

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 7th September 2016

Present. Keith Comrie (Chair), Jill Anderson (Secretary), Karen Pryce-Iddon, Priscilla Gordon-Duff, John Gelling, Catherine Sinclair (minutes)

In Attendance. Cllr G Coull, Sergeant Morag Clark & PC Bob Stewart (Police Scotland)

Apologies. Innes McPherson, James Mark, Cllr R Shepherd, Cllr S Cree

Previous Minutes. There was a note of the previous meeting, rather than minutes.

1. **Police Matters.** There are no further updates on the theft of lead from Rothiemay church or suspicious behaviour in fields, despite enquiries. Police encourage members of the public to report incidents or suspicious behaviour to them at the time it happens and report registration numbers of suspicious vehicles if they have them.
The traffic unit has been alerted to reports of speeding in Newmill and will take action.
Various scams are ongoing, including 'problems with your computer' – Police wish to raise awareness and advise people to be aware and not give out bank details.
Dog fouling should be reported to Donna Jamieson, the Community Warden, who can also supply
2. **Guest Speaker.** None
3. **Treasurer's Report.** No report
4. **Youth Issues.** None. Keith will bring up again at Parent Council and Jill will ask around and see if a youth member can be found.
5. **Grange.** Quiz night 24th September. The village hall has got quotes for toilet refurbishment and will apply to Awards for All.
6. **Newmill.** A new Community Council representative is sought. **ACTION: Keith to ask Newmill Community Association**
7. **Rothiemay.** The church is being repaired and funding has been applied for to continue work on the church.
Planning permission was refused for the proposed wind turbine at Easter Knauchland.
8. **Boharm.** Potholes have been repaired on the road to Boat of Brig and Ordiquish Road.
Residents received notification of works commencing on the railway line a few weeks after works had started. It is likely there will be work through the night.
9. **Botriphnie.** Roads previously discussed are still in poor condition. The road repair at Lower Towie was completed too quickly to get in touch re repairing the bump in the road so Ian Cameron was not contacted. Cllr Coull advised this bump is on the list of road repairs to be made but a timescale for repair is not known. John recommended reporting road repairs via The Moray Council website.
Discussion was held on the challenges presented by public access roads on privately

owned land. Access to cemeteries etc. has been by 'custom and use' in the past. This was not an issue when The Moray Council had budget to maintain these roads. It is now an issue and likely to continue to be so, particularly when maintenance has not been undertaken for some time. Private landowners should not be expected to maintain and repair roads used for public access.

Drummuir 21 launch their Local Action Plan 8th September, 2.30pm. Thanks to the Community Support Unit for excellent support.

10. Correspondence. Broadband update – Mulben is scheduled to get a broadband cabinet this year. The site is to be finalised but is likely to be near the exchange.

Litter Summit – a letter was received from R Lochhead MSP inviting Community Councillors to the Moray Litter Summit on 19th September.

Lurg Hill – Meg Deasley would like to attend a meeting to discuss Lurg Hill Wind Farm

Community Councillor Training – dates for training in handling complaints and mediation in September, October and November

Beauly, Blackhillock, Kintore reinforcement works – information received

Community Learning and Development event – 8th September, Keith Community Centre

Police reporting – Community Councillors have been asked to meet with Police regarding reporting to Community Councils. **ACTION: Keith will respond**

The Moray Council Budget Consultation – consultation has launched – can respond individually as well as a Community Council

Queen's 90th birthday celebrations – good rose bushes cost around £20 each.

ACTION: Each area rep to ask their community if they would like 2-3 roses. Keith will ask Newmill.

Community Engagement and Participation – requesting engagement in Moray's 10 year plan. The plan is available online. **ACTION all - carried forward**

11. AOCB.

Speyside Councillors – **ACTION:** Jill will ask councillors to attend Strathisla Community Councillors to attend – possibly on a rota basis.

Edintore Working Group update – the group met again and sent an amended constitution to the developer. Work on fund process and documentation is progressing well.

New Community Councillor – Jill has been co-opted for Boharm. Karen is looking to recruit another member for Rothiemay.

SCC website – the website has been updated and John would like to put contact details for each area rep. It was agreed to use a contact form for each area, rather than publishing contact details. Updates and news for each area can be emailed to John. Any member is welcome to set up a SCC social media presence. John will email the website bill to James.

Bank signatory – a third signatory will need to be added to the bank account

Date of next Meeting. 2nd November 2016