

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 9th January in Grandtully and Strathtay Village Hall in Grandtully.

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).

Six members of the public (MOP).

Welcome

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

APOLOGIES

PKC Councillors Ian Campbell and Xander McDade. Police Representative.

1. MINUTES

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

2. MATTERS ARISING

Grandtully Fireworks Display

SS described the background to the cancellation of the 2017 Grandtully Fireworks Display with additional details provided by a member of the Grandtully & Strathtay Village Hall & Recreation Park Trustees. A report detailing the pre-requisites for running a Public Fireworks Event has been produced by the Hall Trustees giving an idea of what is now required to run an event such as this, in the light of this event now being termed a 'Large Event'. This report had been circulated to the CC in advance of the meeting. There was some discussion about the intrinsic lack of parking in Grandtully and road safety/crowd control concerns, with social media making it difficult to restrict such an event to local residents, as per the original intentions of this event at its inception some twenty years ago. It was agreed that MW offered council officials to assist with a feasibility study and would liaise with AF to explore ways of continuing such an event in the Grandtully/Strathtay area in future years.

3. BUSINESS

Police Matters

There was no police presence.

Treasurer's Report 7/11/17

Opening Balance

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

Expenditure

P&KC Account	£ 28.20
Mid Atholl Account	£ Nil
Micro Grant	£ 500.00

Income

Grant from P&KC.	£ Nil
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Closing Balance

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

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

Nothing to report.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants Since the Last Meeting

PB reported that one had been granted to Grandtully Primary School to go towards the purchase of kayaks, wetsuits and appropriate outdoor clothing for outdoor activities, organised by the school. PB ran through briefly the grant details of those that had been allocated in 2017 and AF expressed the dismay of the CC on not being able to allocate the full micro grant allowance for 2017. An MOP asked about the possibility of applying for a micro grant for work required on the Logierait Bridge. It was ascertained that money had been granted in the past from the Griffin Wind Farm Fund but it was noted that a micro grant would be insufficient and that a larger grant application would be more appropriate.

Planning

A MOP who resides in Cuil-An-Daraich in Logierait drew attention to a planning application for the construction of a new home behind this building, which despite a number of objections in 2015 was granted following an appeal from the applicant. There was a view that this planning permission had lapsed after the three year deadline and representatives of Cuil-An-Daraich wished to raise these objections again. These were detailed by the MOP as follows:-

1. There is no vehicular access to this building plot other than through the shared car park behind Cuil-An-Daraich, requiring 100 steps to access this property. This raises concerns about access by the Fire Service (if required), ambulance access or disability access to this property.
2. The building site is on a considerable embankment, which would give the proposed building an exaggerated height, causing problems of visual intrusion to the residents of

Cuil-An-Daraich. The planning applicant has proposed screening his property with trees. If this were to be the case the appropriate height of such screening would block the light from the rear of Cuil-An-Daraich.

3. Cuil-An-Daraich is a listed building and this planning application would not fit in with the walled garden.

Another fear of local residents is that should vehicular be gained by alternative means, this could lead to further development up behind Cuil-an-Daraich.

There was much discussion on this matter and GH advised that there is a need to research the original planning application and ascertain the reasons for the successful appeal before the CC could consider submitting an objection. He asked if MW, as a Perth & Kinross Councillor, could get details of the grounds for appeal and pass the information to the CC via SS.

It was acknowledged by another MOP that it can be difficult for any member of the public to ascertain who owns what land, which is highly significant with regard to the this particular planning application.

It was agreed that further investigations will be carried out before any course of action is decided upon.

An MOP drew attention to a planning application in Balnaguard, in which the plans produced indicate that the applicant owns the road alongside the proposed building plot. This is deemed to be unlikely but ownership cannot be ascertained. This reiterated the problems of identifying who owns what land. He thanked MW for the assistance has given to Balnaguard residents with investigating planning applications in their area.

HPCP

Broadband is going ahead. In the near future we are hoping to sign contracts with two commercial entities that will enable us to expand the network.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A 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 minutes of the CC meetings are published in the Pitlochry Life and Atholl Quair publications and the Agendas for future meeting are placed on notice boards in the Mid Atholl area. There was a suggestion that in addition to this, the dates of future CC meetings could go in the Pitlochry Life, under 'What's On' and in the front of the Atholl Quair.

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 6th March 2018 in the Mid Atholl, Ballinluig.