

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 4th May 2016

Present. Keith Comrie (Chair), Ian Ross (Secretary), Karen Pryce-Iddon, Priscilla Gordon-Duff, John Gelling

In Attendance. Cllr Cree, Catherine Sinclair (minutes),

Apologies., Cllr Ron Shepherd, Innes McPherson, James Mark

Previous Minutes. The minutes were approved by Karen Pryce-Iddon, seconded by Ian Ross.

- 1. Police Matters.** No Police in attendance. Report circulated included theft of a trolley jack from a garage at a property near Newmill and of a stone saw from a shed on a Drummuir property. Vandalism reported was of tyres on a car at Maggieknockater. Fraud report is of a 'safe account' scam where persons pretending to be calling from a bank call about suspicious transactions. When it is confirmed none have been made, the victim is induced to place a sum of money in a 'safe account', account details provided by the fraudster.
Ongoing activities include: the national roll out of Claire's Law; the appeal to farmers and the agricultural community to step up their security in order to prevent rural crime; Operation 'Fair Warning' concerning anti-social driving. Members of the public are encouraged to report any instances of anti-social driving, with as much information as possible by phoning 101.
- 2. Guest Speaker.** None
- 3. Treasurer's Report.** No report. The grant letter has been received and needs to be completed and returned.
- 4. Youth Issues.** None. No youth member recruited yet.
- 5. Botriphnie.** A reply was received from Ken Kennedy, The Moray Council regarding the resurfacing of the playpark. He is reluctant to resurface the park if the field is to be drained in the near future.
ACTION: Priscilla will contact Ken Kennedy in the first instance
The Gully Road from the hall to the railway is still in poor condition, with water lying in spite of recent dry weather. The water table is high
- 6. Grange.** The hall will hold Spring Teas on 8th May. The committee are considering upgrading the toilets, which would use up the last of their funds. Discussion was held on possible sources of funding and support.
- 7. Newmill.** The crash barrier and lamppost on Windy Brae Road have been repaired.
Glenisla House has been vandalised again. It is anticipated new legislation coming in will grant more powers take action in cases like this.
A ditch has been cleared onto the road on the B9017, causing the road to be

narrowed. Cllr Cree will investigate and ascertain if responsibility of The Moray Council or not.

8. **Rothiemay.** Karen has been in touch with The Moray Council again about outstanding road repairs. Roads are still in poor repair and treacherous when icy. Cllr Cree will make enquiries.
9. **Boharm.** Potholes on B9103 to Boat of Brig appear to be under repair. Ordiquish Road is also in poor repair. Moray's roads remain in the top 25% best roads in Scotland for state of repair.
10. **Correspondence.** Email from John Calder of KCR.FM reminding us he'd like to attend a meeting and record/interview community councillors.
Proposal of alteration planning notice received about site R6 off Banff Road.
Springfield will hold a community consultation.
The next Joint Community Council is on 12th May - Karen will attend
Grant letter received
Letter from UHI seeking environmental/economic research study proposals

11. **AOCB.**

Planning training. It was agreed the CCLO can arrange for someone to come and speak on Planning and Community Councils.

Community Council Handbook training. Karen attended today and found it informative. More training is planned and training can be developed in response to requests.

Creative Learning. Priscilla was invited to attend a creative education day with head teachers and local business people but the outcomes of the day were not made clear. Will they be reported on? Cllr Cree will find out more.

Date of next Meeting. 1st June 2016