

# STRATHISLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 4th November 2020, 7.30-9.30pm

**Attendance:** Karen Pryce Iddon (chair), Priscilla Gordon Duff, Esther Green (secretary), James Mark (treasurer), Rhona Patterson, Keith Comrie and Nick Carroll. **Present:** Cllrs Theresa Coull, Donald Gatt.

1. **Welcome** – Karen Pryce Iddon welcomed members and introduced Nick Carroll. Nick was co-opted as Grange representative. Strathisla Community Council's Covid 19 commendation from the Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire was well received and appreciated by members.
2. **Apologies** – Cllr Laura Powell.
3. **Police matters** – no police representation or report.
4. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020** - Minutes were approved by Rhona Patterson, seconded by James Mark.
5. **Matters arising**
  - a) **Drummuir Bridge update** – MC further confirmed the bridge is under the ownership of KDRA and therefore it is that body's responsibility to take forward the matter around insurance following damage. **PGD** has spoken to a KDRA director to progress the matter and will provide an update to the December meeting.
  - b) **Newmill Flood Prevention Scheme Maintenance** – DG has been told that the scheme is inspected every 3 months, but RP disagreed, and suggested maintenance has not been adequate. **RP** to supply additional pictures
  - c) **Newmill Square bollards** – Moray Council stated that it would cost £3348 to replace; **RP** to look at other options
6. **Treasurer's report** – the balance stands at £9828.31
7. **Planning applications** – noted, no issues arising
8. **Strathisla updates**
  - a) **Acts of Remembrance** – community council members to lay wreaths at war memorials but no ceremonies taking place due to Covid 19
  - b) **Recruitment of community council members** – leaflets to be popped through letterboxes in areas where members representation is required. **KPI to action**
  - c) **Defibrillator update** – James Baird at Loch Park Rural Skills Centre to accept a defibrillator, **KPI to deliver**. The others at Rothiemay (3); Knock (1), Grange (2), Botriphnie (1) and Maggieknockater (1).
9. **Newmill/Rural Keith** - RP: Street light wiring issues in Newmill to be raised with appropriate MC officers. **RP/DG**

10. **Boharm/Mulben** – KC: shared photos of mystery ditch digging in his area by email. **KC** to forward photos to TC for further investigation.
11. **Grange** – NC: questioned why roadworks still in place on A95 Keith to Banff road after eight months. Informed of issue around land ownership had slowed matters down. Discussion to see if there is a desire to relocate the war memorial from the bend on the A95 to the King Memorial Hall to reopen, **NC** to informally ask residents for views, **DG** to ascertain ownership of War Memorial.
12. **Rothiemay** – KPI: a number of trees had blown down across roads caused problems
13. **Botriphnie/Drummuir** – no issues raised
14. **Correspondence – Battery storage area**: Planning consultant Robert Warren unable to attend the December meeting to discuss proposals for battery storage area near Keth Sub Station but has passed the invite to the applicant to respond.
15. **Community Council Scheme Update** - KPI represents SCC at the consultation groups and updated members around discussions and proposed changes. A promotion group is to be formed, with an emphasis on diversity. Strathisla members unanimously supported retaining flexible meetings, the option to choose whether to meet by Zoom or in person going forward. Zoom remains the only option meantime as the round meeting room has a maximum capacity of seven.
16. **AOCB**
  - a) **Membership**: RP informed the meeting that Grange resident Adele Williams interested in joining SCC. AW to be invited to attend December meeting. Letter to be sent to Tina Craib notifying her that her membership would be rescinded unless she indicates otherwise. **EG both actions**
  - b) **Keith Strathisla Covid 19**: Keith and Strathisla Community Councils have been offered a share of hand sanitiser and face masks from Tesco Keith. Agreed that a quantity could be made available for community halls and for the volunteers delivering Christmas Day meals.
  - c) **Scotland Loves Local** – RP informed members that KSRP will apply for Scotland Loves Local funding to support town's retail sector and asked for any ideas that would enhance the town centres. KCC to input to this process too.
  - d) **Christmas Meals** – Keith and Strathisla Covid 19 volunteers are to source and deliver festive lunches to deliver to people on their own on Christmas Day. If anyone knows of a friend, relative or neighbour in Keith and Strathisla who could benefit from this service, or wishes to be a volunteer driver, contact Rhona Patterson or Jane Martin.
  - e) **Media** – Alistair Whitfield, Northern Scot, to be invited to attend SCC meetings.
  - f) **Scout Hall** – **KC** to supply details of lease agreement to TC regarding rent rebate issues.
  - g) **Secretary** – Esther Green giving up the secretary's position in the New Year. Members asked to help find the next secretary, or minute secretary.

**Date and time of the next Meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm. By Zoom**