

## **Strathisla Community Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013**

**Present:** Ian Ross, Fiona Wallace, Jenny Anderson, Paul Shelton, Keith Comrie, Innes Macpherson, James Mark, Matthew Sutherland, Cllr Coull, Cllr Cree

**Apologies :** Megan Wallace-Baldwin, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Murdoch

**In attendance:** John Gelling, Jacob Gelling, P.C Wayne Young

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

#### **Website Design:**

Jacob Gelling a local schoolboy from Grange came to talk to us about his own business in which he designs and maintains websites. He previously helped design the Crossroads Primary School website when he was a pupil and recently designed Keith Community Association's website also. SCC had a long talk about what we would like/want regarding a website and members also felt that a facebook page would capture youth interest. SCC are looking for a simple and easy to navigate design so Jacob will come up with ideas and present them at the next meeting, hopefully he will also purchase the domain name 'www.strathislacc.org' and confirm this soon. Member have been asked to bring forward any ideas. **Action: Fiona will email Jacob with general contact details, all members asked to search for a logo/ideas for a logo and any other info to forward to Jacob.**

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

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of April there have been 45 recorded crimes in Keith. A large number of these are dishonesty crimes and include thefts of unattended items, theft by house breaking, theft by opening lock fast places and sneak in thefts. These crimes have occurred within and out with the town centre itself and include both industrial and domestic properties. Increased Police patrols are continuing in the town and residents are requested to report suspicious vehicles or people seen in the area.

No new issues raised by members.

#### **2. Treasurer Report.**

Report a healthy balance, nil incoming. One outgoing for stationery.

No other issues.

### **3. Youth Issues.**

Megan continues with Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Matthew is keen to help with the facebook page so he will liaise with Jacob.

### **4. Planning.**

Edintore Wind farm – no further correspondence

Crossroads Garage, Rothiemay –planning permission has been granted for the tyre recycling plant.

### **5. Grange.**

Hall- no new information

No new issues

### **6. Rothiemay.**

Crossroads garage- see planning.

Land at war memorial- MC has contacted SCC for consultation regarding re-proposed sale of the ground to a local resident (neighbour). Much discussion has taken place with Rothiemay residents and they are in favour of the sale. There has been a verbal agreement between the proposed buyer and the Lossatt group that a small portion of the land, when purchased, will be given to the Lossatt for their memorial garden. Therefore SCC support this. **Action: Fiona will email MC with no objections to the sale.**

### **7. Boharm.**

Hall, Mulben-still in works

Footpath-in front of Mulben houses- Keith has contacted Building Standards. The original contractor has ceased to trade. However paperwork has been uncovered showing that the contractor did place a 'bond' with MC, it appears that this can be used to fund the footpath. **Action: Keith will speak to MC regarding how to proceed with this.**

Unsafe building-Building Standards have visited the property and said there is no risk- unsightly but not dangerous. BS have no other concerns at this time.

## **8. Newmill.**

Glenisla House-More concerns regarding falling masonry. Fiona has emailed Kevan Sturgeon but he is on leave. **Action:Fiona to forward to Cllr Coull to deal with.**

Bin Collection- there has been some confusion as to whether the pick up dates have changed. Also, bin at playing field is overflowing. **Action: Cllr Cree to look into this.**

## **9. Botriphnie.**

Water at hall-Scottish Water have been up to survey. Work to start soon on gulley drainage.

Hall- There are concerns regarding high water rates. After discussion, the general consensus is that halls should be exempt from rates. Forms to be filled in regarding exemptions. Advice has been given to warn other halls.

Potholes in B9115- Concerns regarding large holes. **Action: Cllr Cree will email roads dept.**

Car Parking- talks with planning department to try and get in local plan. This is a long term process. There will be updates when new info is found.

## **10. Correspondence.**

Email received with information regarding the Glen Moray Bike Ride.

Walk to work week- information received but not appropriate for most in rural areas.

Forestry Commission- Aultmore Forest Design letter and CD received- Fiona has information.

CC Consultant- Ian will read and digest and report back to members.

## **11. AOCB.**

Fiona wishes to raise awareness towards the Rock The House competition in which Roads To Damascus are entered in.

## **12. Date of next meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013**