

# MID ATHOLL, STRATHTAY & GRANDTULLY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## General Meeting, August 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Ballinluig Hall

### Minutes

1. Welcome & Apologies  
The Chair welcomed and introduced everyone and gave apologies from C Sturrock and G Parkins.  
Present: S Smith (Chair), S Bruce (Secretary), D Gray (Treasurer), M Ross, J Grant, 3 P&K Councillors (I Campbell, K Howie and K Lyall) and 4 members of the public
2. Minutes of meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
M Ross proposed and D Gray seconded the adoption of the minutes from the last meeting
3. Matters Arising From Previous Meeting
  - a. Western path across the site for two houses behind Ballinluig Inn: Chair had investigated and consulted Jane Pritchard, P&K Access Officer. It was decided by the Community Council to formally ask Jane Pritchard to add the route between Broom Hill and the Ballinluig Inn to the Core Path Plan and to urge the preservation of this route when the Reserved Matters are submitted to the council for the houses on that site. Chair to action.
  - b. Grandtully Bridge surface: Chair had been informed by John McNabb from the Aberfeldy Roads department that work to replace the bridge surface is scheduled to start 20<sup>th</sup> October.
  - c. Recycling Point at Ballinluig: Chair had investigated and the reason that the recycling point had not gone ahead was not due to the A9 junction changes. The Community Council decided to urge John Marshall, the relevant P&K Officer to proceed with setting up the recycling point as previously agreed. Chair to action.
  - d. Grandtully Bus Shelter: Chair had been in touch with P&K and was awaiting further info from Colin Campbell about whether the community are permitted to redecorate the bus shelter. Chair to follow up.
  - e. Ballinluig play park equipment: Chair had discussed with Paul Summer from P&K who had confirmed that play park equipment is regularly checked and that pieces that had been removed for maintenance will soon be returned.
  - f. Graffiti at Ballinluig underpass: Chair had again contacted Transerv Scotland but had not yet had any reply to this ongoing issue. Chair to follow up again.
  - g. 30mph Speed limit on Tulliemet Road: Chair and Secretary had checked the presence of "Pedestrians" signage on the road. There was only a sign towards Ballinluig but not in the other direction. Community Council agreed to request additional sign. Chair to action.
  - h. Atholl Monument, Logierait: Secretary had been in touch with the head forester at Atholl Estates and understood that the undergrowth will be cleared when conditions/resources permit.
  - i. Sewerage problems at Murray Terrace, Logierait. K Lyall had been in touch with Scottish Water but a suitable date had not yet been found for a meeting to discuss the problem. K Lyall to action.
  - j. Drain by garages at Braeside Road and fence at Tulliemet Road: Chair reported that the drain is to be cleared out as a part of an ongoing Roads work programme. No further information on the fence repair.
  - k. Proposed CC policy – consultation paper: The Secretary reported that he had responded to the consultation on behalf of the Community Council as he had been tasked so to do.
4. Community Police Matters
  - a. Speed of traffic in Grandtully/Little Ballinluig and Balnaguard: No representative of Tayside Police was able to attend the meeting so this item to be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.
5. Business
  - a. Register of interests: Chair announced that the Community Councillors had decided to start and maintain a register of interests which will be kept on file with the Secretary.
  - b. Pitlochry road sign at Ballinluig junction approaching from west: Several people had contacted the Chair to ask whether a "Pitlochry" sign could be installed at the new roundabout on the western side of the new Ballinluig A9 junction. I Campbell informed the meeting that such a sign is already being procured. It was also requested that an

additional sign be installed at the junction just down from the garage to indicate that you should turn “left” to Pitlochry. I Campbell agreed to pursue this on the CC’s behalf. Chair to write to Roads Dept to confirm request.

- c. Dog fouling at Little Ballinluig and Grandtully along railway path. Several people had contacted the Chair concerning dog fouling along the former railway path. Chair had been in touch with Jeannie Grant (P&K Countryside Ranger) and P&K Environment Services. It has been established that The Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2006 makes it an offence for anyone to allow a dog to foul in any public place over which the public has express or implied access. Dog mess must be bagged and removed and Ken Lyall informed the meeting that it may be placed in any bin. Free bags are available from the Council and Vets.
  - d. Aultbeag Burn – erosion just upstream of A827: Chair had been in contact with Roads Department in Aberfeldy who are monitoring the situation and will programme work in the future.
  - e. Community Council website: Community Councillors have decided to set up a basic website providing information such as meeting dates, agendas, minutes, contact details. Further details will be provided once it is online.
6. Finance
- a. An update of the finances was given by D Gray, the Treasurer
7. Planning:
- a. Application for 9 houses at Balnaguard: Chair reported that the application had been refused at the Development Control meeting by 7 votes to 3. This was due to a huge and very effective effort by Balnaguard residents with support from both the Community Council and local P&K Councillors. Balnaguard residents had spoken at the Development Control meeting against the application.
  - b. Application for reserved matters for house at Lagoonan Road: Extensive discussion took place about the siting of the large proposed house on top of the knoll. The initial outline planning proposal had been refused by P&K but granted on appeal. Secretary to submit summary of points to the P&K planner concerned.
  - c. Application for deletion of time limited condition for Grandtully Bridge House Galleries etc: The applicant explained that the original permission had been granted for 2 years, ending in June. Secretary to write to P&K planning concerning the application.
8. Various Letters/Emails were tabled
9. Any Other Business
- a. M Ross asked whether there could be a mirror installed at the junction between the A827 and the road to Pitlochry at Logierait. Chair to investigate and contact Roads Department.
  - b. Jean Adams representing the Strathtay Community Company reported that quotes had been received and that work to repair the Strathtay and Grandtully War Memorial would take place soon. The meeting was asked if the signage in Strathtay could be improved so that large vehicles would not reach the Grandtully Bridge – Chair to contact Roads Department.
  - c. The Strathtay Community Company would like to co-opt a member of the Community Council to be a director of their company – Community Councillors to consider this offer.
  - d. It was reported that 2 bus stops have appeared on amended plans for 3 houses between Dalreoch and Aros. I Campbell and K Lyall offered to investigate this on behalf of the Community Council.
  - e. It was reported that there is a lot of ragwort growing by St Cedd’s, on the inside of the wooden fence. Chair to contact Jeannie Grant/Paul Summers to see what action can be taken to remove it.

**NEXT MEETING: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30pm in Logierait School**