

STRATHISLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, 3rd February 2021, via Zoom at 19:30

Attendance: Karen Pryce-Iddon (chair), Esther Green (secretary), Rhona Patterson, Keith Comrie, Adele Williams, & Tracy Whiteaker. Present: Cllrs Laura Powell, Donald Gatt. & Theresa Coull

1. Welcome – Karen Pryce Iddon welcomed members and introduced new secretary, Tracy Whiteaker, who will be taking over from EG after tonight's meeting.

2. Apologies – Priscilla Gordon-Duff.

3. Police Matters - None

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting on 2nd December 2020 - Minutes were approved as a true record by Adele Williams & seconded by Keith Comrie.

5. Matters arising.

4b) Newmill Flood Prevention Scheme Maintenance – Gullies and ditches cleared so will be removed from agenda for now and will be revisited after COVID-19.

4c) Knock defibrillator – The garage at Knock on the main road has offered a site for the defibrillator so KPI to liaise with Deborah or Terry Anderson who were not present.

Grange defibrillator – AW has been furnished with mobile for Bob who has keys to the Kings Memorial Hall. AW will also follow up on the defibrillator being placed at Grange Crossroads School. KPI stated that the electrical installation of both machines will be paid for out of the Strathisla Community Councils funds.

Both the machine at Knock and those in Grange do not require an access code from the Ambulance service which is fortunate as there have been a problem with the codes for apparatus at Newmill on one occasion but there have been similar incidents elsewhere as reported to the meeting by RP.

KPI has informed all recipients of the defibrillators that they have to provide suitable insurance and maintain the unit at all times.

4d) Newmill Square bollards – No progress – Cllr Theresa Coull to follow up

6. Treasurer's report – not in attendance so KPI to request figures.

7. Planning applications – Emailed for meetings attention from PGD. There is a retrospective application at Parkhead, Drummur for the building which blocks the access track between the farmhouses of Bogallie and Stripeside? If it is, it is assumed that this would need to be taken into consideration. KPI to write.

8. Strathisla updates:

a) Newmill/Rural Keith – Grit bags request by RP but has heard nothing back from Moray Council

b) Boharm/Mulben – KC reported no comments

c) Grange – The following reported by AW. No grit has been forthcoming and when local residents have approached the council for the yellow grit bins apparently, they need to purchase bins then council will keep them filled with grit!!! Given that we are in mid-winter and nothing to date has been forthcoming the consensus of the meeting was that progress is unlikely to be made but Cllr Theresa Coull is going to follow up. AW is going to work out where the optimum points would be for 'salt piles' on side of road which could help the locals.

There is a blocked drain on Crannoch Hill and on Gallowhill Terrace the road is sinking and falling away making it extremely dangerous. Cllr Laura Powell to investigate

Broadband continues to be a source of concern to many residents living in Grange. Moray MSP Richard Lochhead who might be able to help/give some insight into solution. It was suggested that he be written to so AW will follow up.

There has also been a change to the postal address for Grange Crossroads. Grange has been removed from the postal address completely. It has always been (House name), Crossroads, Grange AB55. There was no consultation with residents of the area. Cllr Donald Gatt informed the meeting that Moray Council is the responsible authority for the naming of properties and streets in Moray and has a gazetteer team that deals with these matters. Cllr Theresa Coull to follow up.

d) Knock – No representation so no comments

d) Rothiemay – KPI reported no comments

e) Botriphnie/Drummuir – Emailed from PGD in connection to Botriphnie graveyard. PGB had contacted TMC some time ago to report the dangerous state of some of the stones. Also, the access road to the graveyard continues to deteriorate. Cllr Theresa Coull to follow up.

9. Correspondence

- a) Loch Park Rural Skills Centre informed the community council that its defibrillator is up and running.
- b) The deadline for comments on the second round of the Community Council Scheme Review is 24 Feb. KPI encouraged all members to submit their views by that time.
- c) Glenfiddich Forest Amometry Application – KPI to contact the developers to ask if there is a community funding element for the Strathisla area and if so, to invite to present to the meeting.
- d) Edintore II Windfarm – Emma Bathgate has been invited to attend the March meeting as guest speaker.

10. Joint Community Council of Moray will be meeting, via Zoom, on the 11th of February. KPI, RP & TW will attend on behalf of Strathisla Community Council.

11. AOCB - None

Karen closed the meeting at 20:26 and thanked Esther for all her hard work as secretary.

Date and time of the next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 19:30 via Zoom