

# **Strathisla Community Council**

## **Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2009**

**Present:** Rhona Patterson, Cllr Cree, Cllr Murdoch, Cllr Shepherd, David McWilliam, Jane Macpherson, Keith Alderson, Ian Ross, Sgt Black, June Simpson, Margaret Robson, Alex Gordon Duff, Wilma Robertson.

**Apologies:** Cllr Coull, Duncan Morrison, Jenny Anderson, Innes Macpherson, James Mark.

**Welcome:** Rhona Patterson, Chairperson, warmly welcomed the good turn out of Councillors and introduced Margaret Robson as a new Den Representative. The Chair confirmed that the participation and attendance of interested community members is to be encouraged although they will not be entitled to a vote.

### **Minutes of Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2008**

The minutes having been circulated previous to the meeting were approved, with the under noted amendment, by David McWilliam and seconded by Ian Ross.  
BBC Local News Websites – amend to read ‘ delivering local TV via the web’.

### **Business**

#### **1 – Police**

##### **Abandoned Car**

June Simpson reported that the car has now been removed.

##### **Cyclists on Mid Street**

Sgt Black advised on the Operation Nightlight Campaign being carried out by Police Officers where general and specific issues are being targeted. A few people have been warned in regard to inappropriate conduct and they would follow up on any leads. It was reported that Mid Street was frequently more busy with young cyclists between 3.00pm and 5.00pm when the use of pavements by cyclists had been observed by Community Councillors.

##### **Newmill Car Park**

Sgt Black advised that there had been several reports from residents of Newmill regarding cars screeching in the car park. As the cars appear at random times this makes follow up very difficult therefore the provision of as much information as possible in regard to times and vehicle models was requested.

##### **Action: Councillors to pass on detailed information to Sgt Black where possible**

Sgt Black confirmed with Members that there was nothing further pressing in any of the outlying areas at present and asked to be excused from the meeting.

#### **2 - Youth Issues**

No progress to date but will keep trying to get youth attendance.

### **3 - Planning Lists**

The Chair confirmed that she had spoken to Teresa Ruggeri who had confirmed that the Planning Decisions under delegated powers list could not be issued to anyone other than elected members as it comprised the whole planning list and information not relevant to our area. This information was questioned as the complete planning lists are issued weekly to Community Councillors.

#### **National Planning Framework**

Cllr Cree advised that there had been information seminars about the new Planning Regulations but it was felt that people had been informed rather than been consulted. The Chair asked that all comments be emailed to her previous to the weekend in order that views could be passed to MSPs prior to 12<sup>th</sup> January. The view was expressed that the process should be halted to allow proper consultation. Cllr Cree advised that he supported much of the initiative and offered to organise for a speaker to attend the next meeting to raise awareness of the wider issues of the new regulations.

#### **Aultmore Wind Farm**

An application for thirteen turbines has been submitted to the Moray Council with a decision expected in September 2009. Any communities to be affected by this development are encouraged to pursue funding from the company.

#### **Drummuir Wind Farm**

Enquiries in regard to assistance from the Community Fund had received a negative response in that the company had 'no obligation to give the community anything'. Cllr Paul is to follow up on this matter. No answers were available in regard to the change of access road reference Rosarie.

### **4 - Rural Keith and Newmill**

#### **Quarrybrae**

Work scheduled for Spring when the frost is gone.

#### **Recycling**

Difficulties were experienced with the uplift of cardboard and bottles over the Christmas period. Questions were asked why the bins had not been emptied prior to Christmas as this had added to the problem.

#### **Christmas Lights**

Ian Ross wished to congratulate all involved in the raising of funds and for putting up the splendid Christmas Lights. They were a credit to the village. Tribute was also paid to those who had produced the lovely display in Keith and Fife Keith.

