

## **Grandtully and Strathtay Conservation Trust**

**AGM: Saturday 16 October 2010, 5pm**

### **Minutes**

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

12 members of the company

Apologies: Jeff & Lesley Thomas, Michael Campbell, 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 third general meeting and summarised the objectives of the Trust. He noted that the expansion to Grandtully had resulted in increased member numbers and participation. The company had close to 100 members.

RG saw the main role for the body to be in identifying and applying for available grants for opportunities to enhance the conservation area for the benefit of the local community. The company would be applying for a Scottish Community Foundation grant for assistance with a feasibility study for some of the ideas discussed during the year, including lighting at Grandtully Bridge, consideration of a village gateway and to take account of the previous ideas put forward by the community for the community registered land. It was thought that a feasibility study would assist with grant funding and the company saw the Griffin Wind Farm Fund being set up early next year as a source of funding for the ideas.

The trust was active during the year in seeking improvements to both Grandtully and Strathtay. MS had been successful in liaising with Perth & Kinross Council to ensure Grandtully Bridge was resurfaced in January. She had also been successful in getting signage in the village upgraded to warn large vehicles not to attempt to cross the bridge and there had been increased speed monitoring in both villages. BT gave notification that the telephone apparatus at the phone box is to be removed and the company requested the council adopt the red phone box on its behalf to ensure its survival. Ideas put forward include using the box as an information point for walkers and cyclists. Co-operation with the community council was also strengthened during the year.

MV had organised a social evening in October which was well attended and Victor Clements of Scottish Native Woods presented a slide show and talk on the Western Tay catchment area. The annual newsletter was also sent out at the end of the year with an update on our work.

The directors continue to believe that the funding of the trust by voluntary donations and fundraising is the best way to raise funds. MJ and Derek Kennedy were appointed as company secretary and accountant respectively to reduce professional costs. A special resolution is being proposed to update the articles of association in line with current companies act requirements.

The trust took part in the Caledonian Development appeal for 3 and 4 houses at Greenbank last December. The appeal was dismissed and the application was finally approved for 2 houses. It was disappointing to note however that the development is going to result in the loss of the only trees on the site and the properties will have shared access rather than individual. The Main Issues Report has recently been published for a new local development plan for Highland Perthshire and whilst the

Main Issues Report does not identify Grandtully or Strathtay as preferred sites for further development it was noted that developer submissions had been made for both Strathtay and Little Ballinluig.

RG thanked all the directors for their contribution during the year. MV and PH are retiring as ordinary directors in accordance with rotation policy and RG thanked both for their valued contribution over the year. PH is going to continue to be involved with the company through his role as chairman of the community council. RG finished by thanking members for their participation throughout the year.

### **3. Confirmation and Election of new Directors**

MJ confirmed no new directors had put themselves forward for 2011. PH and MV are resigning as ordinary directors in accordance with rotation policy and RG, JA, MJ and MS have agreed to continue as 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 2011 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 2010.

In accordance with Article 67, the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 had been made available for inspection on the website of the company at [www.grandtullyandstrathtay.co.uk](http://www.grandtullyandstrathtay.co.uk)

**Ordinary Resolution 3:** To appoint DTK Accountancy Services as Independent Examiner for the year ended 31 March 2011 and to authorise the directors to determine their remuneration.

### **6. Adoption of new Articles of Association**

#### **Special Resolution**

To adopt the Articles of Association tabled at the Annual General Meeting in place of Grandtully and Strathtay Conservation Trust's current Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association.

NOTE: A copy of the proposed Articles of Association had been made available for inspection on Grandtully and Strathtay Conservation Trust's website at [www.grandtullyandstrathtay.co.uk](http://www.grandtullyandstrathtay.co.uk).

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

## **7. Informal Discussion**

PH led informal discussion on a number of issues including the following:

- Main Issues Report. The report was available for download at P&K main website and is also available at Aberfeldy library. The consultation period is from now until 14 January 2011. Perth & Kinross Council are looking for an additional 620 houses from Highland Perthshire with likely 70% of these coming from Aberfeldy and Pitlochry and the remainder from landward areas.
  - Griffin Wind Farm Fundwas discussed and it was thought applications would start to be submitted from the end of the year.
  - Input was also sought for village enhancement ideas and there was some discussion on ideas currently proposed such as the village gateway
- 8. The meeting closed at 6.00pm and members were invited to Inn on The Tay.**