

Strathisla Community Council
Approved Minutes - 6:00pm - Wednesday 2nd July 2025
Keith Community & Sports Centre, Banff Road, Keith

Attendees:

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

Moray Councillors: Teresa Coull (ThC), Donald Gatt (DG),

1. **Welcome** – JT welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Apologies** – Tracy Colyer (TrC)
3. **Minutes of last meeting** – Weds 6th May - **Minutes Approved** - Proposed JM, seconded GM
4. **Matters arising not on Agenda:**
Kings Portrait – Strathisla CC Sign awaiting response – CEO of MC
5. **Community Council Elections** – All Community Councillors present confirmed they wished to continue and hoped Priscilla Gordon-Duff may return at the end of her sabbatical. Various people suggested for Newmill, Rothiemay and Boharm; Community Councillors to make contact in first instance.

Paperwork – TM to ask CCLO when this will be issued
6. **Review of the Scheme of Establishment** – TM had circulated notes on the amendments, most refer to changes of policy and inclusion of new statutes, Equality Act etc. Some are changes of a single word, not materially affecting the scheme and other just clarifying actions required and sources of information. Consultation closes on 25th July.
7. **Update on Resilience Project & Generators** – JT had spoken to Michael Legge at Muirton who will provide copies of the quotes invoices refer to for Newmill and Drummur. Muirton confirmed user manuals are on site with the generators. There are a considerable number outstanding questions, which will hopefully be clarified when the paperwork and emails relating to the project are handed over by Rhona Patterson, who is aware of the information required. CCLO will follow this up once back from annual leave. Item to remain on Agenda.

Rothiemay Generator - KPI in talks with Neil from the Lossat. If required to be used, it may be possible to site the generator outside the hall, although it may be better at the Lossat, to act as an outreach centre with volunteers going to those in need of assistance. The resilience fund stands at £8,712.20 and further funding is required to complete the project of possibly up to £20,000. Funders suggested included Money for Moray and Keith Greener Grid. TrC assisting KPI to take the project forward.

Meeting agreed - to funding application(s) being made as Strathisla Community Council to complete the Rothiemay section of the Resilience Project.
8. **Treasurers Report** – no movement in account since last report
9. **Planning / Weekly wards** – JM commented that there seemed a lot of retrospective applications at the moment
10. **Reports, Events Attended** – TM – Beaully to Peterhead 400kv OHL – the proposed sub station at Coachford is not currently being progressed. Pylons have been realigned to skirt just inside the wooded area of the Balloch.

11. Updates

- a. **Boharm / Mulben** – no report
- b. **Botriphnie / Drummuir** – JM reported that the Gordon-Duffs have purchased Drummuir Kirk
- c. **Grange** – nothing to report
- d. **Newmill** – no report
- e. **Rothiemay / Knock** – nothing to report
- f. **Rural Keith** – TM – still no road markings at junction of U/C road with Blackhillock Sub Station/ Blackhillock Croft; this may be as surface dressing is ongoing

12. Correspondence: No comments

13. JCC – JT & KPI hope to attend the next meeting

14. AOCB

July Meeting - TM queried why SCC met in July when Councillors are on recess – historically due to Keith Show.

Meeting agreed - going forward to meet in August and miss out July

Hall Insurance - JM – Halls that have generators should inform their insurers; this will probably not increase any premium but may be important if a claim is made

JT thanked everyone for attending

Meeting closed at 6:45pm

Date of next meeting ~ Wednesday 3rd September 2025

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