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Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of meeting – 6th May, 2015 Keith Community Centre

1. **Present** – Keith Comrie (chair), James Mark, Jacob Gelling, John Gelling, Cllr Shephard, Karen Pryce-Iddon **In attendance** – Larissa Murray (minutes secretary), Ian Ross (secretary), Bob Stewart (PC9896).
2. **Apologies** – Ian Ross (secretary), Innes MacPherson.
3. **Minutes** – With two amendments, minutes of the April meeting were proposed to be accurate by John Gelling and seconded by Keith Comrie.
4. **Police Matters** – Bob Stewart (PC9896) was in attendance and reported that there has been 28 recorded crimes in the area covered by officers based at Keith Police Office. Of these crimes, 10 relate to area covered by Strathisla Community Council, 2 are detected, 8 undetected of which 8 are still under investigation, with the prospect of detection. For the year to date the detected and undetected totals for the whole Keith area are 53 and 64 respectively.

There have been three vandalisms recorded this month.

There have been four reports of crime involving felonious misappropriation. Two of which happened in Newmill on 19th April 2015, one being an attempted Housebreaking, the other the attempted theft of a motor car. The other significant crime is a Housebreaking to a farm shed near to Deskford. These events are still under investigation.

There were three road traffic crimes recorded this month, two have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for driving with no valid insurance and drink driving respectively. The final offence was another person using fraudulent registration plates, and this is currently being investigated.

Previously an issue of flytipping of tyres in the layby near Drummuir was raised. No third party persons nor agencies raised have this issue with Police Scotland, but it is understood that Moray Council are aware of this issue and are dealing.

As regards to the parking of civilian vehicles outside Keith Police Office, at this present time this would be inappropriate for two reasons; namely that the office is operational, which requires twenty four hour unrestricted access especially for large labour intensive enquiries, whereby if Police cars had to park further afield, a greater disturbance could be caused to the community, secondly due to increased security risks as documented in the national press Police Scotland require to know the owner and purpose of any vehicle attending at any Police Office.

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Police patrols have been taking place in the area of Glenisla Hourse, Newmill regarding youths congregating there and the Police will continue to do these however Police Scotland would like to ask residents of Newmill to report any such congregations to them via the telephone number 101.

Operation Fair Warning, planned by Inspector Alan Armit, has been launched. The Fair Warning Campaign aims to tackle the issue of Anti-social driving in the areas of Buckie and Keith. Police Scotland request residents in the area to telephone them on 101 with a note of the make, model, colour and registration plate of any suspicious vehicles causing problems in their area, and also confirm that their call is about anti-social driving.

5. **Guest Presentation** – No guest speaker.
6. **Treasurer's report** – Balance stands at £2203.17, less £60 for minute secretary's honorarium.
7. **Youth Issues** – No issues.
8. **Planning** – SCC is still waiting for a response regarding Blackhillock.

Regarding a request for a Wind Mill to be built on Tombain Farm, Craigellachie, the SCC has stated that they are unsure if Tombain Farm can be covered in the Strathisla area.

Regarding requests for access road and a wind turbine, no objections have been raised from the SCC to prevent action.

9. **Rothiemay**
 - a) Karen Pryce-Iddon is waiting for a response from Elaine Penny regarding speeding in Rothiemay.
 - b) Further thought is required regarding Rothiemay adopting a kiosk.
10. **Boharm** – There has been a report of Potholes on the road to the Mains of Mulben.
11. **Botriphinie**
 - a) Fly tipping of an industrial scale with around 150 tyres dumped at the layby at Loch Park was reported. Councilor Stewart Cree has pursued this incident and under regulation of the Investagory Bowers Scotland Act, surveillance was not granted.
 - b) There have been reports of bumps in the road in Towiemore, on the Keith to Dufftown road.

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12. **Grange** – No issues.

13. **Newmill**

- a) Flood Scheme – Action was taken to request 1.4 million in funding towards flood protection in Newmill before a Council committee on 12th May 2015, and has been granted.
- b) There has been a report of scaffolding abandoned at the Westend of Newmill since October.

14. **Correspondence**

- a) Moray Council have produced a new draft on Developer Obligations.
- b) Transport Scotland are holding an exhibition on A96 Dual Carriageway on 19th May 2015 in Longmore Hall, Keith.
- c) The Forestry Commission have requested for buildings beyond repair in Rothiemay to be demolished.

15. **AOCB**

- a) Tracy (old secretary) was contacted regarding guidance on keeping paperwork, regarding minutes that have been signed off for three years.
- b) Larissa Murray, Karen Pryce-iddon, James Mark and Ron Shephard send their apologies on not being able to attend the June Meeting.

16. **Next meeting** – The next meeting of Strathisla Community Council will be held on Wednesday, 3rd June 2015.