

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 6th March 2018 in the Mid Atholl Hall, Ballinluig.

PRESENT

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

PKC Councillors Mike Williamson (MW) and Xander McDade.

One member of the public (MOP).

Welcome

The Chair welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and introduced everyone.

APOLOGIES

Alison Forsyth (CC). Police Representative.

SS reported on what a shock it had been to hear of Ian Campbell's sudden death. Ian had been a great friend and help to the Community Council and we had all enjoyed working with him and will sorely miss his company and contribution.

1. MINUTES

There is an amendment to paragraph 4. under Any Other Business. The final version of the paragraph is shown in full below for clarification.

The MOP asked about the CC Website as he had looked to find details of that evenings meeting but couldn't find any. It was noted that this site is being maintained on a voluntary basis just now and that the CC would check on this omission. SB advised that the copies of the minutes, which included the date of the next CC meeting, held on file in Strathtay and Ballinluig Post Offices were available to the public. Posters giving details of the next meeting were also posted on the notice boards in Little Ballinluig, Grandtully, Balnaguard, Strathtay Spar Shop, Ballinluig Post Office and Ballinluig Filling Station. However he agreed that in future he would, in addition, publish the CC meeting dates in the Pitlochry Life, under 'What's On' and in the front of the 'Atholl Quair'.

Subject to that amended paragraph the minutes were approved by GH and seconded by JG.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Grandtully Fireworks Display

MW reported that Aberfeldy and Pitlochry are looking to hold a Fireworks Event this year on or around the 5th November 2018. This could mean that there is no requirement to hold one in Grandtully or that a smaller, local event might be possible.

CC Website

The MOP asked if the minutes from our last meeting and the agenda for this meeting had been put on the website. SB to check with the volunteer looking after the website.

3. BUSINESS

Police Matters

There was no police presence and nothing to report from them. GH reported on how useful the communication has been between the CC and the Police and that their presence is missed. MW advised that Pitlochry is due to lose another PC which increases the difficulty involved with attending meetings such as CC meetings. It was noted that there is nothing to report to them at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance

P&KC Account	£ 547.85
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 3,465.82

Expenditure

P&KC Account	£ 16.00
Mid Atholl Account	£ Nil
Micro Grant	£ Nil

Income

Griffin Grant	£ 3,000.00
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Closing Balance

P&KC Account	£ 531.85
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 6,465.82

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

Nothing to report until the next meeting on 15th March 2018.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants Since the Last Meeting

PB reported that the micro grant fund had been topped up.

The MOP asked if a grant could be appropriate to go towards improving the area and visibility of the Logierait Monument. MW offered to look into this by contacting Andrew Bruce Wootton from the Atholl Estates to explore possibilities and areas of mutual interest. Such a micro grant could then be assessed by the micro grant sub group, i.e. GH, SB and PB.

The subject of a grant towards the upkeep of the Logierait Bridge was raised again and this will be discussed further with John Fry.

It was noted that Scottish Wildlife Trust could request funding from the Griffin Wind Farm Fund.

Planning

It was noted that there is nothing of concern at this time in the Mid Atholl Area.

The MOP reported that the planning application in Balnaguard, raised at an earlier meeting, which would have involved a loss of access to an established access path had been refused.

He reported that the villagers had been pleased with how this matter had been dealt with by the Perth & Kinross Planning Department.

HPCP

GH reported the good news that contracts had been signed with Westica Ltd of Glasgow and Scotnet Ltd. Aberfeldy is to be the first area for expansion of broadband.

Heartland is being given assistance to move into the old HPCP Office, which should happen at around the end of March, beginning of April.

Assistance is also being given to the Pavilion Users Group (PUG) operation.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Etape CALEDONIA EVENT

MW reported that there had been a meeting to discuss the annual Etape CALEDONIA event. Discussions centred around the following points:-

Using event tickets for community fund raising – to be given directly to community groups for use.

IMG's plans for school engagement. Online and physical cycling tool kits to be given out to all primary and high schools in the area.

The 2019 100-mile route and the importance of this extension for the future of the event.

Dealing with litter by disqualifying any rider caught littering – this is to be communicated more strongly to the riders.

Parking Problems in Grandtully Village Hall Car Park

PB had been asked by the Hall Trustees to raise the following issues concerning the hall's rear car park:-

Parents have requested help from Hall Trustees to resolve parking problems experienced when parents drop off and collect children from school. Each day there are now 4/5 cars parked behind the hall belonging to teachers, this inhibits the manoeuvre of vehicles toing and froing at start and end of the school day. During March there will be a group of people, the Welsh Paddlers who will be coming to the hall to stay overnight for 4 nights. They will likely have at least one minibus plus a trailer carrying their canoes and equipment. This will make the situation even more difficult.

The Trustees are looking to put up a 'parking at own risk' sign for those parking behind the hall but this will not prevent an accident.

The Trustees are to meet up with the school and parents to discuss this situation. However, in the meantime the trustees feel that they have to be exploring all available options now that this concern has been raised, to ensure child safety.

With the entry route alongside the hall to access the hall's car park being the responsibility of the Council Is there anything the Council can do to assist with this problem?

MW offered to liaise with Brian Cargill on this issue and XM advised that he will raise this at his forthcoming meeting with the Head Teacher of Grandtully Primary School.

Traffic Lights at Lageonan Road

XM reported that he had investigated the problems with the traffic lights not responding to waiting traffic on occasions and discovered that if no-one travels along Lageonan Road for 18 hours the traffic lights switch to a different mode of operation until they are reset. This length of time has now been increased to 7 days instead of 18 hours so as long as a car travels towards the Lageonan Road lights once a week the issue should not arise.

Local Schools

XM also reported that the Grandtully and Logierait Schools have now been inspected/assessed and both have emerged with excellent reports. The possibility of combining the nursery age school children in the area, between these two schools, should enable to two schools to remain open.

Website

XM to explore the possibility of linking our webpage onto the Perth & Kinross website.

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting including the AGM will be held at 7.30pm on 1st May 2018 in the Grandtully Village Hall.

The meeting closed 8:45pm and the Chair thanked all those present for their attendance and contribution.