

## **Strathisla Community Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013**

**Present:** Ian Ross, Fiona Wallace, Megan Wallace-Baldwin, Keith Comrie, Innes MacPherson, Cllr Shepherd

**Apologies :** Cllr Cree, Cllr Murdoch, James Mark, Cllr Coull, Matthew Sutherland, Jenny Anderson, Paul Shelton

**In attendance:** Donna Jamieson, Rachel Anderson, Ruth Hardgate, PC McKinnon

Minutes of last meeting approved by Keith, seconded by Ian.

#### **Guest Speaker-RES:**

Rachel Anderson and Ruth Hardgate: came to discuss RES's intention to submit planning application for up to 21 more wind turbines (Hill of Towie II). This is initial consultation and they will be consulting all the usual community groups. Discussions took place regarding the scoping report (Fiona has a copy), siting of the turbines and the fact that some may be bigger than existing turbines. They are now offering a Community Fund of £3000 per megawatt, they are also offering local electricity discount scheme. They also propose this as a trial of 'tangible community benefits'. Questions were asked as to who approved the applications. For the pre-scoping consultation they speak to MC but the decision initially lies with the Scottish Executive. Fiona voiced concerns regarding the area of benefit for current Hill of Towie being not appropriately proportioned. RES stated it was based on distance from turbines. Fiona commented that distance wasn't always appropriate. Keith benefits from the community fund but the majority of homes would have no visual impact or sighting of the turbines whereas more rural areas/homes will be affected in the surrounding sightlines. Fiona asked that RES take this into consideration for their review of the existing community fund for Hill of Towie and proposed community fund for Hill of Towie II.

#### **1. Police Matters:**

Since last meeting there have been 24 recorded crimes in Keith. These crimes and offences mainly consisted of dishonesties, road traffic offenses, vandalisms, public disorder offences. The dishonesties include two break-ins into domestic properties in Grange and a further break in to commercial premises. There have also been a number of fuel thefts from motor vehicles and vehicle accessories. Patrols have been set up to try and combat this.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April Police Scotland was formed, which contains all 8 Scottish police services. This will not affect how local communities are policed and the only notable changes will be cosmetic, i.e. removal of Grampian Police Logos etc. Reminder of non-emergency number: **101**

Fiona raised questions as to the whereabouts of the fuel thefts, to which the answer was Grange, and also notified PC McKinnon of vans going around the Grange area.

Ian raised concerns of thefts in Newmill. PC McKinnon will investigate, and will report next meeting.

## **2. Treasurer Report.**

There are receipts for Jenny- Carry forward

## **3. Youth Issues.**

Megan has started Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. Time spent at SCC will go towards the volunteering section of the award.

## **4. Planning.**

Mains of Bodinfinnoch-Proposed 4 turbines. Letter received regarding appeal against rejection.

**Action: Fiona to forward to Keith and Innes**

Edintore Wind farm – no further correspondence

Crossroads Garage, Rothiemay –carry forward

Hill Of Towie-RES- **see guest speaker**

## **5. Botriphnie.**

Water at hall-Carry forward

Car parking for village hall– Carry Forward.

Representative not present

## **6. Grange.**

Hall- funding for interior refurb being explored-quotes to be obtained-carry forward

Quiz night was a success

Fuel thefts-see **Police matters**

## **7. Rothiemay.**

Crossroads garage- see planning.

Rep not present

## **8. Boharm.**

Hall, Mulben-refurbishment well underway.

Footpath-in front of Mulben houses-MC enforcement officer we believe to be as Stuart Dale, to be contacted direct. **Action: Fiona to contact**

Eyesore- has been removed-many thanks to homeowner.

Unsafe building-Fiona has contacted Kevan Sturgeon MC regarding unsafe building site. There was a site visit some time ago and there has been some contact with the owner via his architect and was instructed to board up doors and windows. He admitted they had not revisited the site but will do in the near future and report back.

## **9. Newmill.**

Glenisla House-no report back from Cllr Coull. **Action: Fiona to contact Kevan Sturgeon.**

New recycling bins have been received by all householders.

Household break-in concerns- **see police matters**

## **10. Correspondence.**

Zurich insurance letter received for insurance cover-clarified, MC does pay CC insurance.

Gypsy traveller sites consultation- letter receive re draft plans from MC. **Action: Fiona will respond of behalf of SCC.**

## **11. AOCB.**

Advertising campaign- website setup- Fiona has contacted local web designer who should be able to attend next meeting. Discussion took place re advertising. JCC are discussing newspaper campaign to get more people involved with the run up to next years elections. All agreed to wait, to see what their campaign is and to tag on to it. We also discussed the possibility of a facebook page being set up for the council.

## **12. Date of next meeting   Wednesday 1st May 2013**