

Strathisla Community Council
APPROVED Minutes - 6:00pm - Wednesday 2nd April 2025
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 Councillors: Tracy Colyer (TrC), Theresa Coull (ThC)

1. **Welcome** – Vice Chair JT welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Apologies** – Karen Price Iddon (KPI)
3. **Approved - Minutes of meeting** – 5th March 2025 - proposed JM, seconded GM
4. **Matters arising:**
 - Kings Portrait** – position to hang identified photo to be sent to acting CEO (TrC)
 - Old Den Road** - ThC reported that the rubbish lying on and around Old Den Rd had been cleared by Moray Council. TM commented on the excellent job that the workers had made of tidying up
5. **Community Council Elections** – JT, JM, TM, GM will all stand. RP will be standing down.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Moray Council CC Grant £365.42 received. Bank balance £10,922.90 of which £8,721.20 is the balance of the resilience fund.
7. **Planning / Weekly wards** – no comments
8. **Reports, Events Attended – Police Report** – in new format had been circulated. The report did not contain any details or statistics on Police responses and activities. TM to enquire if the report is complete.
 - Field BESS** – JM had attended – proposed 400Mw battery unit will be biggest in UK
 - Coachford Sub Station** - Engineering solution required due to underlying 'rotten rock'. Field want to reuse the current NEXANS laydown / office compound but Nexans are currently required to remove and reinstate
 - Edintore AGM** – JM commented that a new representative was required to sit on funding panel, meeting agreed TM to attend. Next meeting last Tuesday of September.
9. **Updates**
 - a. **Boharm / Mulben** – no report
 - b. **Botriphnie / Drummuir** – Speed signs – MC erecting poles for the speed signs, had put second pole in wrong place, this was removed before cement set, MC to resite in correct place
 - c. **Grange** – Fibre installation ongoing
 - d. **Newmill** – Newmill Estate owners have intimated they own the Newmill Memorial Clock Tower. Newmill Hall Lease is due for renewal but has not been signed as yet as MC want a full repairing lease,
 - e. **Rothiemay / Knock** – no report
 - f. **Rural Keith** – road markings at Blackhillock Sub Station / Blackhillock Croft still need repainting.
10. **Correspondence: - Aultmore Windfarm Redesign** – MC had objected to current application due to visual impact, application being amended before reapplying.
11. **JCC** – no report
12. **AOCB** – Muirton had prices for mobile generator for Rothiemay, at around £1,800 for a wheel mounted or £6,500 on a trailer. Question was asked as to who owns the Rothiemay playing field 'The Lossat'. The Forbes Arms car park may be the best and most secure location for the mobile generator and to house the change over switch.

JT thanked everyone for attending and put in his apology for the meeting on 7th May.

Meeting closed at 6:55
Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7th May 2025
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