

**Strathisla Community Council**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**7:30pm, Wednesday 5 July 2023**  
**Meeting Room, Keith Community Centre**

**Attendees:**

Strathisla Community Councillors: Priscilla Gordon-Duff, James Mark, Tina Murphy, Karen Pryce-Iddon

Moray Council Councillors: Tracy Colyer, Theresa Coull, Donald Gatt and Juli Harris

Dawn Brodie- Community Learning and Engagement Manager (Moray Council)

Debra Duke- Community Council Liaison Officer (Moray Council)

Bryony Beck –Local Community Development Officer (InKeith, KSRP)

**1. To receive apologies**

Apologies were received from Rhona Patterson and Martin Greenhalgh.

It was noted that Adele Williams had resigned from Strathisla CC. Written notification had been received by email.

The CCLO informed members that current membership was 6. Maximum was 10 and minimum was 5. Strathisla CC could not co-opt additional members until November 2023. If any potential members wanted to join they could be associate members until that point or an interim election could be held. It was noted that as Strathisla CC did not meet in August there were only 2 meetings until another 3 members could be co-opted at the November meeting.

**2. To Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2023**

Subject to the addition of apologies received from Moray Councillor Theresa Coull the minutes were approved a correct record.

**3. Matters arising (not elsewhere on the agenda)**

The CCLO said that she had received a reply from Jacob Gelling about the Strathisla CC website. After some discussion it was agreed to ask Jacob to close the website.

TM had access to the email, Facebook and twitter accounts.

**AGREED:**

- To close the Strathisla Community Council website.
- To use Facebook as a means of communication.

**4. Report from Police**

No police in attendance.

Members raised the reports from the police. They did not seem to be regularly received. Reports for all areas in Moray used to be sent to the CCLO for distribution via the Chief Inspector. Now community councils received a report

for their area. The CCLO was not always copied into these reports. Members said that it was useful to see what happened in other areas. The CCLO would raise this with the Chief Inspector and it would also be raised at the JCC to see if other community councils felt the same.

**ACTION:**

Agenda item for JCC meeting on 10 August to discuss police reports to community councils

**5. Notification of Sale of Property- Forestry and Land Scotland Land at Rosarie, Keith**

➤ Deadline for responses 20 July 2023

There were no members from this area on the community council. It was suggested that information be put on the community council's Facebook page in case any local residents wished to comment. Information would also be sent to the Local Community Development Officer to add to InKeith website and Facebook page.

There was a community association in that area. It would be good to establish links between community associations and the community council. The Local Community Development Officer said that she was in the process of building relationships with community associations.

**AGREED:**

- Strathisla CC had no comments to make.
- To send information to the Local Community Development Officer for further publication on InKeith website and Facebook pages.

**6. Licensing Consultation-** Moray Council Licensing Board is currently seeking your views on its draft statement of licensing policy for the period November 2023 to November 2028.

➤ Deadline for responses 14 August 2023

Members mentioned that it would have been useful to have a document summary or other information about the consultation. A more user friendly method to provide feedback would be better.

**AGREED:**

- No comments to be made at this point as it was unclear what the consultation required of community councils.
- To request an agenda item at the next JCC meeting about this consultation and the method of responding.

**7. Local Community Development Officer**

Bryony Beck introduced herself as the Local Community Development Officer for InKeith/Keith, Strathisla Regeneration Partnership (KSRP). She had started in the role on 12 June. She would be involved in the resilience planning work. She would also be working on an action plan for Keith and Strathisla. Results from the community consultation had been received and would be used to draft the action plan.

The Local Community Development Officer would be available at a drop in day at Longmore Hall on Monday 17 July from 10am to 4pm.

## **8. Update on recruitment of minutes secretary**

At the previous meeting it had been agreed to advertise for a minutes secretary in the following places:

- TSI Volunteer Hotlist (CCLO)
- Through the high school -
- Developing the Young Workforce -
- Parent Council –
- The Loft at Keith -
- In Keith- RP to send email
- Asking people – All

The CCLO had contacted TSI and added a post to the JCC Facebook page.

