

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 2nd November 2016

Present

Keith Comrie (Chair)
Jill Anderson (Secretary)
Karen Pryce-Iddon
John Gelling
Priscilla Gordon-Duff
James Mark

In Attendance

N/A

Apologies

Innes McPherson
Cllr R Shephard

1. Police Matters:

- No Further updates since October report. It has been suggested that a more generic report will be issued covering all areas. It was discussed to be requested that report elaborates on statistics and particular ongoings specific to each area.

2. Guest Speaker:

- None

3. Treasurers Report:

- Balance as of 2nd November 2016 £2592.48. Ian Ross to be requested as an independent examiner.

4. Youth Issues:

- Stuart McLaughlan to be e-mailed.

5. Grange:

- Quiz night raised over £200 – well done to all who participated.
- Toilet refurbishment ongoing.
- External work on hall roof required. Grant has been applied for.
- Residents to be advised when Meg Deasley attending SCC meeting. This will allow a Q&A session regarding Lurg Hill Wind Farm.

6. Newmill

- No representative at present, Community Association Contacted.

7. Rothiemay

- Community Poster issued in Local Post Office has been teamed up enquiry box which is also proving to be a success.
- Obtaining information regarding issues with weight restrictions for large vehicles going over bridge remain ongoing.
- Obtaining funding for Church ongoing.

8. Boharm/Mulben

- Railway works ongoing, complaint issued to Scotrail and Netrail regarding littering on and around work site.
- Car Park at Village Hall being resurfaced during November.
- Live music being held at Hall Saturday 5th November.
- Fireworks display Sunday 6th November; free entry, all donations welcome.

9. Botriphnie/Drumuir

- Concerns have been raised over various corroding roads to and from Drumuir due to water damage; drainage at Mill of Towie particularly bad. Action to rectifying issue to be investigated. Possibility of Moray Council to subcontract any works to be suggested.
- Availability for plots/burial spaces in local cemetery has been advised as limited.
- Local meeting held on the 31st October regarding Durnell Windfarm raised issues as to whether any cables should run underground or overhead.
- Fundign applied for to Durnell Community Trust, response stated Dufftown/Drumuir had been excluded from funding which was incorrect. Trust yet to respond stating this is incorrect.
- Copy of Drumuir 21: Unlocking the Countryside September issue presented during meeting. Very impressive and informative, receiving a very good response overall.
- Quiz night being held on 19th November.
- Dog fouling remains an issue and seems to be getting worse.
- Drumuir 21 not proceeding with funding for Botriphnie Car Park.

Correspondance

- **Broadband** – No further update on site for Mulben broadband cabinet.
- **Lurg Hill** –Meg Deasley to confirm when proposal finalised and will organise to attend meeting.
- **Community Councillor Training** – Further good feedback from attendees, all encouraged to attend future training.
- **Queens 90th birthday celebrations** – Quantity of rose bushes agreed per area, Priscilla to organise. John to organise suitable plaques. Photo of planting to be submitted to papers.
- **Beatrice Windfarm** – Construction to commence 2017 and have 84 windturbines operational in 2019. 2 CC + 1 person from the general public to represent each area on panel. Funding has been confirmed at £1m between 4 areas over the course of 5 years.
- **Dualling Hardmuir to Fochabers** – agreed not within SCC area , no further discussion required.

10. AOCB

- **Speyside Councillors** – Attendance request ongoing.
- **Edintore Working Group update** – Windfarm is complete, January earmarked for applicants. REAP to advertise.
- **New Community Councillor** – Rothiemay recruit ongoing.
- **SCC Website** – Links to Facebook and Twitter have been created to raise further awareness of SCC and link events. All CC to be made Editors of Facebook. Great response from all – well done John.
- **Bank signatory** – Keith to contact Bank to organise meeting at Bank for Monday 7th November.
- **Advertisement of SCC** – It was advised that all areas off the SCC and SCC itself should have been allocated Banners/notice boards etc. Discussed whether to advertise around Keith Community Centres, Tesco or whether at all.
- **Jane has expressed an interest that members of the SCC look into designating 'areas of expertise'**. It has been agreed that it is not particularly ideal within the SCC however noting who excels in a particular field is beneficial for seeking advice from each other.

Date of next meeting 7th December