

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 6th April 2016

Present. Keith Comrie (Chair), Ian Ross (Secretary), Karen Pryce-Iddon, Innes McPherson, James Mark, John Gelling, Cllr Ron Shepherd

In Attendance. Catherine Sinclair (minutes),

Apologies. Priscilla Gordon-Duff, Cllr Cree, Cllr Coull, Police Scotland

Previous Minutes. The minutes were approved by Keith Comrie, seconded by Ian Ross. It was agreed not to have Matters Arising but to cover matters under each area/agenda item.

1. **Police.** No Police in attendance
ACTION: Ian to forward the email regarding traffic on day of St Fumac's Fair to Police
2. **Guest Speaker.** None
3. **Treasurer.** As of February the balance is £2574.46. There are minute secretary expenses, Edintore meeting expenses, mobile broadband, cartridge ink and mileage expenses to be claimed.
ACTION: Ian to clarify with Jane Martin about claiming mileage to Strathisla Community Council meetings and if money can be spent researching ownership of Graveyard road. Karen to claim mileage C/F
4. **Youth Issues.** None. No progress in recruiting a youth member.
ACTION: Keith to ask if KGS pupils might be interested.
5. **Planning.** An appeal is being submitted re the rejection of the turbine at Easter Knauchland. A planning application for Lurg Hill wind farm is expected to be submitted in June or July. **ACTION: Karen to bring up at JCC and see if Deskford Community Council has received comments or objections.**
There was further discussion on representing the views of the community. It was agreed a public meeting for residents within 2km of turbines to gather views would be a reasonable and useful action. There was discussion on valid reasons for objection such as noise, vibration, flicker etc. It is felt that objection on aesthetic grounds is not valid. Strathisla Community Council has found that objecting to turbines in the past has made no difference to the outcome.
ACTION C/F: Ian to ask Jane Martin to advise on how best to fulfil planning role and strategizing. Also to ask if there are local authority-wide plans to help support this role of Community Councils
6. **Boharm.** No new issues.
7. **Botriphnie.** The play park in Drummuir was to have the bark surface replaced with rubber matting but this has not happened.

The B9115 is badly potholed from about 1/4 mile from A96 towards Pitlurg. This may or may not be due to be repaired by wind farm contractors. The Glack Road to Auchindoun (C Class road) is also in poor state with frayed edges. The Gully Road at Drummuir is also in a poor state. Above issues were raised at Drummuir Community meeting.

ACTION: Ask Jane Martin to forward these issues to The Moray Council

There will be no safety barrier put in place at Parkmore Brae.

8. **Grange.** John reported potholes using The Moray Council website and repairs were started within a couple of weeks – it looks as though the road may be resurfaced. Nearby homeowners have to tar the first 6 metres of their driveway, fulfilling a condition of their planning permission.
9. **Newmill.** The crash barrier on Windy Brae Road has still not been repaired after a tree blew over. **ACTION: Ian to email Cllr Cree to update. Jane Martin to contact The Moray Council**
10. **Rothiemay.** Easter Knauchland Wind Turbine as per Planning. Karen and Ian will work on a poster to go with the comments box in the local shop. Karen will contact The Moray Council again about outstanding road repairs needed.

11. **Correspondence.** None

12. **AOCB. Edintore Wind Farm Update.** Two meetings have been held to work on the draft strategy document, which has been emailed to the consultant. Foundation Scotland and REAP have been invited to submit a proposal and do a presentation on administering the fund. Turbine deliveries are expected to continue for a few weeks. The B9115 remains closed meantime.

CARES update. Ross Jones is now the CARES officer.

Dorenell connection. Discussion was held on the Dorenell connection work and how it will affect tenants who will have 2 lines of double poles on their farm but no compensation. Landowners can insist the line goes underground or can be eligible for cost sharing if the line is over ground but tenants do not have the same options. SSE advised it was not possible to use pylons due to planning conditions. It was agreed in the first instance tenants should approach relevant landowners. There is a public exhibition at Drummuir Hall later this month.

Littering Verge-side rubbish is increasing year on year, showing Scotland in a poor light. There was discussion on starting a local campaign, possibly involving Police publicising prosecutions for littering. Requires education and behaviour change.

ACTION: All to bring campaign ideas to next meeting.

Queen's 90th Birthday Discussion on marking this with plant stands for each area of Strathisla. To be discussed at next meeting.

Date of next Meeting. 4th May 2016