

Strathisla Community Council
Minutes - 6:00pm - Wednesday 7th May 2025
Keith Community & Sports Centre, Banff Road, Keith

Attendees:

Strathisla Community Councillors: James Mark (JM), Geraldine McKillop (GM), Tina Murphy (TM), Karen Price Iddon (KPI), Rhona Paterson (RP)

Moray Councillors: Teresa Coull (ThC)

1. **Welcome** – Treasurer JM welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Apologies** – Tracy Colyer (TrC), Donald Gatt (DG), John Taylor (JT)
3. **Minutes of last meeting** – Weds 2nd April - RP suggested Aultmore Windfarm Redesign report in minutes may be incorrect. ThC confirmed that the minutes were correct; following refusal by MC, the developer opted to amend their application. **Minutes Approved** - Proposed GM, seconded JM
4. **Matters arising:**
Kings Portrait – Strathisla CC Sign awaiting response – CEO of MC
Police Scotland Report – TM has requested that statistics for local activity be included in future reports
5. **Community Council Elections** – CCLO is working on programme of events and editorials to raise awareness
6. **Treasurers Report** – only movement in account since last report, receipt of admin grant of £358.86
7. **Planning / Weekly wards** – no comments
8. **Reports, Events Attended** – JM update on Field BESS, Nexans 'Moray West' compound may now be allowed to stay and be reused by Field.
9. **Updates**
 - a. **Boharm / Mulben** – no report
 - b. **Botriphnie / Drummuir** – waiting on speed warning signs to be re installed
 - c. **Grange** – VE Day event raised over £800, Whist Drive on 31st May, Fibre works still ongoing
 - d. **Newmill** – no further news on ownership of memorial clock tower or on lease negotiations for Hall
 - e. **Rothiemay / Knock** – Discussion on Rothiemay Resilience Generator and amount of money left in Resilience fund for Rothiemay to use. RP commented that the intention was never to split the fund equally and further funding applications could be made for the shortfall. Rothiemay School have declined to have the generator. KPI to discuss the possibility of the generator being installed at The Lossat, which is a community owned area and organise discussion with Rothiemay residents. Meeting decided not to purchase the portable generator being offered by Muirton. RP to reply to Muirton.
 - f. **Rural Keith** – TM reported that where there are no road markings at junction of the unclassified road past the Quarries / Blackhillock Sub Station / Blackhillock Croft there had now been a collision between 2 vehicles both of which were damaged, Police attended
10. **Correspondence:** Petition on Abstraction for proposed Speyside Hydrogen Plant - any replies individually. Update on Union Bridge works - extended due to another gas leak and birds nesting
11. **JCC** – next meeting Elgin Community Centre – 22nd May
12. **AOCB** – Various VE day Services taking place in / around Keith. Dr Harrington to read Churchill's speech. Drummuir Kirk – 3 offers have been received to purchase. Plan to amalgamate Keith North Kirk and St Rufus still awaiting permission. Keith in Bloom – request to sponsor flowers for £400. TM to check what form sponsorship took last year. 4th June meeting – TM not available – TM to ask if CCLO available to attend and take minutes

JM thanked everyone for attending

Meeting closed at 7:00pm
Date of next meeting ~ Wednesday 4th June 2025

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