTBCommunities](https://twitter.com/OTBCommunities)
Phone: Outside the Box on 0141 4190451
Phone Jill: 07476 242969
Email Jill: Jill.d@otbds.org

SS asked if the lack of digital skills had been deemed to be an issue in rural communities and advised that the CC had considered training possibilities, if there is a local demand. Jill promised to feedback any needs identified in our area. SS thanked Jill for her presentation.

Treasurer's Report 04/07/17

Opening Balance

P&KC Account	£ 244.80
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 4,465.82

Expenditure

P&KC Account	£ 16.00
Mid Atholl Account	£ 0
Micro Grant	£ 500.00

Income

Return sent in to P&KC awaiting allocation of funding.

Closing Balance

P&KC Account	£ 228.80
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 3,965.82

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

GH submitted a report to be read out in his absence:-

“At a recent meeting of the panel to review the year 2016/7 the following facts were established.

Since the 1/12/10 when the process began we have received £ 3,090,042 and spent £2,588,992 averaging around 30 projects each year (This includes the £5K per year to the five CC’s but omits the individual Micro Grants)

Annual payments have been slowly increasing to where last year we received £527,291.

In the last financial year 1/4/16 to 30/3/17 we allocated £474,225 for some 37 Projects.

I have been the representative for Mid Atholl CC since the inception of the fund and I am happy to report that we have never had to turn down an application for lack of funds and that the relationship between the panel and SSE is excellent.

If you wish a more detailed analysis please visit the SSE Griffin Fund Website.

However, we as a CC area continue to fall short of our Micro Grant allocation and are slow in applying for larger projects.”

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants Since the Last Meeting

PB reported that a grant had been awarded to The Atholl Dancing Association to be put towards to the cost of re-plating, engraving and having new bases fitted to the three following trophies:- The Ballechin Cup, The Donald MacKintosh Memorial Cup and the Lindsay Cup. These cups are important to the history of Highland Dancing in this area and will continue to provide an opportunity for present and future dancers to compete for these trophies in years to come.

Planning

SS noted that there was nothing to report on for this area at this meeting. However, at our next CC meeting the family involved in the makeover of the old Grandtully Hotel building (recently known as The Tully and The Paddlers) have offered to come along and describe, in detail, their plans for the building.

A MOP asked why the building of the property under construction, beside Cuil an Daraich in Logierait, is taking so long to complete. SS advised that the Community Council will ask the planners about this.

HPCP

There has been no further activity to report.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A MOP queried why the traffic lights in Logierait (at the foot of The Brae), which did not seem necessary, had been there for 19 weeks to date. SS advised that the Community Council will inquire about this and will ask Ian Campbell for support in this request.

Dog fouling was reported to be a problem between Logierait and Ballinluig and over the A9 bridge. It was suggested that a bin could be provided to resolve this issue with a suitable location deemed to be by the post box in Logierait. SS reported that this will be flagged by the Community Council to the PKC Dog Warden.

A member of the public asked whether Logierait School is closing. The Community Council is unaware of any such move and will ask PKC.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 5th September 2017, at 7.30pm in the Grandtully Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm and the Chair thanked all those present for their attendance.