

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 5th September 2017 in Grandtully Village Hall.

PRESENT

Community Councillors: Stuart Smith (Chair), John Grant (JG) (Vice Chair), Stan Bruce (SB) (Secretary), and Pam Blanks (PB).

PKC Councillors Mike Williamson (MW) and Xander Mc Dade (XM).

Rachel & Andrew Rowley of Ballintaggart

Five members of the public.

Community Policemen, Steve Band (SBa) and Jamie Elder (JE).

1. APOLOGIES

CC Councillors Graham Huggins and Alison Forsyth, PKC Councillor Ian Campbell.

2. MINUTES

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Grandtully Hotel Building

Rachel and her brother-in-law, Andrew introduced themselves to those present and advised that, Rachel and her husband Chris currently run Ballintaggart, at Balnaguard, providing accommodation, Feast Nights and cookery classes.

They are currently waiting for planning permission to convert what was the Grandtully Hotel into an eight bedroom hotel with a restaurant and bar, plus a retail place in which they will sell wine. Andrew will take on the responsibility of running the new hotel but will work together with Ballintaggart.

If and when planning approval is given an 'Open Day' is to be arranged for locals to see the building as it is now before the proposed changes.

It is hoped that the refurbished hotel will be open late April/May 2018.

Rachel, Chris and Andrew will be happy to respond to questions relating to their plans and people are welcome to call on them at Ballintaggart.

b) Building near Cuil an Daraich

The time taken to build of this property was queried at the last meeting and SS, having looked into this matter, reported that once planning permission has been granted, there is no time limit for the work to be completed.

c) Logierait traffic lights

XM reported that work has just started on re-enforcing the supporting structure under the roadside and work should be completed by 15th September.

d) Dog fouling between Logierait and Ballinluig and A9 bridge

SS has reported this problem to PKC and is awaiting a response. MW advised that there is an online facility to report dog fouling problems on the PKC website.

e) Logierait School

Rumours had gone round that this school would close but confirmation has been received that this is not the case. However, XM advised that there is a review to be carried out in the New Year of schools throughout our area.

4. BUSINESS

Police Matters

SBa reported that since our last CC meeting there had been 20 calls to the police but these were, in general, traffic issues. Further afield there had been problems with rural properties being broken with quad bikes and power tools being stolen. MW advised that water marking kits for marking garden equipment can be purchased for approximately £20 and that more substantial marking methods are being looked into by the council.

Closer to home, the honesty box at Clunie Gardens had been raided and there have been a spate of parking meters being broken into in Dunkeld and Pitlochry.

PB reported an incident of a glass bottle being smashed against part of the equipment, situated in the sandy area of the Children's Play Area, behind the village hall. Fortunately a parent had seen the broken glass and collected it up before an accident occurred. Larger CCTV notices have now been erected in that area to deter a repeat offence.

An MOP raised the issue of vehicles and motor bikes speeding over the 60 mph limit between Ballinluig and Logierait and XM reported that he had been made aware of 'boy racers' in Ballinluig. JE advised that the police respond to issues such as this as and when they are notified by monitoring the situation with a 'speed gun' and will look into this.

The MOP took the opportunity to thank the two policemen for their efforts on behalf of the local community.

Treasurer's Report 5/9/17

Opening Balance

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

Expenditure

P&KC Account	£ 30.00
Mid Atholl Account	£ 0
Micro Grant	£ 500.00

Income

Grant from P&KC.	£ 396.25
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Closing Balance

P&KC Account	£ 595.05
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 3,965.82 *

- Cheque No. 10251 for £500 was cancelled. Thus funds already deducted have been reinstated.
- There was minimal activity on the account but the grant of £ 396.25 from P&KC has been received.

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

A meeting of the full committee was held at the Birnam Institute Dunkeld on 31/8/17.

The following was noted and agreed.

- 1) The fully adjusted total sum so far generated by SSE for distribution since the scheme started was **£2.468M**
- 2) The amount distributed to date was **£2.152M**
- 3) Amount available for allocation **£ 316,680**

The next tranche of funds will become available for the November Meeting.

There were six applications for a total of **£301,636**

Four were awarded sums totalling **£ 112,664.**

The committee had to reject applications, which in its opinion should be funded by government especially in the area of social services.

The new **Enterprise Fund**, which is managed by **GrowBiz** under the supervision of the committee, has made a positive start and small awards below £5K have already been awarded totalling £15,000+.

A larger application for a £20,000 grant is under consideration at the moment.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants Since the Last Meeting

PB reported that none had been awarded since the last meeting, however one had been received the previous day which is to be considered. There had been a previous application received but problems are being experienced in making contact with the applicant to gain further information.

SS drew attention to the deadline for this year's applications to be submitted before the end of November 2017 and confirmed that applications are welcomed.

Planning

SS noted that there was nothing to report on, for this area, at this meeting.

HPCP

There has been no further activity to report.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A MOP asked the councillors present if it is possible to get faster broadband in areas such as Balnaguard, where speeds are extremely slow. MW advised that we may need to wait for technology to catch up but offered to provide the MOP with relevant literature, in his possession, that might be of assistance to them.

An MOP reported a 'rights of access' issue in their area. MW promised to check on the situation with Paul Kettles of PKC.

XM reported that he had held his first 'surgery' in Ballinluig where a number of housing issues had been raised and resolved. There are to be two 'surgeries' in Grandtully Village Hall in coming months, one on 18th October and a second one on 13th December, both in the Lesser Hall between 6.00pm and 7.00pm.

MW reported that Pitlochry Neighbourhood Watch have organised a meeting at 11.00 on 21st September in Aldour Hall, Pitlochry concerning Power of Attorney, at which electrical blankets can be checked for safety by the Fire Service and any unsafe blankets will be replaced free of charge. A similar electrical blanket check by the Fire Service is scheduled to be held in the Birks Cinema on a date to be announced in early November.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 7th November 2017 in the Mid Atholl Hall, Ballinluig.