

MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 9th May 2017 in Grandtully Village Hall.

PRESENT

Community Councillors: John Grant (JG) (Vice Chair), Stan Bruce (SB) (Secretary), Graham Huggins (GH) (Treasurer), Alison Forsyth (AF), Pam Blanks (PB) and PKC Councillor Xander McDade, Jamie Elder (Police), Rod Thomson and Donna Murray-Trail.
Nine members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Stuart Smith and PKC Councillors Ian Campbell and Mike Williamson.

1. MINUTES

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

2. MATTERS ARISING

GH reported that having given local residents the opportunity to volunteer to run the Mid Atholl Community Council's website at our last meeting, no one has come forward and so the website is being closed down.

3. BUSINESS

Police Matters

Constable Jamie Elder confirmed that he and Constable Steve Band are the two officers covering the Higher Perthshire area. He had noted the excessive speed of vehicles coming through Grandtully and suggested that he and Constable Band set up speed cameras in an exercise similar to that carried out in Dunkeld. He confirmed that there was nothing else of note for our area, other than the expected influx of visitors during the summer months and the need to be extra vigilant with security measures. He also asked for residents in our area to watch out for drink driving. Following the recent fire in the Pitlochry area he asked for people to watch for careless fire use during the current very dry spell of weather. The cause of this particular fire has not yet been established. He also reported that he will look into cases of dog fouling if such incidents are reported to him.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance

P&KC Account	£ 441.25
Mid Atholl Account	£ 568.00
Micro Grant	£ 965.82

Expenditure

P&KC Account	£ 196.45
Mid Atholl Account	£ 0
Micro Grant	£ 500.00

Income

Micro Grant	£4,000
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Closing Balance

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

Griffin Wind Farm Funding Panel

There has not been a further meeting of the Funding panel since the last CC meeting.

Griffin Wind Farm Micro Grants Since the Last Meeting

PB reported that a grant had been awarded to CAP, Christians Against Poverty, based in Aberfeldy Parish Church. CAP provides assistance and support to anyone struggling with debt in the Highland Perthshire area. Due to the increased number of clients there is a need to provide administrative assistance and the grant will go towards the purchase of office equipment to facilitate this.

Planning

AF reported that there was nothing to report on for this area.

HPCP

There has been no further activity to report.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rod Thomson drew attention to his proposals to involve a consultant to look ways of diversifying the activities at Easter Coshieville Farm, which lies above Little Ballinluig, in order to sustain the farm. These proposals are likely to involve an increased number of visitors to the farm.

This would involve using a new entrance to the farm, of which two thirds has already been completed. This entrance is to be beyond the plot designated for additional housing. A 'bell mouth' entrance to this new road is to be completed to accommodate access onto the A827, in line with the planning permission granted some time ago.

Although decisions have yet to be made on the possible suggestions from said consultant, a number of concerns were expressed by the local residents in the meeting, in advance of these.

Concerns expressed included:-

- Possible traffic problems due to the new access road being used by members of the public in addition to the farm staff.
- The impact of the new access road on the ancient woodland through which the new road will pass.
- Increased noise in the area that would result from quad bikes being used, should the rumours to this effect be true, plus the resulting effect of increased pollution from diesel fumes on air quality.
- A reduction in value of new development housing in that area.

Rod Thomson reiterated that he had come to the meeting merely to advise that he was looking to diversify the activities on the farm and that nothing had been decided upon, at this stage.

A MOP asked where local residents go from this stage in the planning proceedings.

AF advised that she gets alerts from Perth and Kinross Council when any planning proposals are submitted for this area and she will flag anything major, as happened with the Barites Mine proposals for their activities in Logierait. At that time a consultation process was carried out. At this stage there is nothing further to do in this instance. Members of the local community will be invited to discuss this matter when further information is to hand.

Donna Murray-Trail promised to take on board the concerns expressed.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 4th July 2017, at 7.30pm in the Mid Atholl Hall, Ballinluig.

The Chair thanked all for attending and advised that the next AGM was scheduled for 1st May 2018, subject to confirmation.

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