

Strathisla Community Council

Minute of meeting held on 6th February 2019 - 7:30pm

Present: Karen Pryce-Iddon (Chair), Keith Comrie, James Mark, Priscilla Gordon-Duff, Siusan Winchester (Secretary), Jane Martin, Rhona Patterson, Tina Craib, Cllr Theresa Coull

Apologies: Cllr Derek Ross, Cllr Donald Gatt, Jim Patterson

1 Welcome

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Minute of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the November meeting were proposed by Priscilla Gordon-Duff and seconded by James Mark. There was no December meeting held and therefore no Minutes.

3 New Members

KPI nominated Rhona Paterson & Tina Craib to be co-opted as new members, KC seconded this. Both Rhona & Tina will support and be the Community Councillors for the area of Newmill & Rural Keith. PGD enquired about the process of Co - option.

4 Guest Speaker

No guest speaker in attendance.

5 Police Matters

Sergeant Robert Williams from Buckie was in attendance. He provided a breakdown of various incidents in the area. This coincided with the Community Safety Partnership Report which had been emailed to all members. Specific note had been noted of the following incidents:- a 17 year old has been stopped for anti-social driving in Mulben - a warning box has been placed on his car to prevent further instances of anti-social driving; theft of diesel/heating oil in the Grange area - enquiries are ongoing; hit and run at Mulben - a car crashed into a road sign on the A95 Mulben road and there is some damage to the sign - enquiries are ongoing; telephone scams are on the rise again - we need to raise awareness of this and make sure people are aware of these phonecalls - leaflets on this topic will be provided at the next meeting to raise further awareness and how to be vigilant.

6 Treasurer's Report

As at 6th February the balance was £2337.73. Jane Martin thanked James Mark for his prompt reply with the years accounts.

7 Planning Permission/Weekly Wards

The Weekly Wards have been noted by members of the SCC:-

LH Stainless - application to extend existing factory. We had previously asked the applicant to liaise with neighbours to discuss their concerns - KC will reiterate the concerns to them.

Lurghill Windfarm - replies require to be in by Thursday 7th February.

Jane Martin will arrange training on how the planning system works and how to respond to planning applications. It is then proposed that Beverly Smith, Manager of Development Management will come out to do more training later in the year on the new planning bill.

Drummuir and Mulben - new builds aren't being permitted due to the sewerage - it cannot cope with the increased usage. It may be that developers will require to look into upgrading sewerage systems to allow building to proceed in these areas.

8 Newmill

There are a lot of potholes and dips on the main road to/through Newmill. Back Street is potentially going to be adopted by the council. An inspection requires to be carried out before the decision is made. Contact will be made by Rhona Patterson to Ken Major of the Moray Council to progress this.

9 Boharm/Mulben

There are a lot of potholes on the road heading towards Boat O'Brig. Jane Martin recommended that the online portal is used to report any potholes/defects in the road or email a list to her direct so that these can be rectified. This includes any other issues such as environmental issues, fly tipping.

10 Grange

A member is still required for Grange.

KPI has successfully managed to stop the core path proposal running alongside a property in the area - it has now been moved off the core path plan.

11 Rothiemay

The tree at the bowling green is being cut down along with others.

CCTV is being put into place at King George V Pavillion in order to cut down on the vandalism.

The local pub is suffering some flood damage due to there being no kerb at the pavement.

12 Botriphnie/Drummuir

The give way sign has been repaired.

The Gully bridge has suffered some damage due to a car hitting it. There is now a concrete barrier in place.

There is a bump in the road at Towiemore.

A film night is being held on 23rd February 2019 - Paddington 2 and Murder on the Orient Express will be playing.

A quiz night is being held on 9th March 2019.

The Moray Federation of Halls have advised that the Council may be taking away the discount on rates. The Hall will need to be changed onto the Small Business Rate Relief - James Mark will look further into this.

13 Correspondence

Moray Licensing Board - there is an event being held on 27th March 2019 - Karen Pryce-Iddon, Tina Craib and Rhona Patterson will attend.

Energising Moray conference - 10th May 2019 - a presentation on how best to use windfarm monies in the community. This will include social investing, investing in services in Moray - further information will be provided by Jane Martin. Graham of the Forres Community Council is willing to attend one of our meetings to speak about their own windfarm (Clashgour) and how it works and explain the process.

14 AOCB

KPI will attend at the King Memorial Hall in Grange to see if there is anyone willing to co-opt on as a member of SCC.

Iain Lax resigned as a member at the beginning of December 2018.

Keith Swimming Pool is at risk of being closed (pool only) unless 300 new members sign up by the end of February. People should be encouraged to join in order to save the pool from being closed. We will give this a push on our Facebook page.

Edintore Windfarm - KC will come off the panel and KPI will join. JM & PGD is staying on the panel.

Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Limited - the paperwork now needs to be changed due to the fact Iain has left SCC. Fiona at Beatrice is sorting out the paperwork meantime (email, posters etc require to be amended). It was agreed that the email address used for the SCC contact should be a generic email address to prevent this happening again in the future. Tina has agreed to join as a SCC member.

SW has resigned from her position as Secretary. A replacement has been found - Emma Coxswy from Glass. SW and KPI will attend with her on Sunday 10th February to hand over the laptop, printer etc and get her set up.

14 Date of Next Meeting

6th March 2019 at 7:30pm.