

STRATHISLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 2nd December 2020, 7.30-8.15pm

Attendance: Karen Pryce Iddon (chair), Priscilla Gordon Duff, Esther Green (secretary), James Mark (treasurer), Rhona Patterson, Keith Comrie, Adele Williams, Nick Carroll, Terry and Deborah Anderson. **Present:** Cllrs Laura Powell, Donald Gatt.

1. **Welcome** – Karen Pryce Iddon welcomed members and introduced new member Adele Williams and Terry and Deborah Anderson from Knock who are interested in joining.
2. **Apologies** – none received.
3. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting 4th November 2020** - Minutes were approved by James Mark, seconded by Priscilla Gordon Duff, with the amendment of Moray Council being written full out rather than abbreviated to MC.
4. **Matters arising**
 - a) **Recording of meeting** – the recording of the Zoom meeting was stopped at the request of PGD who said that the matter should be discussed and consented by all members.
 - b) **Newmill Flood Prevention Scheme Maintenance** – No maintenance has been carried out and the drains are choked. **DG** has taken the matter up and there are work orders to carry out the maintenance. **RP** to monitor the situation and **DG** suggested that a future site visit may be necessary to the scheme and ditches.
 - c) **Knock defibrillator** – As the Knock lamppost is not suitable for the unit, other locations are to be investigated, such as the phone box location.
 - d) **Newmill Square bollards** – Moray Council stated that it would cost £3348 to replace; **RP** to look at other options
5. **Correspondence**
 - a) **Resignation** – the resignation of Tina Craib was noted.
 - b) **Membership** – KPI had established that members of the same family may serve on the same community council. The Andersons have a 19 year old son who may be willing to get involved, PGD said that would be necessary to formalise new memberships through co-option.
6. **Community Feedback**
 - a) **RP:** Newmill Christmas lights including new additions funded through Beatrice Windfarm, going up at the weekend
 - b) **PGD** thanked Moray Council for the removal of a a divan base and mattress from the roadside of the B9104 and reported that a site meeting with a Grant Speed is to take place to discuss the precarious state of graves in the churchyard.
 - c) **PGD** reported that KDRA remain adamant they do not own the railway bridge. The insurance company is to carry out further investigation.

7. **Treasurer's report** – the balance stands at £6368.31.

8. **Reports**

a) Moray Councillors DG said that Covid continues to dominate working practices and has resulted in service reduction

9. **Planning applications** – noted, no issues arising

10. **The joint Community council of Moray – no update**

11. **AOCB**

- a) **AW** to speak to King Memorial Hall reps about electrical work for defibrillator
- b) **KPI** updated members on plans for Keith and Strathisla Covid 19 plans to deliver meals to people on their own on Christmas Day
- c) **RP** informed members of a bilingual Scots/English leaflet produced for distribution by Royal Mail in the AB55 area to encourage people to shop locally this Christmas, as part of the Scotland Loves Local initiative. A special bottle of whisky donated by Strathisla Distillery has enabled a free prize draw to be offered as an added incentive to shop locally.
- d) **Secretary** – the position has become vacant, with Esther Green thanked for her work as she stepped down. New members were encouraged to consider thinking about becoming secretary, or even minutes secretary. Councillor Laura Powell offered her assistance in taking minutes of the meeting.
- e) **KPI** closed the meeting and wished all members a happy Christmas, saying the community council was ending the year on a more positive note having had an injection of new interest.

Date and time of the next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7.30pm. By Zoom