

Strathisla Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 5th September 2018

Present: Keith Comrie (Chair), Karen Pryce-Iddon (Vice Chair), Allison Marston, Iain Lax, Siusan Winchester (Secretary), Priscilla Gordon-Duff, Cllr Theresa Coull, Cllr Donald Gatt, Jane Martin, Jim Patterson, Brian Shirriffs

Apologies: Cllr Ronald Shepherd, Cllr Derek Ross

1 Welcome

Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Minute of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the May meeting were proposed by Iain Lax and seconded by Keith Comrie.

Minutes of the June meeting were proposed by Priscilla Gordon-Duff and seconded by Iain Lax.

3 Police Matters

Constable Graeme Forbes was present. There is nothing serious to report for any of the areas of Strathisla. The contents of the Community Safety Partnership Report have been noted. Nothing further to report.

4 Treasurer's Report

As at 18th August 2018 the balance was £2579.73 - two cheques have been provided - one to the Secretary and one for webhosting. The end of year accounts need to be submitted by 29th October 2018 - James Mark will attend to this.

It was agreed that the Administration Grant from The Moray Council is not needed at this time as we have enough funds just now. It has been deferred for the next 6 months and will be reviewed in March 2019.

5 Newmill

Nothing to report.

6 Grange

SCC welcomed Brian Shirriffs to the meeting this evening. There is some concern as to development happening in the area and the lack of notification from The Moray Council to neighbouring properties. It was discussed that for neighbour notification, the statutory notice for neighbours is 20m from their boundary. It appears that there are some people leaving the area due to development.

Moray West Offshore Windfarm are planning a cable corridor in the future through parts of Grange. SCC would welcome the opportunity to speak direct to Moray West Offshore Windfarm as they have questions they would like answered. SW is to write to them asking if they can attend the next SCC meeting.

7 Rothiemay

The road issue has now been sorted out with thanks to Cllr Coull for her assistance.

Cllr Coull reported that she received a response from The Moray Council regarding the concerns about the bridge. The hairline cracks in the masonry sections of the barriers are not serious and as such nothing will be done yet to rectify them. There will not be a weight limit placed on the bridge. A principal inspection was carried out in 2016 during which an under-bridge unit was used to examine the underside of the bridge and no structural issues were found. Inspections are carried out every 7 years. The bridge was strengthened in 1987. It was also noted that flower boxes should not be installed on the bridge for safety reasons, perhaps installing traffic lights would be a better idea. KPI has been directed to the Telford Bridge in Craigellachie to make contact with them if she wants to pursue the installation of traffic lights.

There is a tree by the Bowling Green that is at risk of falling down. Cllr Coull will find out if it is owned by The Moray Council.

Ride the North took place on 25th/26th August with approx 1000 riders taking part. It was an enjoyable day out for all and a great day was had. £4000 was raised.

8 Botriphnie/Drummuir

The Glack Road has been repaired, although there are still some potholes. The leak has also been sorted.

There are some water works just now on the A96 which is causing some issues when turning on to the A96 from the B9115 as it is very difficult to see. JM will speak to Bear Scotland.

There is a proposal for the substation to be installed in the area for Moray West Offshore Windfarm. It is also noted that the cable route will be crossing the A96 twice. Again, it would be useful for Moray West Offshore Windfarm to meet with SCC.

The Give Way sign is still leaning.

There is a coffee morning on 13th October 10am-12pm in Drummuir.

9 Boharm/Mulben

Due to the commercial bins (which are in place for a number of houses in an area) not having locks on them, they have been used for fly tipping by others and the refuse collectors will not collect the items left. It would be helpful to have locks put on the bins to stop others using the bins.

It has been noted that if larger bins are required (pink, blue or green) then these can be requested direct from The Moray Council.

BT are installing broadband cables.

There is a Harvest Tea taking place in Mulben Public Hall on 16th September 2-4pm.

10 Correspondence

Members of the SCC are invited, and encouraged, to attend the Democracy Matters Conversation on 25th September 2018 in Elgin Town Hall. IL, KC and KPI will attend.

11 AOCB

Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited - KPI, IL and AM are happy to be the driving force behind the allocation of funds (£2500 between the 5 areas) using the criteria provided by SSE. Applications should be submitted to KPI, IL and AM and they will deliberate as to whether the criteria provided by SSE has been met and who the funds for that time should be allocated to. It was agreed by every member to go ahead with this.

Jane Martin would like to come back to the SCC to carry out some exercises and put forward some input as to how the SCC is getting on. A meeting has been arranged at Keith Community Centre on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7pm.

12 Date of Next Meeting

3rd October 2018 at 7:30pm.