

**Strathisla Community Council**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes**  
**7:30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**Keith Community & Sports Centre, Banff Road, Keith**

**Attendees:**

Strathisla Community Councillors: Priscilla Gordon-Duff (PGD), James Mark (JM), Geraldine McKillop (GM), Tina Murphy (TM), Rhona Paterson (RP), Karen Price Iddon (KPI), John Taylor (JT)  
Moray Council Councillors: Theresa Coull (ThC), Donald Gatt (DG), Tracy Colyer (TrC)  
Others: CCLO – Debra Duke (CCLO), Rob Collin, Ben Thomas

1. **Welcome** – PGD welcomed all to the meeting, and introduced Rob Collin and Ben Thomas who will provide an update on the Cairds Hill Windfarm Development project (Formerly Edintore II)
2. **Apologies** – None
3. **Speakers** Rob Collin of Greencat Renewables and Ben Thomas of EDP Energy - The proposal for the Cairds Hill Wind Farm is for four turbines, three with a maximum tip height of 180m and one of 150m and a maximum installed capacity of up to 16.8MW (based on a 4.2MW turbine) to be on the northern edge of the Edintore Wind Farm. The majority of the site is forestry and grazing land adjacent to Blackhillock Substation and Cairds Hill Quarry and has been designed as an extension to the existing wind farm. A general update was provided, followed by a Q&A session. Main points were concerns over private water supplies had been settled, traffic for the main part would use the existing tracks which were used to access the Edintore Windfarm, cabling would be underground in a separate trench to any pre-existing underground cables, community benefit fund would be around £84,000 per annum index linked, potentially to be administered by REAP. PGD thanked Rob and Ben for their update.

*[NOTE: Regarding question asked about Public Consultation - Pre-application meeting was held on 29/10/20 with Moray Council and Key Stakeholders - possibly by Zoom (covid travel / meeting restrictions in force?). Public Consultation Presentation was at the Longmore Community Hall on Tues 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2022]*

4. **Approved - Minutes of meeting** – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - proposed KPI, seconded GM. PGD thanked both JT and TM for chairing the last 2 meetings in her absence
5. **Matters arising:**
  - Kings Portrait** – PGD reported that the Sports Centre had declined to put the portrait up. TrC will raise with John Mundell. RP commented that the Keith regalia was currently held in the Keith library. This may be another potential venue for the portrait.
  - Strathisla CC Sign** – TM, as requested by Kim Slater, handed the SCC sign into the Sports Centre for the attention of Moira Webster but no response received. TrC will follow up.
  - Drummuir Trust** – JM confirmed that the 'Unrestricted Reserves' were incorrectly stated on the Beatrice Micro Grant Application and the reserve in the main is restricted to funding received for specific projects.
  - KSRRP Community Development Officer** – RP confirmed that a report has been submitted to the funder and if further funding is achieved a new CDO will be appointed. PGD requested that if possible SCC would like to have sight of the report.
  - Bandstand Park** - the first set of Heras fencing had been removed without authority and due to the unstable nature of the bank, the new Heras fencing was to remain in place. MC are not in a financial position to undertake action regarding the bank.
6. **Treasurers Report** – JM reported balance stands at £52,176.43 (including the £50,000 resilience) £40 to be paid to Information Commissioner. There may be a small amount to pay for the hustings event at Cullen as not all candidates have paid their share of expenses. RP reported Ewan McDonald was making progress with generators, new housing for the Longmore one, Rothiemay's will be portable. Ewan was having to collate new prices. JM confirmed the Beatrice Micro Grant Fund of £303.12 as there are 3 applications in: Hugh Kellas - grass cutting, Newmill; Drummuir & Botriphnie Trust - Floral Displays, Drummuir; Grange Community Association - Smoke Detectors, King Memorial Hall, each awarded £101 to clear fund balance. CCLO confirmed that travel expenses could be claimed for attending SCC meetings at Keith. Claims forms are available in the CC Handbook on MC website. TM will download and send on when issuing minutes, agenda, etc.

7. **Planning / Weekly wards** – no comments made
8. **Community Council Scheme Review Consultation** – CCLO spoke about the current review of the CC Scheme and ways to input to this especially with regard to boundaries. CCLO will send word version of the survey and collate the SCC responses into a joint response. It was important to try and record all costs incurred by CCs even if they are not being claimed, to enable a true cost to be calculated. It may be that the distribution of funds may change in the future.
9. **Reports, Events Attended and KSRP CDO** – Police report circulated by email. PGD attended the Speyside Hydrogen Project exhibition at Glenlivet, which is at a very early stage. RP reported the Town Centre Task Force are holding event at the Longmore Community Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> September from 2 till 6, to encourage empty shops / owners to come along, meet the planners and get advice from Business Gateway. Funding is now open for 50% of upgrade costs.
10. **Updates**
  - a. **Boharm / Mulben** – no report
  - b. **Botriphnie / Drummuir** – nothing specific other than potholes
  - c. **Grange** – spate of accidents recently by King Memorial Hall, Traffic Engagement Team are assisting
  - d. **Newmill** – Flood Scheme – ThC is keeping an eye on this, fence remains broken. Complaints received regarding scrap in Hill St. RP to provide photos & TrC will check position.
  - e. **Rothiemay / Knock** – verges remain uncut
  - f. **Rural Keith** – pot holes, which had been filled and re-surfaced unfortunately are re-appearing
11. **Correspondence:**

**59 – Developer Obligations Supplementary Guidance** - focuses on updating rates for mitigation re Education, Health, Transport, Sports and Community / Recreational Facilities, Renewable Energy; Art; Town Centres. It is currently out for consultation until 11 October 2024. RP drafting a paper on the developer obligations with specific reference to renewable energy developments
12. **JCC** – no comments
13. **AOCB**

**KSRP** - RP confirmed that KSRP now have 2 pop up shops available in Keith  
**Apology** – JT put in apology for next meeting on 02-10-24

PGD thanked everyone for attending

**Meeting closed at 9:00pm**  
**Date of next meeting - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024**  
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