

Strathisla CC Minutes

2nd March 2022

Present George Gartly (Chair), Karen Pryce-Iddon (Vice-Chair), James Mark (Treasurer), Adele Williams, Rhona Patterson, Cllr Theresa Coull, Cllr Donald Gatt,.

Apologies - Cllr Laura Powell

Welcome - George welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police update – No report for March meeting. However, Cllrs Gatt & Coull met with Buckie based inspector, Graham Walton and discussed current issues in the area. There has been a noted increase in anti-social behaviour since the start of the year. Also increase in speed related offences. The inspector has also been in contact with Keith school on various issues.

Guest Speaker – No speaker this month.

Previous Minutes – December and February minutes were adopted with a few minor alterations. Longmore Hall to be referred to as Longmore Community Hall.

Matters Arising – James updated that the gate at Loch Park that was supposed to be removed was still in place. James to monitor and update Cllr Powell as this was originally actioned by her after February meeting.

The situation of placing “Smiley Face” speed controls at Drummuir to be further investigated with Moray council. Cllr Coull to follow up on where council are with this.

The Aultmore Distillery defibrillator has been confirmed as being on the local list of public accessible units.

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Maggielockater location to be reinvestigated again.

Correspondence received

Nothing to report.

Treasurers report

James to update Debra Duke on last year's accounts.

James confirmed that there were no changes to account since last meeting in February.

Micro grant funds to be allocated for grass cutting in Newmill. Approved £250. James to arrange cheque for Hughie Kellas.

Planning

Nothing to report.

Windfarm Updates

A. Beatrice – Rhona reported meeting to be held 7pm, 10th March in the Longmore Community Hall.

George has arranged to meet with Newmill primary head teacher and PTA to ask if they need any funding.

Rhona suggested to the meeting that a joint funding application from Keith and Strathisla be made for resilience monies either from the Beatrice funds or SSEN Resilience Fund. This would buy resources for both communities. This area of concern was highlighted with the recent storms and gas/electric power outages. The obvious place for equipment would be the Community Halls and main supplies at Longmore Community Hall where there is more storage. Rhona suggested a joint working group to pull a funding application together from all the Community areas. Rhona to coordinate this through TMC Rhona McNicol officer in place for resilience.

B. Edintore – James, AGM 17th of March. George to attend.

C. Hill of Towie - James, May cut off for application.

D. Aultmore – George, public events will be held in Cullen & Newmill in March organised by Vatenfall consultants.

Members updates

Drummuir & Botriphnie – Nothing to report.

Grange – A few members of the Grange community have collected aid for the situation in Ukraine and will be sending two van loads. Well done excellent community spirit.

Mulben – Nothing to report.

Newmill – Still trying to get Christmas lights down.

George has been asked to help with the Jubilee celebration. The Strathisla Community Council acknowledges that the village of Newmill is requesting to hold a picnic in the village hall or playing fields (weather permitting) on June 4th 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. George has informed Lands & Parks and License sections to adhere to relevant risk assessments and public performance regulations. He has also consulted with Debra Duke to keep the Local Authority updated on village proposals for jubilee.

Rothiemay & Knock – Roads in local area are in bad repair, Karen has informed roads dept.

Elected Members

Cllr Theresa Coull – 2022/23 budget passed. Capital refurb budget has been approved for schools. New artificial pitch has been approved for Forres followed by refurb of others. Budget for CCTV upgrade has been approved. Seagull proof bins

around the coast and Elgin to be installed. Landslip at Grange going out for re-tender. The Moray Growth Deal Project will have a knock-on effect to outlying areas. The whisky industry is reporting that it is really buoyant at the moment with huge exports overseas.

Cllr Donald Gatt – 2022/23 approved budget was biggest event lately. On a pleasant note, Donald presented a bouquet of flowers on behalf of council to a lady in Keith care home who had reached 100 years old. Harbour advisory committee coming up for Portknockie and Cullen. Committee cycle finishes end of March and council will enter election mode.

Cllr Laura Powell – No report as not at meeting.

Community Feedback

Town centre planning to be presented at Keith Community Meeting on 7th of March, George and Karen to attend. Rhona cannot make it.

Joint Community Council – nothing to report.

AOCB – nothing to report

Date and time of next meeting – 6nd April 2022. Karen to arrange and host as George away.