

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 7th November 2017 in Mid Atholl Village Hall in Ballinluig.

PRESENT

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

PKC Councillor Ian Campbell and Police Representative.

2. MINUTES

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) Rights of Access Issue

MV provided an update on this situation. Paul Kettles of Perth and Kinross Council has issued a letter requiring a planning application.

4. BUSINESS

Police Matters

There was no report received.

Treasurer's Report 7/11/17

Opening Balance

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

Expenditure

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

Income

Grant from P&KC.	£ Nil
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Closing Balance

P&KC Account	£ 576.05
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 3,965.82

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

Nothing to report.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants Since the Last Meeting

PB reported that none had been awarded since the last meeting.

SS again 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

AF had reported that the planning application submitted by Ballintaggart for the conversion of the old Grandtully Hotel into an eight bedroom hotel with a restaurant and bar has been granted.

SS drew attention to public information events on the Local Development Plan 2 being run in the Mid Atholl area:-

Pitlochry	Pitlochry Town Hall	Tuesday	12 December 2017
Aberfeldy	The Birks Cinema	Saturday	13 January 2018

HPCP

GH advised that was some good news to report for a change.

The HPCP Broadband Project is now into its third year of providing reliable broadband services to nearly 60 homes and businesses across Highland Perthshire. The project is operating profitably and this has allowed HPCP to go to the wider broadband ISP market with a view to engaging with commercial companies that are capable of expanding the service to more subscribers. Commercial ISP can also deliver greater technical and financial resources that will ensure the ongoing development and sustainability of the HPCP network. We are now close to signing a full network and subscriber support deal which will see HPCP still maintaining ownership of the network assets and monitoring the contract performance, whilst our current technical resources will move over to support the new commercial partnership, to ensure that the high level of local presence and support that our HPCP broadband subscribers have come to expect, continues to be available to them in the future.

HPCP is also now playing a significant part in the restructuring of Heartland FM which will hopefully be completed by the Spring of next year.

Thus whilst the original purpose of HPCP is no longer required it is beginning to re-emerge as a community based incubator. Discussions are in place as to the relevance of the original Articles to see if they need to be amended for the new role.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JG reported that there is to be an additional bus service with effect from 20th November 2017 between Perth and Aberfeldy and Perth to Pitlochry, which isn't being advertised. The new timetables can be accessed online.

XM reported that he is looking into a drainage issue in Braeside Road in Ballinluig.

GH asked if the CC could assist in ensuring that Grandtully's Firework Display goes ahead next year. It was cancelled this year due to new PKC licencing requirements and health and safety concerns resulting from the large numbers of spectators descending on the Grandtully area within a tight time frame

It was agreed that the CC will get involved in any way they can in helping the continuance of this annual event. This event will be an agenda item on the next CC meeting. In the meantime, PB has been asked to 'sound out' the Village Hall Trustees at their next meeting.

MW suggested that Robert Lyle could also be of assistance, if approached.

XM advised that Logierait and Grandtully Schools are due to be reviewed in February 2018 during the second phase of the school review process.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 9th January 2018 in the Grandtully Village Hall, Grandtully.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm and the Chair thanked all those present for their attendance.