### **5 – Rothiemay**

#### **Land Adjacent to Rothiemay War Memorial**

Keith Alderson raised concerns regarding outline planning for a three bedroom house on this amenity land at Rothiemay. He reiterated the long standing issues related to this land and considered that this development should be contested. Cllr Cree stated that the issues would be specific to the type of building and that the community would be invited to make comment on any proposed building. Keith Alderson advised that he intended consulting with the people of Rothiemay village and the rural population and contacting his MSP and Councillors regarding the possible building of a kit house on this site. Over and above the amenity ground issue there is the matter of sewage and the council are well

aware of these difficulties. The Chair advised that if it goes to planning then the community will have the right to object, but in order to clarify the situation at present she will contact John Black for an update on matters.

**Action: Chair to contact John Black, Moray Council**

#### **Cemetery Car Signs**

No progress to date.

#### **Waterside Road, Rothiemay**

The response from Moray Council advised that there is no current plan to carry out repair work on the B9118 Waterside Road. Keith Alderson again reported the road to be in need of urgent repair. Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Cree agreed to have an on-site visit.

**Action: Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Cree to follow up**

#### **Trees in Rothiemay Village**

Letter to confirm that the tree of most concern will be attended to by Lands and Parks, Moray Council. Other trees are in private property and owners will be asked to attend to where necessary.

#### **Fallen Stones in Rothiemay Cemetery**

**Action: Letter of request to be sent to Moray Council.**

### **6 - The Den**

#### **Caravan Site, Dunnyduff Road**

June Simpson reported that the pavement situation remained the same and there are now sections of fence broken allowing shrubs to protrude on to the pavement. Water is also running on to the pavement from the site and it has been like a skating rink at times.

**Action: Cllr Cree to carry out site visit.**

#### **Den Crescent**

It was reported that there is still rubbish lying in the gardens of 37 and 148 Den Crescent.

**Action: Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Cree to follow up.**

#### **Travellers in the Lorry Park, Bridge Street**

It was reported that there are travellers in the lorry park with the lack of facilities in the lorry park again being highlighted. The Chair advised that there is to be an awareness session on Gypsy/Travellers and the interest of Strathisla Community Council has been confirmed.

### **7 – Grange**

#### **Crossroads School Signage**

Cllr Cree advised that there has been no progress in regard to the matter of 20mph signage for schools. The Chair asked if figures are available on how many schools have been done and if flashing lights at least could be put outside Newmill School. The opinion was that all schools should have flashing lights and that there should be a planned programme put in place to accommodate such a development.

**Action: Cllr Cree to investigate**

### **8 – Boharm**

#### **Holl Croft Crash Barrier**

No update available.

**Action: Cllr Murdoch to discuss with Cllr Paul**

## **Questionnaire**

Jane Macpherson reported that the response to the questionnaire had been very good.

### **3 – 2 –1 Signs Mulben**

Further action was requested on campaigning for 3-2-1 Signs at Mulben as the road is continually used as a rat race to Elgin. The narrow bridge and the close proximity of the crossroads together with the community itself living on the trunk road presents a situation that should be brought to the attention of motorists to encourage them to slow down while passing through the village. Relevant points to be presented to the 2009 Review.

### **Popin Brae**

**Action: Chair to contact Ron Wilson, Roads Design Manager, Bear regarding dates of repair work.**

## **9 – Botriphnie**

### **Tocher Terrace Car Park, Drummuir**

Moray Council has advised that all residents had received a letter to make them aware that the rough chippings are a temporary measure and the car park will be tarred at some time in the future where owners will have to share the cost.

### **Adopted/Unadopted Roads**

**Action: Chair to get clarification on certain issues.**

### **Access Road to Botriphnie Kirk**

Proposal that all interested parties should meet to discuss shared costs.

**Action: Alex Gordon Duff to pursue.**

## **Correspondence**

### **Rural Development Funding Seminar**

Members were encouraged to attend and to return application forms by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of Strathisla Community Council is to be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 at 7.30pm**