

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Atholl, Strathtay & Grandtully Community Council

Bi-Monthly meeting 28th May 2024 at 18:00 held at Ballinluig Hall

1. **Welcome:** Chairman
 2. **Attendance:** Chairman & Acting Secretary, Graham Huggins (GH), Vice Chairman, John Grant (JG), Treasurer & Acting Secretary, Michella Samy (MS), Penny Kennedy (PK).
 - Councillors: John Duff (JD), Xander McDade
 - Members of public: 2
- Apologies:** None
3. **Minutes of Bi-Monthly Meeting held 26th March 2024:**
Proposed: PK / Seconded: MS
 4. **Matters Arising:** Nothing to report
 5. **Secretaries Report:** MS received a letter from Malcolm Appley regarding rewilding at Aultbeag. The Chairman will contact him in relation to his letter.
 6. **Chairman's Statement:** GH spoke of how CC will support projects, to be run by members of the community, with support from the CC with updates ahead of each CC meeting. GH will meet with John Duff (JD) monthly to discuss matters arising ahead of each meeting, to get ahead of any given situation and to work in tandem with PKC.
 7. **Business:**
 - a) **Treasurer's report:** Opening balance £708.11; expenses £240.99 (website and hall hire); closing balance £467.12 Proposed: JG / Seconded: PK
 - b) **Micro Grants:** Nothing to report
 - c) **Planning Matters:**
 - a. **Strathtay Stores:** The steering group will be taking advice from Elyn Zhang from the Scottish Land Fund who will assist in formulating a business plan. The next phase will be to conduct a feasibility study which will involve a comprehensive survey of all residents in the area. The steering committee are also taking a stall at the Grandtully Gala on Sunday 9th June for which all public are invited to offer their feedback.
 - b. **Strathtay Phone Box:** GH met with Graham Forsyth to discuss its future use. Next phase is to make the box weather tight. A letter will go out to Matthew Robertson to adopt the box. They have an interesting steering group and the major subject is to bring power to it. Suggested use: a WIFI hotspot and also as an information centre and tie it up with the
 - d) **Atholl Monument Logierait:** GH will physically go up to see Andrew Bruce Wotton. Not had any feedback from emails.
 - e) **Speed limits in Logierait:** GH and JD meeting to discuss on 11th June. There is a meeting coming up with the Road Safety Group. JD to attend and report back.

- f) **Flooding:** GH and JD meeting on 11th June to discuss further. PKC are formulating a solution at the moment which will be part of the resilience plan. JD to report on its update. GH to offer CC input and report back to CC meetings with updates. The solution to flooding will be very complex and is not just a local issue. One solution, if a storm is coming, would be to contact estates and the council to ensure drains etc are clear. Be more proactive and preventative rather than when the disaster has happened.
- g) **Taymouth Castle Development/Discovery Land Company website:** GH attends the regular meetings. The minutes are made public and a brochure has been circulated. There's now a team for marketing and more information has been made public. The Castle will be ready for guests soon. Properties in Kenmore will be open to the public, i.e. Kenmore Hotel, Taymouth Trading and Post Office. They have created a team dedicated to getting their message across in a positive manner.
- h) **Rob Roy Way:** PK got in touch with Simon from the Roads Department, but cannot help, but he will give another contact. The water from the golf course is the issue. PK to contact the Golf Course as the culvert at the top doesn't work and it needs to be addressed. Pitcastle is also an issue and may need to be contacted. Forestry and Land Scotland have helped resolve issues and may be able to help. Malcolm Appleby is also keen to help with the Rob Roy, but the bottom of the drive is now a danger. PK to write to the Golf Course for a response. JD to chat with Roddy Thomson. The landowner should take more responsibility and be held accountable. It needs to be a multi-pronged approach and CC and council raise public awareness that this is a route in which to make a problem aware. Have a constant banner on our website and social media that we can report any faults/problems at www.mypkc.gov You can go to my.pkc.gov.uk "Report a Fault" to report on roads/streets i.e. potholes, blocked drains, broken paving slabs etc.
- i) **Resilience Planning:** GH and JD meeting on 11th June to discuss further.
- j) Dates of Future meetings: all meetings will be Tuesdays at 18:00 -
- i. 30th July (Grandtully)
 - ii. 24th September (Ballinluig)
 - iii. 26th November (Grandtully)

7. Any Other Business:

- a. Campsite: Stuart Smith (SS) said that the campsite parking facility will be available for the Grandtully Gala day on 9th June 2024. It is hoped for future events, for signposts to be temporarily erected. SS reported that the site was at the advanced state of completion and that it was hoped that they would begin offering accommodation to campers/paddlers by August.

8. Next Bi-Monthly Meeting on Tuesday 30th July, Grandtully

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