

# **Strathisla Community Council**

## **Minutes of meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 in Keith Community Centre**

1. In attendance – Keith Comrie, Ian Ross, Priscilla Gordon-Duff, James Mark, Karen Pryce-Iddon, Innes Macpherson, John Gelling, Jacob Gelling.
  2. Apologies – Cllr Ron Shepherd.
  3. Minutes – The minutes were approved as accurate by KPI and seconded by KC.
  4. Police matters – This was the fourth meeting in succession with no police representation; query whether the sergeant is under the misapprehension that he should attend personally; members agreed any police officer representation would be acceptable.
  5. Treasurer's report – Balance stands at £2576.97, less replacement PC costing £238.80. IR knows of someone interested in purchasing the old PC and will pursue and report back at next meeting. **Action – IR to pursue**
  6. Youth issues – Jacob had no issues to report. It was suggested that Jacob be profiled on the SCC website, and the link to email address be added to noticeboards in Strathisla communities so young people know they can raise matters with Jacob.
  7. Planning – National Forest Land Scheme and expansion plans at Macallan noted.
8. Botriphnie
- a) Superfast broadband – A reply from BT indicated that while the deadline had slipped, superfast broadband should be available later this year. Investigations have been carried out by the Trust into satellite broadband but with the area potentially getting the BT upgrade this year, this is unlikely to be pursued.
  - b) War memorial – PGD still working on the subject.
  - c) Film night – Drummuir hall is hosting its second film night, screening 'What We Did On Our Holiday' on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. The first one went well and was attended by 50 people.
  - d) Smiley face - mobile speed warning for village of Drummuir is now in place.
9. Grange
- a) John Gelling to sound out local feeling about the relocation of the memorial stone from the drinking fountain on the roadside of the A95 to the grounds of King Memorial Hall. This would enable a proper act of remembrance to be held in Grange and it would timely to act in advance of the centenary of Armistice in 1918. **Action – John to canvas Grange community views.**

## 10. Newmill

- a) Winding Brae B9116 has large dead trees overhanging the road. **Action – area councillors asked to take action.**
- b) Passing places on the B9017 – update sought to request made several months ago. **Action – area councillors asked to pursue.**
- c) Young people are continuing to enter the empty Glenisla House and it is no longer securely boarded up. Fears the building will be further vandalised. **Action – raise matter with police next meeting.**

## 10. Rothiemay

- a) Traffic calming - The speed of traffic going past Anderson Drive is a matter of concern. A flashing sign warning motorists of their speed has now been removed and residents have requested sleeping policemen to try to ensure motorists do not exceed the speed limit. Issues around sleeping policemen pointed out, including potential damage they can cause to cars and snow plough damage in winter. Other traffic calming matters may be preferable.
- b) Shed at graveyard – a small hut that used to be used by the village gravedigger to keep equipment is in need of refurbishment. A community buy out, where villagers take over responsibility and use the shed for their own purposes, may be worth exploring. Moray Council's community support unit may be able to offer advice. **Action – KPI to gauge potential interest in this course of action**
- c) Large trucks are damaging grass verges at Anderson Drive and Mannoch Drive. **Action – area councillors asked to take action.**

## 11. Boharm

- a) There have been two road crashes in as many weeks on one stretch of road in Boharm, thought to have been due to the icy conditions.
- b) A deep pool of water is forming on one side of Glentauchers Distillery and slush is on the other side.

12. Correspondence – Moray Joint Community Councils meeting: KPI and IR to attend the February meeting.

## 13. AOCB

- Rural Parliament seeking members
- Outdoor Access Forum seeking members
- The minutes secretary is stepping down. Initial approaches to be made to see if a senior school pupil might be interested in taking up the role, failing which the position will be advertised.
- SCC website – the update is good and KPI's details now need to be added.
- Exhibition – Advance notice was given of the Dornell Windfarm Exhibition that will be taking place on March 26.

- Funding of CCs, Community Associations, and Forums to be reviewed. and views being sought by Moray JCC, More information likely at JCC February meeting in advance of report being prepared for March.

14. Next meeting - The next meeting of Strathisla Community Council will be held on Wednesday, 4th March 2015.

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