

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 4th November 2015

Present. Keith Comrie (Chair), Ian Ross (Secretary), Karen Pryce-Iddon, James Mark, Priscilla Gordon-Duff, Innes McPherson, Cllr Gary Coull

In Attendance. Barry Corbett & David Baird (Police Scotland), Catherine Sinclair (minutes)

Apologies. John Gelling, Cllr Ron Shepherd,

Previous Minutes. Approved with amendments by Keith Comrie, seconded by Ian Ross.

1. **Police.** Report circulated. 34 detected crimes in Keith area, 2 in Strathisla: 1 throwing stones at a vehicle, under investigation; 1 possession of cannabis. Police Scotland is urging the agricultural community to step up security to prevent and deter rural crime. A new advice booklet has been launched. Claire's Law (The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse) will be rolled out nationally. This allows a person to apply to Police Scotland for information about an individual they suspect may have a history of violent or abusive behaviour. Enquiries can be made at Keith Police station and will be passed on. The Fair Warning campaign on anti-social driving is taking place. It is useful if members of the public are able to supply number plates and/or make statements when reporting anti-social driving. Also, although there are no legal limits on exhaust size, anti-social drivers can be pursued if causing excessive noise. Community Councillors have received comments from the community about the lack of visible Police presence in Strathisla.
2. **Guest Speaker.** None
3. **Treasurer.** Balance £2835.76 – cheques to be written for Remembrance wreaths and minute secretary
4. **Youth Issues.** None
5. **Planning.** Discussion of notification received of turbine at Easter Knauchlands. **ACTION: Karen to canvas opinion in the community and make any representation required. Responses to be submitted by 12th November. Catherine to request an extension to the response deadline.** House site in Rothiemay has become a legal dispute and no further action is required from the Community Council at this time.
6. **Newmill.** Plans are underway to light the war memorial and clock tower. Newmill Community Association has seen a demonstration of the lights and will look into fundraising. A meeting was held regarding the poor state of the lanes, chaired by Richard Lochhead MSP. It has not been possible to track down Newmill Estate owners but the local factor says that as the estate does not use the roads, it will not

repair them. If lanes can be brought to adoptable standards, they will be adopted by The Moray Council. Adopted roads can be repaired by The Moray Council now. A community buy-out was mooted and will be explored.

The council officer is making progress on Glenisla House. If not resolved, he will report back in 6 months.

- 7. Rothiemay.** Residents found the smiley face speed control effective. It can be requested that it returns again.
The bank at George V playing field has slipped and the bridge over the Lossat is in poor repair. It is hoped funds can be raised for repair of the bridge. Ken Kennedy, The Moray Council was to arrange to cut back vegetation on the banks. **ACTION: Cllr Coull to follow up**
Lorries collecting felled trees have damaged the sides of the roads and the junction – repair is needed. **ACTION: Karen to email Cllr Coull photos of road and he will request repair**
- 8. Boharm.** James Smith, The Moray Council, carried out a site visit and will request a warning sign re double bends on Rumbauch road.
A reply re litter bin for the playpark is awaited.
Hall fundraising dance 7th November. Bonfire and fireworks 8th November.
- 9. Botriphnie.** A one-way system has been put in place on the B9115 for a year for wind farm works. **ACTION: Cllr Coull to ask why no advance notification was given to Community Council.**
Cllr Coull to request BEAR/Transport Scotland to consider making a stacking lane on A96 at Drummuir turn-off for safety reasons
Trees are encroaching on the Drumgrain – Davieburn Road. Drummuir estate will investigate initially. Cllr Murdoch to report back on Drummuir playpark and contact with Sport Scotland. There is *still* a bump in the road at Towiemore
There is a quiz night on Saturday (7th November) in the hall.
Drummuir 21 is working with Foundation Scotland and will be carrying out a consultation locally on their future work. A moth survey on the estate revealed a good number and range of moths. A wildcat survey is to be carried out.
Removal of trees at the top of Parkmore Brae on the B9014 has done away with a natural barrier between the road and the drop. There is history of car accidents at this spot. **ACTION: SCC to write requesting a safety barrier**
- 10. Grange.** John Gelling to meet Raymond Peters from The British Legion re war memorial. Ian had contact from a resident and will reply.
- 11. Correspondence.** Email re petition on Invasive Non Native Species from Innes Community Council. Discussion held including involvement of River Trusts and Boards and communities working together towards a solution. Ragwort is a notifiable weed and also needs action.

AOCB. The Edintore Working Group has met 3 times and is making good progress. The annual community benefit fund is expected to be £70,500. The primary area of benefit is a 5 miles radius from the wind farm. The wider area is Scotland with a priority to those nearest the wind farm. There was discussion on the mechanism of appointing people to the Decision Making Panel. Meg from

Docherty consulting will draft an initial constitution to be discussed in February and the working group will meet as necessary. It has recently been suggested an annual amount from the fund be given to Community Councils for small civic projects e.g. £1,000.

JCC meeting 12th November – Karen will attend

Discussion on Beauly to Blackhillock line – Drummuir may be affected by pylons. The Dornell line is more likely to be underground.

Wreaths have been collected for Remembrance Services.

Date of next Meeting. 2nd December 2015.

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