

**Minute of Pitlochry and Moulin Community Council  
at 7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in Pitlochry High School**

Jim welcomed everyone to the meeting which had insufficient council members to be quorate.

**1. PRESENT:** James Laurenson (Vice Chair) 473788, David Roy (Environment Convenor) 473872, Jane King (Minute Secretary); Councillors Ian Campbell and Kate Howie; PC Jamie Elder; 5 members of the public.

**2. APOLOGIES:** Andrew Holmes (Chair), Graham Holmes (Secretary), William MacNicoll

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**4. POLICE REPORT:** There were three youth calls - youths consuming alcohol under the bridge at Loch Faskally, youths on the roof of the High School and also congregating on Atholl Road. Vandalism in the garden of the Fasganeon Hotel was reported, Wild campers at Faskally were moved on and a number of minor road traffic incidents attended. One petty assault and a theft from the Youth Hostel were also reported. Concern was expressed about a local man missing since Monday. PC Elder reported that there had been some sightings and the police were following up some favourable leads. [Thankfully, since the meeting the missing person has been found.] The question was asked about public involvement in such cases but it would appear that Police Scotland (PS) have adequate resources without involving the public. Information is available on the PS website, Facebook page and news app. It was reported that two girls had been seen on skateboards travelling fast down the middle of East Moulin Road. PC Elder will appraise the school, and his colleagues will also keep an eye on the Cluny footbridge where youths have been recently seen jumping into the Loch.

**5. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015:** Confirmed as a correct record.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None

**7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** In the absence of the Chair, there was no report. The Vice Chair had attended the annual Consultation of Police Scotland who are committed to becoming more community-minded. In an attempt to address the lack of firemen in the area, Aberfeldy are anticipating the prospect of having a Community Warden. These wardens will be trained as firemen and although not police officers, will provide a uniformed presence on our streets.

**8. SECRETARY'S REPORT:** There would appear to be a crisis in local fire cover. Pitlochry Fire Station is not able to respond as it should and appliances from Dunkeld and Kirkmichael are filling in. Apparently there have been more than 50 call-outs this year which could not be attended by the local station. An exploratory meeting of the Surgery User's Group (SUG) has taken place. Meetings between the SUG, the practice Manager and one of the partners will take place quarterly at the Surgery, the first meeting being provisionally at 5pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at the Surgery. SUG numbers will be limited to 6. A preparatory meeting will take place at the Surgery at 2.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**ELECTION OF A NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL TAKES PLACE ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2015. UNLESS THERE ARE NEW NOMINATIONS, THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CANNOT CONTINUE TO EXIST. NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON 24TH SEPTEMBER.** Forms obtainable from [www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/communitycouncils)

Assuming the continuation of the Community Council, venues have been booked for the period to June 2016 as follows: the Moulin Hall for 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the High School for 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 13<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016. There will be no meeting in December.

Graham recently attended the launch of an impressive app prepared by pupils at Pitlochry High School

for the location and use of defibrillators in Highland Perthshire. (There are now 7 in Pitlochry.) The app can be accessed through HPCP's new website on [www.hpcp.scot](http://www.hpcp.scot) and downloaded to smartphones. Concern was expressed about the lack of training in the use of defibrillators, but the assurance was given that these were so user-friendly that training in their use was unnecessary. Someone may bring a model to a future PMCC meeting.

**9. TREASURER' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS:** No report.

**10. ENVIRONMENT REPORT:** Scottish Water have still done nothing about the trees at the entrance to the water treatment plant. The owner of the buildings behind the old Co-op building is the owner of the new sweetie shop. Some work has just been done to tidy the area. Thanks to Cllr Campbell for arranging with PKC for the provision of a composting bin at Fonab Cemetery. The water butt seems to be well-used and Dave continues to maintain the water level. Concern was expressed at the state of the old Light Bite/Gregg's building.

**11. PLANNING REPORT:** No report, but it would appear that Premier Inn are going to approach Planning to request a change of position within the town centre development. The demolition certificate for Bank House has recently been received by the developer.

**12. HPCP:** HPCP funded the app for the defibrillators and will continue to update it as numbers increase. Fast Broadband has now been connected to more than 20 rural homes. The whole of Blair Atholl Caravan Park has been connected. **Domestic subscribers can be connected so long as they are in line of sight of a mast. The cost is £ 19.99 a month for guaranteed speed of 8Mbps, £ 24.99 for 16 Mbps and £34.99 for 25Mbps.** All income received by the new HPCP Broadband company is ploughed back in to the community and all installations are serviced by local engineers. There would appear to be a problem with O2 signals in the area and also with Broadband speed supplied by BT.

**13. LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:** Cllr Campbell reported the implementation of the Smart City Project in Perth. This comprises three elements: a smart waste system, and intelligent lighting system and a smart transport management system. Sensors in bins will allow for more efficient refuse collection, sensors in lamp posts will regulate the level of street lighting and those with smart phones will be able to access information regarding parking spaces in the city. This may eventually extend to Pitlochry.

It has been agreed that 1300 grit bins will be available in and around Perth for the winter. These will be supplied as and when required.

The cost of taking down and reinstating newly erected street lamps was borne by the contractors. Future banners will have larger signage.

The new **PATH CLEARING GROUP** has been making a difference. They meet on alternate Thursday mornings at 10am. **NEW MEMBERS WILL BE VERY WELCOME. PLEASE CONTACT KATE HOWIE ON 01887 840378 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

**14. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** The question was raised about whether the public meeting regarding the proposed housing scheme at Middleton of Fonab had taken place. This will be affected by the size and position of the new A9 development, so there has been pre-application discussion but no planning application.

Someone wondered whether people were aware of the advertisement in the PA and other places

regarding the possibility of people signing up to bid for bulk buying of gas and electricity. Several were aware of it but no-one had signed up.

Someone interested in the purchase of Sainsbury's field for a large community project was wondering if anyone had contacts who might be able to help. He had already tried all the options suggested.

**15. AOCB:** Work on the paddling pool park has begun and after Highland Games refurbishment will begin at the play park at the Recreation Ground. Fundraising is on-going to improve other areas of the Rec.

**DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:** 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Moulin Hall and 11<sup>th</sup> November in the school. No December meeting.

This being all the business, the meeting closed at 2050hrs.