

Grandtully and Strathtay Conservation Trust

AGM: Tuesday 1 November, 6pm

Grandtully Hall

Minutes

Attendees: Directors: Roger Graham, Chairman (RG); Mike Jackson, Company Secretary (MJ); Peter Hounam (PH). Jean Adams (JA) and Muriel Simpson (MS)

8 members of the company

Apologies: Michael & Linda Campbell, Kusha Bolt, Margo Hanssen

1. MJ welcomed all to the meeting, introduced the directors and outlined the format of the meeting

2. Report by the Chairman on the activities of the company

RG welcomed all to the company's fourth general meeting and summarised the current activities of the Trust which included enhancing the conservation area, exploring and applying for funding to do so, maintaining community body interest in land, maintaining company website and co-operating with the community council. He noted that member numbers were steady with some people leaving the area but some new members from those moving into Strathtay and Grandtully. It was noted however that member participation had fallen.

One of the important roles for the company was to apply for available funding to enhance the conservation area for the benefit of the community. To this end an application had been made to the first round Griffin Fund applications. The company had met with a sustainable development consultancy and asked them to put a proposal together to carry out a feasibility study. This study was to incorporate the various ideas put forward by members over the years and would also evaluate new ideas. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with obtaining funding due to the high number of applications but the positive feedback received means we will make another application. We finally had confirmation the red phone box had been adopted on behalf of the community by Perth & Kinross Council and are pleased it will be preserved. We have still to proceed with taking forward ideas for its usage but will look to raise funds to have it repainted as a first step.

We co-operated with the community council during the year. Our articles allow the community council to appoint a councillor as a director and Peter Hounam was our appointed director during the year.

We wrote to members at the start of the year highlighting the importance of the consultation phase of the main issues report. The community council also wrote to all in the community. We promoted the main issues report at our last AGM, by email and also within our annual newsletter to members, It was disappointing to note that there were only around 15 people who commented within the community. We understand the first draft of the new development plan is likely to be published within the next few months.

The directors continue to believe that the funding of the trust by voluntary donations and fundraising is the best way to raise funds. The finances this year are much improved with a small surplus. Company secretarial and accounts preparation costs have been minimised. We believe that we will have sufficient ongoing donations to cover these costs going forward. Becoming a charitable organisation has also assisted with the ability to claim the tax deducted for donations.

We were invited to two pre consultation meetings with Caldeonian Developments to discuss their next phase of development at Dunellan Field. We were generally happy with the design but have made comment on the proposed access which we believe contradicts the first stage of their development. The application is ongoing.

RG thanked all the directors for their contribution during the year. MJ and himself are retiring as ordinary directors in accordance with rotation policy. There is one new nomination for director and the current directors will need to co-op at least one more director to continue to operate effectively.

3. Confirmation and Election of new Directors

MJ confirmed Jeff Thomas had been nominated as a director. MJ and RG are resigning as ordinary directors in accordance with rotation policy and JA and MS have agreed to continue as ordinary directors. There were 2 vacancies for ordinary director.

4. Fixing of Annual Subscription

Resolutions

Ordinary Resolution 1: To set the subscription for the year ended 31 March 2012 at nil and to continue to seek funding through donations, grants and fundraising.

5. Approval of the accounts of the company

Ordinary Resolution 2: To receive the accounts and the reports of the directors and the Independent Examiner thereon for the period ended 31 March 2011.

In accordance with Article 67, the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 had been made available for inspection on the website of the company at www.grandtullyandstrathtay.co.uk

Ordinary Resolution 3: To appoint DTK Accountancy Services as Independent Examiner for the year ended 31 March 2012 and to authorise the directors to determine their remuneration.

All the above resolutions were proposed and put to the vote of the meeting. All resolutions were passed unanimously by the ordinary members present.

6. Informal Discussion

There then followed a period of informal discussion by those present. The issues included how to improve member participation, speeding concerns within Grandtully and Strathtay, possibility of a village gateway and the organisation of future social events. The directors agreed to raise these at the next director meeting which is scheduled for 6 December.

Meeting finished at 7pm