

Strathisla Community Council
Meeting Minutes
7:30pm Wednesday 6th March 2024
Keith Community & Sports Centre, Banff Road, Keith

Attendees:

Strathisla Community Councillors: Priscilla Gordon-Duff (PGD), Tina Murphy (TM), Geraldine McKillop (GM) and John Taylor (JT)

Moray Council Councillors: Tracy Colyer (TrC), Theresa Coull (ThC), Donald Gatt (DG)

Moray Council: CLO Debra Duke (DD)

Visitor: Colin Burch Cullen & Deskford CC

1. **Welcome** - PGD wished a Happy New Year and welcomed all to the meeting and went quickly round the table for everyone to introduce themselves
2. **Apologies** – Bryony KSRP, James Mark (JM), Rhona Patterson (RP), Karen Price Iddon (KPI)
3. **Guests Speaker**
Colin Burch spoke on the possibility of a joint hustings event for the upcoming Westminster elections, which could be called at quite short notice and for which there would be new boundaries. He has approached all neighbouring CCs to Cullen & Deskford and proposed a meeting to look into setting this up. Meeting suggested that before taking this forward, the main political parties would need to confirm that they would be available to attend and that there is budget to pay for the hall and event costs. **ACTIONS: Colin to check with main political parties if they would be willing to attend and if they have any funds to cover the event. Strathisla Community Councillors to confirm if they would like to join the Set Up Meeting – by Wednesday 13th March**
4. **Appointments & Co-options** – PGD commented that she will not be at the May meeting and a Vice Chairman still needs to be appointed. TM is ok to continue as Minute Secretary at the minute
5. **Approved - Minutes of meeting – 4th October 2023** - proposed PGD, seconded TM
6. **Approved – Minutes of meeting – 21st February 2024** - proposed PGD, seconded TM
ACTION: Approved minutes to be circulated to all Halls in Strathisla area - TM
7. **Matters arising:**
 - Newmill Flood Scheme** – ongoing – DG
 - Woodland Strategy** – response made
 - Defibrillator Emails** – moved to Keiran’s Legacy – many thanks to RP for organising
 - Falls Walk** – inspected – handrails still to be erected – ongoing
 - AMEY** – plan to replace road signs on A96 – ongoing
 - JCC** – four attended from SCC at 50th anniversary event, JM received a long service award
 - Beatrice Micro Grants** – believed Hugh Kellas has been paid for Newmill grass cutting
 - Remembrance Day** – wreaths had been collected and laid at War Memorials
 - Slow Ways** – Ian Douglas had not heard of this initiative – PGD
8. **Treasurers Report** -none. **CC Running Costs** – DD can work these out for the main part. SCC is registered as a data controller, around £35/£40 p/a. All CCs are insured through Zurich Insurance on a block policy. Laptop & printer are listed as assets **ACTION: TM to ask if George Gartly has these**
9. **Planning / Weekly wards** – SSEN have 2 public exhibitions tomorrow 7th March at Longmore Community Hall for Blackhillock 2 400kV Substation – now Coachford and also for the Beauty to Blackhillock to New Deer to Peterhead overhead line project. TC has the paperwork for the

Vattenfall Aultmore Windfarm Section 36 Application, which she will make available for viewing at King Memorial Hall, Grange

10. Reports, Events Attended and KSRP CDO – Both Police and KSRP CDO reports had been circulated by email

11. Updates

- a. **Boharm / Mulben** – no report
- b. **Botriphnie / Drummuir** – looking into funding new electric speed signs, Moray Council advising
- c. **Grange** – have appointed new Hall Committee, TM reported two instances of sheep worrying at Goukstone / Burnend. ThC will check re dog warden.
- d. **Rural Keith** – lots of potholes
- e. **Newmill** – lights at Alexandra Rd coming from Newmill side taking long time to change again
- f. **Rothiemay / Knock** – tree felling completed and verges recovering

12. Correspondence:

Moray Council - Road Safety Champions, looking for representatives from each CC area and taking forward suggestions from community

Moray Council – Play Parks – each area will need to make own response

Outfit Moray – First Aid Training – resilience funding will pay for training for first aiders named on resilience plan. SEN funding this. **ACTION:** DD to check how paid / booked

Moray Council – Kings Portrait – **ACTIONS:** TM to apply for 6 – one for each hall. PGD to invite Lord Lieutenant to unveil & ask about the pin badges

Email account – still an ongoing problem with auto forwarding. **ACTION:** TM to create new email

13. JCC – next meeting Thursday 9th May at Elgin Town Hall

14. AOCB - none

PGD thanked everyone for attending

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 3rd April 2024