

**Strathisla Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**7:30pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**Keith Community & Sports Centre, Banff Road, Keith**

**Attendees:**

Strathisla Community Councillors: James Mark (JM), Geraldine McKillop (GM), Tina Murphy (TM), Rhona Paterson (RP), John Taylor (JT)

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

Visitors: Int CEO MC – John Mundell, Police Scotland – Harry, Ambulance Service – Callum, Fire Service - Kevin

1. **Welcome** – Vice chairman - JT welcomed all to the meeting, chairing in the absence of PGD who is not available this evening and thanked all for coming
2. **Apologies** – PGG
3. **Guests Speakers – John Mundell – Interim CEO MC** – commented he was in attendance to see how SCC was running and to generally catch up. **Harry - Police Scotland** - update on current and ongoing challenges and antisocial behaviour in the Strathisla area and answered questions from Community Councillors. **Kevin – Fire Service** – currently 7 retained firefighters, looking for more, no age limit, must pass fitness test. Wealth of experience in current staff. **Callum – Ambulance Service** - Keith has a single Ambulance 24 hour cover, staff by either 1 or 2 on 12 hour shift. Difficulty getting out at Turner Street – ThC will look follow up. No 24 hour fuel access in Keith causes difficulty for refuelling. **Joint comment from all services** - work together in visiting schools and giving presentations to raise awareness of various issues and problems that the pupils may encounter. The housing for all 3 services have different drawbacks, lots of office space but restricted parking for Police. Poor access and lighting, few facilities and lack of inside and outside space for Ambulance service and restricted access and facilities for the Fire Service. All thought the provision of a joint site with the appropriate space and facilities would enable much better working practices and more closely integrated services to be provided. Often when one service is called, it requires the attendance of at least one of the other emergency services. JT thanked the Service personnel for taking time to contribute to the meeting, they are always welcome to attend
4. **Approved - Minutes of meeting** – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 - proposed JM, seconded GM
5. **Matters arising:**  
**Kings Portrait** – TM has the portrait – where is it to be displayed?
6. **Treasurers Report** – balance sheet stands at £53,076.43 (including the £50,000 resilience) also includes the £362 received from Moray Council. £1,053.10 left in Beatrice Micro Grants Fund. Confirmed £400 sponsorship to be paid to Keith in Flower from Strathisla CC Funds
7. **Planning / Weekly wards** – Rosearie Quarry – JM, TM, RP and JT joined a Zoom presentation by Clare Barber of Fairhursts on this application and raised various questions on screening, vehicle movements, duration etc. This zoom meeting with Fairhursts was a presentation with no decision-making being required or decisions made and was not a full community council meeting. TM will submit a note of the Zoom meeting to the CCLO. The audio recording of the meeting had been circulated to SCC
8. **Reports, Events Attended** – Police report circulated by email. JT – attended European Energy Teindland Public Consultation, the proposal is outwith SCC area but visible from some parts of it. European Energy have offered to attend SCC with further information if required and are preparing visuals
9. **Updates**
  - a. **Boharm / Mulben** – no report
  - b. **Botriphnie / Drummuir** – still waiting on new electric speed signs
  - c. **Grange** – 2 Micro Fund Applications submitted for King Memorial Hall and Grange Bowling Club

- d. **Rural Keith** – Some potholes now filled. Core Footpaths Ranger, Graeme Findlay, arranging survey of ‘Green Briggie’ on Falls walk.
  - e. **Newmill** – ongoing problem with various incidents of vandalization, at the school, broken glass at the park, broken bollard and the defibrillator at the hall, which was fixed extremely quickly. Some of the overgrowth has been cut back, still more to do.
  - f. **Rothiemay / Knock** – no report
- 10. Correspondence:**  
**Fishwives Walk** - TM to respond to consultation. ThC commented that Moray Local Outdoor Access Forum (MLOAF) to meet on Tuesday night to discuss. SCC no objection to variation. Suggest that access over the current route might be requested and pre-arranged with the landowner if there are supervised walks by large groups and sponsored walks
- 11. JCC** – next meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August – venue TBA
- 12. AOCB**  
**Resilience Generators** – RP - Ewan McDonald costing the generators. To house in basement of Longmore Hall, MC will require full architects drawings which will cost thousands of pounds.  
**Digital Hubs** - JT attending online information session, on 9 July 2024 at 11am, with Darran Gillian (SVCO Digital Inclusion Development Officer) on potential for developing “digital hubs” in Moray  
**Next Meeting** – General Election on 4<sup>th</sup> July with Moray and Community Councillors involvement suggested move next meeting from 3rd July to 10<sup>th</sup> July.

JT thanked everyone for attending

**Meeting closed at 9:00pm**  
**Date of next meeting - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
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