

**Strathisla Community Council**  
**DRAFT Minutes - 6:30pm - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**Keith Community & Sports Centre, Banff Road, Keith**

**Attendees:**

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

Moray Councillors: Tracy Colyer (TrC), Donald Gatt (DG)

Others: Alona Murray – Inspector of Schools

1. **Welcome** – Vice Chair JT welcomed all to the meeting and thanked for accommodating the early start.
2. **Apologies** – Priscilla Gordon-Duff (PGD), Teresa Coull (ThC)
3. **Crossroads School** – Alona Murray spoke about the current consultation on Crossroads School. Once closed it cannot re-open and the building will probably be disposed of. Discussed possible changes to the catchment areas for Keith and Rothiemay primaries to include the extensive Crossroads catchment area and potential future community uses for the buildings. Defib on school may need to be relocated.
4. **Approved - Minutes of meeting** – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - proposed GM, seconded JM
5. **Matters arising:**
  - Kings Portrait – Strathisla CC Sign** TrC awaiting response
  - Wreaths – all laid** - JT reported that unlike others, SCC wreaths were not named in the middle. JM will look into this when ordering
  - Money for Moray** - voting has now closed and results being collated
6. **Treasurers Report** – first tranche £7,818 paid to Muirton for generator at Drummuir, switching gear installed today. Moray Council CC grant of £365.42 had been received. Bank balance £44,130.73, of which SCC unrestricted is £1,948.73, the rest is the balance resilience fund. Muirton have been approved to proceed at Newmill with 50% £10,500. Rothiemay will have to be repriced for a portable generator; Kevin at Keith Fire Stion has offered to store it. Although portable it weighs around ½ ton.
7. **Planning / Weekly wards** – no comments
8. **Reports, Events Attended** – TM attended TSI Moray Meet the Funders Event, which was a different format without workshops and poorly attended due to the Snow.
9. **Updates**
  - a. **Boharm / Mulben** – no report
  - b. **Botriphnie / Drummuir** – Christmas trees up and lights are on
  - c. **Grange** – Fibre installation ongoing on various roads, causing some access difficulties
  - d. **Newmill** – Back St fence has been replaced. Hill St ditch has been cleared. Other ‘non flood scheme’ ditches still choked. Bollards at Memorial still being vandalised; police are aware. Extensive discussion on potential future ownership and upkeep of the lanes owned by Newmill Estate, which is in the course of being broken up and sold
  - e. **Rothiemay / Knock** – lots of pot holes
  - f. **Rural Keith** – road markings at Blackhillock Sub Station / Blackhillock Croft still need repainting. Fly tipping removed from A96 Tarnash layby. TM has asked AMEY to display tel no at Unon Bridge lights for when they are not synching.
10. **Correspondence: - Library Consultation** - several petitions being signed in Keith and Fife Keith shops
11. **JCC** – no report
12. **AOCB** - none

JT thanked everyone for attending and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**Meeting closed at 7:30pm**  
**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

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