

# Strathisla Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Present.** Keith Comrie (Chair), Ian Ross (Secretary), James Mark, Cllr Cree

**In Attendance.** Meg Deasley (Docherty Consulting), Emma Bodiam (vento ludens)

**Apologies.** Priscilla Gordon-Duff, Innes McPherson, John Gelling, Cllr Coull, Cllr Ron Shepherd,

**Previous Minutes.** Approved with amendments by James Mark, seconded by Keith Comrie.

1. **Police.** No Representative
2. **Guest Speaker.** Meg Deasley (Docherty Consulting) and Emma Bodiam (vento ludens). Lurg Hill site is at scoping and pre-application stage. Because it will be less than 21MW in total, The Moray Council prefers a formal planning application is not submitted. There will be up to 6 turbines on site. Environmental studies, including cumulative impact e.g. noise, are ongoing. A detailed design should be produced by December, with a public exhibition in Deskford Hall planned late January. Residents within 2km of the site have been contacted and feedback has suggested the turbines be sited to align them with those at Myreton. Meg is happy to answer any questions and for her contact details to be shared. Issues with existing turbines such as noise or shadow flicker should be reported to The Moray Council, as turbines must continue to operate within prescribed limits.

The Community Benefit Fund will be £5,000/MW/year and turbines may generate up to 18MW. Discussion was held on the role of the working group and allocation of funding. vento ludens aim to not take a prescriptive approach. Meg would like the working group to meet again before end of 2015, either with or without the developer present. The purpose of the 8<sup>th</sup> October meeting is to think about fund objectives, local needs, and what other funds are available locally, as this may inform how it is set up and managed. Tracey Rae CSO will also attend to talk about how The Moray Council can support this as part of Community Planning. James Market, Keith Comrie and Priscilla Gordon-Duff will attend for Strathisla Community Council.

Groundwork is underway at Edintore with turbines due in spring, aiming to be operational by July/August. Strathisla Community Council will be informed when the turbines are arriving and are welcome to feedback on transport of the blades – likely to come via Elgin.

3. **Treasurer.** 2014/15 balance sheet circulated. 2 of the 3 grant payments received will be for 2014/15. There is a £30.00 cheque to be paid in.

4. **Youth Issues.** Ian to email [communitycouncil@moray.gov.uk](mailto:communitycouncil@moray.gov.uk) to advise **Jacob Gelling has resigned.** (New CCLO still to be appointed)
5. **Planning.** No updates. Possible house site at Rothiemay carried forward
6. **Grange.** War Memorial – pending. Would not involve removal of existing memorial. Is a sensitive matter to be guided by the feelings of Grange residents
7. **Newmill.** Residents and Community Association concerned about rabbits eating flowers and wreaths. Cllr Cree advised The Moray Council has this in hand. The rabbit warren is in the heather bank and sensitivities surround how best to deal with the problem.  
Dog dirt serious issue. Public dispensers for bags no longer used due to vandalism but bags available from Resource Centre etc. **Cllr Cree to contact Donna (Community Warden) particularly with regard to Back Street and Morven Lane.**  
Glenisla House has been prioritised by The Moray Council. Discussion on BT Openzone roadworks at Haughs bridge. Due to the strategic importance of high speed broadband, BT has dispensation from Scottish Government not to have to apply for usual permissions. Cllr Cree will mention to them thoughtfulness on timing and better monitoring and control of traffic build up would be welcome.
8. **Rothiemay.** Speeding issues carried forward
9. **Boharm.** Speeding issues on Rumbauch to Dramlochs road with 2 bad crashes in 6 months, 1 cutting power to village and 1 clipping houses. **Cllr Cree to contact James Smith, roads department re traffic calming measures/signs. Cllr Cree to check war memorial due to be cleaned.** (Should be done before Remembrance Day). Hall fundraising dance 7<sup>th</sup> November. Bonfire and fireworks 8<sup>th</sup> November.  
**Keith to email Cllr Cree requesting litter bin for playground**
10. **Botriphnie.** Cllr Murdoch taken on matter of playing field. Discussion planned on best resolution. Ongoing. School to Station Road carried forward, still awaiting report. B9115 to be closed even to residents 8am-6pm on 9/10/15 Film afternoon and night in Drummuir Hall 24/10/15. Bump on road at Towiemore still there (near Burn of Towie bridge) War memorial repaired and repainted, with thanks to Ken Kennedy, The Moray Council. Priscilla volunteered to sit on research panel, as per email previously circulated.

**Correspondence.** Grant payment letter from Moray Council, letter from Docherty Consulting

**AOCB.** None

**Date of next Meeting.** 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015.