

Strathisla CC Minutes

9th February 2022

Present George Gartly (Chair), James Mark (Treasurer), Adele Williams, Rhona Patterson, Cllr Theresa Coull, Cllr Donald Gatt, Cllr Laura Powell.

Roger McMichael (Guest speaker from Ocean Winds)

1.Apologies - Karen Pryce-Iddon (Vice-Chair)

Welcome - George welcomed everyone to the meeting

2.Police update - Report presented by new chief Simon Reid

3.Guest Speaker - Roger McMichael (Ocean Winds) gave an enlightened presentation on new developments and further cabling route proposals for the Moray Firth turbines. The development includes an estimate for 60 turbines. Landfall for the twin cables will be between Sandend and Portsoy. He presented detailed maps of the proposed routes for cabling. Roger will distribute his Power Point presentation. The National Grid connection will be at Blackhillock, Keith. The Moray Council will decide soon on progressing the plan. Work will be carried out by Nexans & Siemens Energy. Nexans will communicate locally about work commencing in local areas. Residents within 2km of works will receive newsletters during the first week of March. A supply chain event was held in Keith at the start of February 2022. Live span will be 25 years +.

Rhona queried how much work would be made available to local companies. Local firms will be able to bid for work. A database of around 700 members of supply chain has been created. Roger alluded to local employment in the future.

Adele raised concerns about Grange and Deskford on the supplied maps. Roger to supply detailed maps to group. Adele highlighted traffic lights on A95 where road has collapsed. Donald gave detail on problems on the road to the East. Adele gave update that the road at Meikle Cantly would be unsuitable for heavy vehicles.

Roger happy to feedback on progress around June/July of this year. First power will be exported 2024.

4. **Previous Minutes** December's minutes were adopted with a few minor alterations.

5. Matters Arising George had been in touch with Aultmore Distillery to query where their defibulator was located. The manager said this was public access and the emergency services know of its whereabouts. George will pass correspondence to Rhona.

George has made contact with Community Warden Chris Haywood regarding fly-tipping around Drummuir area. George will pass contact details to James Mark.

6. Correspondence received

A. Craigwatch Wind farm.

7. Treasurers report at present Strathisla CC funds stand at £3791.09. Down £210 from past month.

8. Planning George to check with Debra Duke that all Planning is sent direct to group members. Check that we get every week?

9. Windfarm Updates

A. Beatrice – Rhona no date.

B. Edintore – James , AGM shortly in March

C. Hill of Towie - James, March cutoff for application.

D. Aultmore – George ,Public events will be held in Cullen & Newmill in March organised by Vatenfall consultants.

10. Members updates

Drummuir & Botriphnie – James, updated that Drummuir Village looking at what can be done to slow traffic near school. Police are aware of problem.

Drummuir , PTA Looking to install Smiley Face Speed measure- Theresa suggested The Council Traffic dept should be approached (George to Action).

Cllr Powell suggested the speed signs are around £1500 each.

There is also a locked gate near Loch Park that could be breaking a right of way. James suggested that this a right of way? Cllr Powell to investigate this.

Newmill – Rhona, Christmas lights need to come down.

Rothiemay & Knock –

Grange – no report

11. Elected Members

Cllr Theresa Coull – Cllr Coull , 30% of Council staff phasing staff back to office work. work. Council busy working on budget. There is also a severe shortage of Carers due to Covid situation. Advertised on social media for new staff. Absences from schools is still large. Three Councillors to have a meeting with Inspector Graham Warton at Buckie on March 2nd.

Cllr Donald Gatt – There has been a marked increase in Ward work. Increase in complaints regarding Anti-Social Behaviour and Roads.

Cllr Laura Powell – Final Planning for Wind Farm

There have been changes to Child Protection and looked after children.

12. Community Feedback

Other community Groups. No update.

13. Joint Community Council - AOCB

Cllr Coull updated group that Neil Innes of Ride the North , cycle tour will be passing through our area on 27th August. Final event taking part in Cooper Park, Elgin. Neil happy to talk to Community Groups. Happy to give presentation. George to contact him.

There will be an improvement plan for Keith Town Centre by end of March 2022. Suggested that Keith Community Council give a joint presentation. Rhona suggested a three-way group for the presentation to Regeneration Group also.

Rhona queried Aultmore defib. George has been in touch with Distillery manager and will forward details to Rhona.

Maggielock defib to be reinvestigated.

Rhona updated group that future Kieran's Legacy defibs will have Alarms.

Adele noticed that different defibs have different instructions when registered. Rhona informed that Sandra? should be quired.

Cllr Gatt highlighted that there are three different maps with defib locations.

Rhona to try and contact Defibs for Moray.

Cllr Coull updated group that the Longmore Community Hall is available for all out lying communities. This was reiterated by Rhona.

George asked group that staying online for time being was the most effective use of our time and this was agreed. Review as covid rates decline.

Date and time of next meeting – 2nd March 2022

Meeting closed at 20:50