

Strathisla Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 7th March 2018

Present: Keith Comrie (chair), Karen Pryce-Iddon (vice chair), Iain Lax, Siusan Winchester (secretary), Priscilla Gordon-Duff, James Mark, Cllr Ronald Shepherd

Apologies: Innes Macpherson, Allison Marston, Cllr Theresa Coull, Cllr Louise Laing, Cllr Donald Gatt

1 Welcome

Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Minute of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Karen Pryce-Iddon and seconded by Keith Comrie.

3 Police Matters

No police present. Reports of two incidents of heating oil thefts in the Keith area.

4 Treasurer's Report

Bank balance currently stands at £2151.70.

5 Boharm/Mulben

KC –the installation of broadband is to begin April 2018.

IL – there have been a number of potholes appearing on the roads, however it has been noted that the Council have been good at attending to and repairing any reported potholes.

6 Botriphnie/Drummuir

JM – there have been a number of potholes on the roads, however it is understood that if you take a photograph and upload it to the Moray Council webpage it will be attended to. Glack Road is a mess at the moment – it seems to be an issue caused by heavy vehicles using the road.

Wifi Scotland is willing to install broadband in Drummuir although it does have certain criteria to be met and a line of sight to a nearby relay sight. A minimum of ten properties will need to sign up before they will agree to move further with the proposed installation. They will be providing a quotation of the costs involved.

Edintore Windfarm Community Benefit Fund - the closing date for applications is 30th March 2018 and there will be a decision meeting 30th April 2018.

Hill of Towie Windfarm Community Benefit Fund – the closing date for applications is 20th April 2018 there will be a decision meeting on 23rd May 2018.

PGD – The “Give Way” sign at Drummuir Hall needs repaired – it is leaning over and is not secure. She has contacted the Council to make them aware.

The wreaths at the Drummuir War Memorial are looking a bit tired due to the rain and snow. As they do not look their best, it was wondered whether they could be removed meantime.

Thanks go to Tracey Rae, Community Support Officer who arranged and attended a meeting with Drummuir 21 and the Community Sports Unit to discuss the future of the Drummuir Community Woodland and how it can be used more.

7 Grange

Nothing to report.

8 Newmill

A representative is still required for this area.

9 Rothiemay

KPI still to take photographs of the main road and email to Cllr Theresa Coull once the weather is better.

10 Correspondence

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) training is available on 7th April 2018 in Elgin Town Hall – KC, IL & SW to attend. The training will then be relayed back to the remainder of SCC on 26th April 2018 at 7pm in Keith Community Council as this is something every member will require to know.

A96 dualling Hardmuir to Fochabers – a number of drop in meetings have taken place and a plan is to hand of the three potential routes for the dualling. We have been invited by Transport Scotland to the next East Community Council Forum on 21st March 2018 in Fochabers, however there is no-one available to attend this meeting.

Planning Aid Scotland – there is the potential for Planning Aid Scotland to provide training for Community Councils. KPI, IL and PGD would be interested in attending such a training if and when it can be organised.

11 AOCB

KPI & IL attended a planning meeting in relation to plans for Elgin and the surrounding areas. The meeting was very informative and focused on the local Development Plan and the main issues for 2020. Discussions were made on how in the future they go about planning, timescales and sending out the weekly lists. It was noted that neighbour notification is only given to properties within 20 meters of the actual building, not the boundary line.

Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited – KPI, IL and AM are happy to attend to going through the applications for the funding available from Beatrice and approve/decide on which groups in each area meet the required criteria and should receive the funding for that year. Each area (Boharm/Mulben, Botriphnie/Drummuir, Grange, Newmill, Rothiemay) would each receive £500 to divide between two groups in those particular areas. It would be useful for a representative from Beatrice to meet with us to discuss the process and requirements.

It was unanimously agreed that SW would be appointed as secretary for SCC. It was agreed that she would be paid an honorarium of £50 per meeting.

12 Date of Next Meeting

4th April 2018 at 7:30pm.