

Strathisla Community Council
Meeting Minutes
7:30pm Wednesday 10th July 2024
Held on Zoom

Attendees:

Strathisla Community Councillors:, Geraldine McKillop (GM), Tina Murphy (TM), Rhona Paterson (RP), Karen Price Iddon (KPI)

Moray Council (MC) Councillors: Tracy Colyer (TrC)

Visitors: None

1. **Welcome** – Secretary – TM – welcomed all to the meeting, TM was chairing as both Priscilla Gordon Duff (PGD) and John Taylor (JT) were unavailable. The meeting had been moved to Zoom as the roads at Grange were flooded and the wet weather was making travel very hazardous
2. **Apologies** – PGD, Theresa Coull (ThC), Donald Gatt (DG), James Mark (JM), JT
3. **Guests Speakers** – None. TM reported that McMillan Consultancy Ltd on behalf of EDP Renewables will attend the next SCC meeting on Wednesday 4th September to provide a short update on the Cairds Hill Wind Farm project (formerly called 'Edintore II Wind Farm')
4. **Approved - Minutes of meeting** – 12th June 2024 - proposed RP, seconded GM
5. **Matters arising:**
Kings Portrait – PGD has been in discussion with Keith Sports & Community Centre, who may display the portrait in the meeting room, to be confirmed. It may also be possible to display the SCC green sign at the Sports Centre, TM has handed in sign for consideration
6. **Treasurers Report** – No treasurers report. Beatrice Micro Grant fund stands at £553.10. TM reported that 3 Micro Grant applications had been submitted one each from Drummuir & Botriphnie Community Trust (D&BCT) for £250 towards Floral Displays through the Village, Grange Community Association (GCA) for £250 towards internal redecoration costs at King Memorial Hall and from Keith & Strathisla Regeneration Partnership (KSRP) for £250 towards the monthly cost of running the InKeith Facebook page and InKeith website. TM commented that having checked the regulations, the application from KSRP should not be considered as it was for staff costs and not permitted under the scheme. A decision on the application from D&BCT was deferred, to allow time to enquire if the £77,696 listed under unrestricted reserves was correct. The application from GCA was approved.
7. **Planning / Weekly wards** – TM commented on an application to erect a poultry shed to accommodate 32,000 commercial free range laying hens for egg production on land adjacent to The Haughs, Keith with relation to the access to the A96 near Crooksmill.
8. **Reports, Events Attended** – RP attended an online information session hosted by Darran Gillian (SVCO Digital Inclusion Development Officer) on potential for developing “digital hubs” in Moray. This is at a very early stage but may be something that could be taken forward at the Longmore Community Hall. RP is also attending the Town Centre Improvement meetings
9. **Updates**
 - a. **Boharm / Mulben** – no report
 - b. **Botriphnie / Drummuir** – no report. Micro Fund application submitted for Floral Displays in Village

- c. **Grange** – Micro Fund application submitted for King Memorial Hall internal decoration. Funding applications being drafted to Edintore for King Memorial Hall for Solar Panels and another for Fire Compliant Curtains. Ongoing problem being tied to an energy contract at 50p per unit, RP commented that GCA should contact Business Energy Scotland who may be able to assist
- d. **Rural Keith** – More potholes have been filled and some roads now chipped. Tyres have been dumped in the layby on A96 just south of Keith
- e. **Newmill** – names of suspected vandals provided to Police Scotland, the fence at Back St had now been broken for over 2 years, the bollard ripped from its base by the War Memorial is being stored by RP, the Brae still very overgrown
- f. **Rothiemay / Knock** – roads are quite badly flooded, verges very overgrown making difficult to see out at junctions. TrC will check when next trim is scheduled

10. Correspondence:

Had been circulated – no comments

- 11. **JCC** – next meeting Thursday 8th August – venue TBA. If to be held by Zoom / Teams TrC will attend

12. AOCB

KSRP – Community Development Officer – RP reported that Bryony was no longer in position. A report is being prepared for the funders Beatrice on the outcomes of the project. It is not known currently if a new appointment will be made to this post.

Keith in Flower – GM reported that volunteers were very disappointed that the Heras fencing against the left bank was re-instated by Moray Council. They are pressing MC to try and progress a resolution to the subsidence with the adjoining land owner. TM to draft letter that SCC are fully in support of the work of Keith in Flower in their plantings and displays and appreciate the hard work being done by the Volunteers. The floral displays are a great asset to the town and much appreciated by residents, tourists and those driving through Keith. However, as the bandstand park and adjoining property are outwith the Strathisla area, the meeting felt it was not appropriate for SCC to comment on this.

TM thanked everyone for attending

Meeting closed at 8:30pm
Date of next meeting - Wednesday 4th September 2024

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