

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 6th November 2013

Present: Keith Comrie, Ian Ross, James Mark, Innes Macpherson, Cllr Ron Shepherd, Cllr Stuart Cree.

Guests . John Gelling, Jacob Gelling, Rachael Anderson RES

Apologies : Cllr Coull, Cllr Murdoch, Priscilla Gordon-Duff, Jenny Anderson.

In attendance: Sgt Mulloy

Minutes approved by Ian and seconded by Innes.

Guest Speaker Rachael Anderson RES, gave a presentation of the latest information on the application for the expansion of the Hill of Towie Windfarm. She explained that the consultation period is now on, this is to appear in both local and national newspapers. Rachael then went on to explain how the community will benefit from this, the proposal is for the community fund to receive £2000 per Mw, with a further £3000 per Mw to go towards a subsidy of electric bills of householders and businesses in the surrounding area, this provoked much discussion on how this will be decided as to who will or will not benefit. Rachael was thanked for her informative talk.

Website Design: Jacob gave us an update on the website which is almost complete and only requires a little fine tuning before we go on to advertise it.

1. Police Matters:

Since the last meeting in October, there has been only 20 crimes. Which consist of thefts and dishonesties, road traffic offences, vandalism and other miscellaneous offences. There has been an increase of thefts both in and out of town, those out of town are mostly fuel thefts.

Sgt Mulloy gave a timely reminder to be aware of the colder weather affecting road conditions and the early dark nights giving cover to break-ins. Ian brought up the subject of a number of vehicles with only one headlight, this being more dangerous on narrow roads as it is difficult to judge the width of oncoming vehicles. There were no further comments from the members.

2. Treasurer Report.

New treasurer James has yet to complete the handover due to Jenny working away.

3. Youth Issues. Unfortunately Megan is no longer able to attend and Matthew having gone off to Uni, we find ourselves without any Youth members for present. We wish them both well and hope to see them again in the future.

4. Planning.

Edintore Wind farm - carry forward.

Bodinnoch farm - no new information.

Red Hill, Rothiemay - No new information

Vattenfall- Fiona has information. Also, £2000 per megawatt has been allocated for the community fund.

RES-Hill of Towie II - Already discussed (see above)

5.Newmill The litter bin in the square is still behind the security fencing around Glenisla House, this has been ongoing for over 6 months. Request for it to be moved to a location where it can be accessed **Action Cllr Cree**

6.Grange.

Hall- ongoing, trying to get funding.

Condition of A95. Awaiting report from Cllr Coull.

7. Rothiemay.

Rep not present.

8. Boharm.

Hall. Work ongoing.

Footpath-in front of Mulben houses- Finished . All work ongoing by MC workers.

Boat-O-Brig. Work still ongoing , huge inconvenience to all residents.

9. Botriphnie.

Water at gully. Problem remains, still no action

Potholes in B9115. Still awaiting report. **Action: Gary will talk to MC roads department.**

Car Parking- talks carry forward.

No new issues.

10. Correspondence. Letter from Transport Scotland advertising roadshow re. dualling of the A96, Longmore Hall 19th November 12 –7pm.

Letter from War Memorials trust. This does not require any action on our part as all our memorials are maintained by the Moray Council.

Forestry commission. Review of forest design at Ordiequish forest. **Action . Keith and Innes to look at.**

JCC Meetings. It was agreed that Keith and Ian will attend on behalf Strathisla CC.

11. AOCB.

Meeting times. It was suggested that meetings could be moved to 7pm, however it was felt that 7.30pm was easier for those traveling in so this will continue.

12. Date of next meeting . Wed 4th December 2013.

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