

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 3rd February 2016

Present. Keith Comrie (Chair), Ian Ross (Secretary), James Mark, Innes McPherson, Karen Pryce-Iddon

In Attendance. Jane Martin, Community Council Liaison Officer (CCLO), Cllr Stewart Cree, Catherine Sinclair (minutes), Rothiemay resident

Apologies. Priscilla Gordon-Duff, John Gelling

Previous Minutes. Approved by Keith Comrie, seconded by James Mark.

Matters Arising. None

1. **Police.** None

2. **Guest Speaker. Jane Martin, CCLO**

Jane introduced herself and thanked Strathisla Community Council for inviting her to attend. The current list of Strathisla Community Councillors was checked.

ACTION: Ian to contact Jenny Anderson and update Jane.

Annual accounts need to be submitted to CCLO. They do not have to be audited, as long as the Community Council has adopted them.

ACTION: James to email accounts to Jane

Jane referred to her email reminding Community Councils what grant funding may be used for (admin. including computers, promotion etc.) and encouraged the Community Council to use the grant and claim travel expenses (45p/mile). Any funds received from other sources are best placed in a separate account.

Jane advised Community Councils are likely to have an increasing role in future, including increasing importance as statutory consultees. She recommended reading *Moray 2023 Plan for the Future*.

3. **Treasurer.** Balance £2634.46. Remembrance wreaths have been paid for.

4. **Youth Issues.** None

5. **Planning.** No updates

6. **Newmill.** No further word on Glenisla House from The Moray Council as yet. The youths breaking in have been apprehended.

The tree on Quarrybrae Road blew over during a recent storm causing damage to surroundings and street light. Several streetlights are out in Newmill – this has been reported.

7. **Rothiemay.** Local resident discussed Knauchland Wind Turbine notification, concerns and objections and received information on Planning process and procedure from Cllr Cree.

8. **Boharm.** Rural Groupings Supplementary Guidance received. Mulben Site A is marked as residential despite flood risk and previous significant objection from the community. Site is also not suitable for septic tanks. Cllr Cree advised any proposed development would have to include flood alleviation plans. The community can raise concerns at this time and it is useful to suggest an acceptable alternative.

ACTION: Keith to draft letter to stating Strathisla Community Council maintain their previous position with respect to this site.

Boharm graveyard access track is in a poor state. The Moray Council maintains the graveyard but it is not known who is responsible for the track.

ACTION: Cllr Cree to follow up

9. **Botriphnie.** Gully Road and parking are still wet in spite of some work that has been done. Roads are generally poor after recent weather. An answer is still awaited as to why there was no consultation on the 1 way system. **ACTION: c/f from October (Cllr Coull)**

10. **Grange.** No report.

11. **Correspondence. Edintore Working Group update.** One of the proposals is that Strathisla Community Council be allocated £1000 per year from the fund. Discussion was held and it was agreed Strathisla Community Council could hold these funds in a separate bank account and distribute for groups from each area to use for e.g. flowers, planters etc.

Tea party re Queen's birthday celebrations. Circulated

Local plan: Rural Groupings Supplementary Guidance

12. **AOCB.** None

Date of next Meeting. 2nd March 2016