

**Strathisla Community Council**  
**DRAFT Minutes - 6:00pm - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**  
**Keith Community & Sports Centre, Banff Road, Keith**

**Attendees:**

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

**Moray Councillors:** Donald Gatt (DG), Theresa Coull (ThC)

**Others:** Marian Brown, Martina Ayres, George Cordiner, Tim Renshaw, Rosemary Garrity, Barbara O'Brien, Pat McKelvey, Nicola Irvin, Alistair Irvin

1. **AOCB – Caley Casks Planning Application – Viewfield Farm, Craigellachie** – visitors from Ben Aigan / Craigellachie - opposition & strong opinion on this application with a range of issues being raised and discussed. The group believed that of the 32 stated policies 22 did not appear relevant. Of greatest concern were the access to the site from the A95, the narrow road and single track bridge at Fiddichside, the history of landslip in the area, the poor quality of the environmental impact assessment along with concerns over noise / light pollution and loss of agricultural land. SCC will submit response highlighting concerns of residents in the area and asking for Transport Scotland to review their response. SCC will not oppose the application. Visitors were invited to think about providing a representative on Strathisla CC.  
**Money for Moray** – KPI - Next round of funding will be the last in current format which will become 'Participatory Democracy' which may mean that funding moves from smaller projects to bigger groups  
**Planning Training** – TM – this is being organised and may hopefully be later this month
2. **Welcome & Apologies** – JT welcomed all to the meeting. Apology: Tracy Colyer, George Gartly (GG), Lesley Gartly (LG), Rachael McCutcheon (RM)
2. **Minutes of last meeting** – Weds 4<sup>th</sup> February - Minutes Approved - Proposed GM, seconded JT
3. **Matters arising not on Agenda:**  
Zenobe – TM - Foundation Scotland were at Keith CC on Monday and no update / funds since their presentation at SCC in February.  
Defibrillators – letter to be sent to halls to fund raise for maintenance – TM to draft up  
Rothiemay Benches – KPI commented that these seemed in reasonable condition but would investigate further regarding ownership  
Newmill Low Road – in a terrible state. Signs up that road is about to be closed for work on drainage  
Kincairn Bridge – work continues on the drainage around the bridge scheduled to continue until April  
Rothiemay Resilience – Rothiemay Generator – KPI - Committees at the Lossat and Hall in a state of flux and with little co-operation between the 2 groups. KPI will speak to household behind the Hall. Mayen Estate have offered a generator. SSEN confirmed they do not require balance repaid as the project is closed
5. **Resilience Project** – TM - Rhona Patterson has still not submitted the information required. CLO aware the information provided to date is inadequate. Item to remain on Agenda
6. **Newmill Bus Shelter** – DG has provide a map, GG to indicate possible site for a bus shelter. May possibly be something that Zenobe or another local funder will assist with
7. **Treasurers Report** – JM reported that admin grant of £358.86 had been received, bank balance £11,588.62 of which resilience fund is £8,712.20. JM reimbursed for Wreaths.
8. **Planning / Weekly wards** – no comments
9. **Reports, Events Attended** – JT attended 3 online events: NHS Grampian Draft Priorities 2026/27 - 100 online, 99% agreed fixing basics imperative. JT had then contacted Keith Health Centre to ask them to review / reactivate their online system. Local Government Review – Route Map to Reform – Consultation ongoing for 6 years but may potentially be shelved. Local Place Plans – these allow local communities to have greater input regarding proposals for development and use of land in their own area. There is not one currently for Keith / Strathisla

10. **Councillor Reports** – ThC - usual committees etcetera being held and attended. Full council meeting held last Wednesday, Planning tomorrow, Education yesterday. DG – usual committees attended Budget meeting had been held and applications for brown bin permits will be publicized in due course
11. **Strathisla Updates:**
  - a. **Boharm / Mulben** – vacant – no report
  - b. **Botriphnie / Drummuir** – JM – a copper theft last weekend at Towiemoor is being investigated by Police Scotland
  - c. **Grange** – JT / GM – potholes on road past Floors have been filled. Car in field for couple of weeks by Meikle Cantley
  - d. **Newmill** – GG / LG - no report
  - e. **Rothiemay / Knock** – KPI – nothing
  - f. **Rural Keith** – TM – nothing
12. **Correspondence: InKeith & Strathisla** – email inviting SCC to AGM and thanking SCC for being members of InKeith & Strathisla. TM had for the third time emailed confirming that Strathisla Community Council is not a member or affiliated in any way to InKeith & Strathisla.
13. **JCC** – JT & KPI attended on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm. EZO will be taking over car charging points in Aberdeenshire, Highland and Moray in partnership. Moray currently has 57 public charging points with 44 additional ones planned. Community Council's have been asked to provide a representative with regard to renewable energy issues and consider agreeing a Moray Community Councils statement. MC raised a formal objection to the Beauly to Peterhead overhead powerline after a vote from councillors of 9-4 in favour of the objection.

JT thanked everyone for attending

**Meeting closed at 7:05pm**

**Date of next meeting ~ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026**

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