

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 1st June 2016

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

In Attendance. Cllr Ron Shepherd, PC Graham Forbes, Catherine Sinclair (minutes),

Apologies. Innes McPherson,

Previous Minutes. The minutes were approved by Priscilla Gordon-Duff, seconded by Karen Pryce-Iddon.

- 1. Police Matters.** There have been 2 thefts in Strathisla – the theft of indicators from a parked motorbike and a break-in to a locked shed. In Rothiemay it is suspected people are entering fields near woods and it is suspected wildlife crimes are being committed. Gates are being left open.

Mini-motorbikes have been seen on the main roads in Newmill. These are not road legal and there are concerns for the riders' safety. If they are seen call 101 and Police will attend if possible.

Report of sheep in the road repeatedly on Rothiemay to Huntly road. PC Forbes will notify Huntly station but this can also be reported via 101 when seen.

Claire's Law and anti-social driving campaign are ongoing. Rural security is still a concern. People are urged to keep sheds locked and note of serial numbers.

- 2. Guest Speaker.** None. A letter was received from Planning. Regulations are changing and Planning intend to visit all Community Councils later in the year. They advise each Community Council should appoint 1 point of contact for Planning, provide holiday cover and advise Planning accordingly. After a Planning application is issued, there are 7 days to request a formal consultation and a further 14 days to respond. It was agreed to make a list of questions for the speaker from Planning and consider adding all Strathisla Community Councillors to the mailing list.

SSE would like to speak to Strathisla Community Council re Dorenell connection.

ACTION: Keith will invite them

- 3. Treasurer's Report.** Balance is £2815.19 as of April's statement. Expenses are due to Karen Pryce-Iddon, minute secretary and for the website domain hosting. Grant remittance letter received from The Moray Council - £362.73
Discussion on whether grant could be used for cost of researching ownership of access roads to cemeteries etc. on behalf of communities. It was agreed this is not within the remit of admin or promotion. It may be that uses of grants are no longer fit for purpose now, when less stationary is used. This could be a question to raise at JCC.
- 4. Youth Issues.** None.
- 5. Grange.** The May Teas were well attended and a successful fundraiser. Further discussion on funding refurbishment of toilets.

6. **Newmill.** No updates.
7. **Rothiemay.** Road repairs are underway. Karen is still to meet with Ian re poster.
8. **Boharm.** No response has been received to comments submitted about flooding issues around site A, which is still zoned for residential development. Local Councillors will also be consulted on this.
9. **Botriphnie.** B9115 is still in poor condition at the east end. The contractor has reinstated where cable was laid and where they had sunk patches of it.
The Gully Road is still in poor condition as far as Mulben and is still wet.
Drummuir 21 is consulting on a local action plan, due to be completed in June.
A piece of road is being replaced at Lower Towie – would it be possible to fix the bump in the road at the same time or is this broadband work?
ACTION: Priscilla to email Ian Cameron, Roads dept. to enquire
If the playpark field is drained, it is unlikely to affect the playpark.
ACTION: James will contact Ken Kennedy after next meeting between Drummuir Community Association, Drummuir Estate and The Moray Council.
10. **Correspondence. Broadband update** – Mulben and Drummuir are not on the latest list, but it is possible works are underway. High speed broadband will not reach rural parts of Botriphnie. Satellite is effective but not as fast as high speed broadband.
Queen's 90th birthday celebrations – it was agreed each community association be offered a commemorative rose bush. Plaques to be organised and Priscilla to collect roses if there is interest.
Community Engagement and Participation – requesting engagement in Moray's 10 year plan. **ACTION – All to read**
Woodlands Strategy Consultation – discussion held on opportunities such as outdoor learning, trim trails etc.
11. **AOCB. Paths.** Discussion on whether Strathisla Community Council funds could be used to maintain signage on paths. Maintaining the paths themselves could be costly and require liability insurance. There is one outdoor access officer in Moray with a limited budget. Public access to paths is being encouraged but maintenance is ad hoc. The Moray Council has to have a plan of core paths but does not have to maintain them. The condition of the all abilities path at Drummuir has deteriorated so it is no longer suitable for all abilities.
Edintore Working Group. The next meeting is 2nd June. Ross Jones from CARES will attend. It is planned to apply for CARES funding. A constituted community group will have to apply on behalf of the working group. There were no objections to Strathisla Community Council making the application.
JCC. Karen attended but was not able to speak to Cullen & Deskford Community Council about Lurg Hill. The complaints procedure was adopted. CCLO would like 2 members of each Community Council to be trained in mediation and be available to mediate stage 2 complaints should this be required. Karen is interested in the training.
Website. To be updated re Community Council membership. **ACTION. Jacob Secretary.** Ian's last meeting will be July, after which he is retiring from the Community Council. Karen will consider secretary role, but not minutes.

Date of next Meeting. 6th July 2016 - Apologies for July - Priscilla and Catherine.