Noted that the person did not have to reside in Strathisla to undertake the role. However, they did need to have a good understanding of the role of a community council and the geography of the area.

### **ACTIONS:**

- Email InKeith with information for their jobs section- CCLO
- Undertake other advertising to recruit for a minutes secretary- ALL
- Contact people who had in the past expressed an interest in becoming minutes secretary.

## **9. Approve office holders**

- **Chairperson**
- **Secretary**

At the previous meeting these posts had not been appointed. Concerns had been raised about the support for office holders. The Community Engagement and Learning Manager said that the Community Support Unit could continue to support Strathisla CC. With that assurance nominations were called for Chairperson and Administration Secretary.

It was also confirmed that Martin Greenhalgh had said he would be willing to be vice-chairperson.

### **AGREED:**

- That Priscilla Gordon-Duff was elected Chairperson
- That Tina Murphy was elected Administration Secretary
- That Martin Greenhalgh was elected Vice-Chairperson

## **10. Organise a meeting with Strategic Planning and Development Officers-**

- Meeting to discuss draft framework to guide future proposals for infrastructure associated with green energy to the most suitable locations around Keith.

The CCLO had sent out an invite to Strathisla Community Councillors and two potential dates for the meeting.

**ACTION:**

- Reply to Principal Planning Officer (Strategic Planning and Development) that the preferred date was Thursday 13 July from 7pm. (CCLO)
- To book the circular meeting room at Keith Community Centre (CCLO)

**11. To receive a report from the treasurer**

The Treasurer presented a report. Admin grant amount was £2582.52. The audited accounts for 2022/23 were submitted.

Rhona Patterson had forwarded two applications for Beatrice micro grant funding.

- 1- Request from Newmill Community Association for grant of £250 for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Newmill war memorial event on 22 July 2023
- 2- Request from Newmill Hall Committee for grant of £250 for memorabilia for school children during the war memorial celebrations.

It had also been suggested that a community councillor should attend the ceremony and lay a wreath. Therefore a further request for a wreath was made. Community councillors were content to fund a wreath for Remembrance Day but for this occasion they felt that a more sustainable and local option should be considered. It was therefore agreed that a bunch of flowers would be purchased from a florist in Keith up to a maximum of £30. No other community councillors would be available on the day. Moray Councillor Coull offered to deliver the flowers (in place of laying a wreath).

An invoice had been received from Jacob Gelling for the cost of website hosting for the years 2021, 2022 and part of 2023. Approval for payment was required.

**APPROVED:**

- To provide £250 of Beatrice micro grant funding to Newmill Community Association to be spent in accordance with their application.
- To provide £250 of Beatrice micro grant funding to Newmill Hall Committee to be spent in accordance with their application.
- To purchase flowers from a local florist up to a maximum cost of £30 for the event on 22 July.
- To pay the invoice received from Jacob Gelling for website hosting for 2021, 2022 and part of 2023, total amount £84.00

**12. AOCB..**

KPI updated all about work that Money for Moray had undertaken for the process for applying for Just Transition Participatory Budgeting fund. The website to apply for funding was <https://www.jtpbfund.scot/>

Various roadshows for advice and information were being held:

- 11 July 3-8pm- Buckie
- 12 July 3-8pm- Forres
- 18 July 3-8pm- Fochabers
- 20 July 3-8pm- Lossiemouth

Closing date for applications was 4 September at 5pm.  
Voting on projects would open on 29 September and close on 13 October.

Contact would be made with Aultmore Windfarm now a chairperson had been appointed.

Moray Councillor Tracy Colyer said that the landslip on the A95 at Meikle Cantli had not been fixed as an otter holt had been found. A licence would be applied for and work was hoped to start in the middle of August.

This meeting was the end of the three month period that Moray Council Corporate Committee had agreed to further support for Strathisla CC. A report was required to be sent to the next Corporate Committee. The CSU would work with Democratic Services to report back.

**13. Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 6 September 2023 (no meeting in August)