

Strathisla Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 2nd December 2009

Present: Rhona Patterson, Fiona Wallace, James Mark, Jenny Anderson, Innes McPherson, Keith Comrie, Duncan Morrison.

In attendance: Donna Jamieson, RES Wind farm Representatives; Dave Eastman, Grant Scanlon, Rachel Anderson.

Apologies: Sgt John Black, Cllr Cree, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Coull, Cllr Murdoch, Ian Ross.

Rhona Patterson welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were agreed as correct. Approved by James Mark, seconded by Innes McPherson.

Matters arising: nil

Agenda.

1. Police matters.

The Christmas lights turn on went ahead with no problems. The police are currently targeting Youth Issues over the festive period especially drinking and rowdiness. The Police will be taking their mobile unit along to local school dances to help deter anti social behaviour. Drug and alcohol service information will also be given out. She also commented that there was an affine line between youths gathering in the street and a crime being committed. Wardens do monitor the situation and try to keep a curfew of 10pm. Grampian Police are also providing some funding for the refurbishment of The Loft venue to help improve youth activities in the area. Bin It to Win It Awards are still active and Donna was very pleased with some good behaviour.

Keith has a new CBO – PC Fraser

2. RES Hill of Towie Wind Farm.

The representatives of RES held a talk regarding the approved turbines at Hill of Towie. An introduction of the Company was given and a handout provided. (The handout is available from the secretary on request).

21 turbines will be erected with a height of 100m. These are 2.3MW turbines. Work has commenced this week for access preparation, Feb 2010 main site works start, turbine delivery is Aug 2011 with completion of all works by March 2012.

The Community Fund will be circa £50,000 per year and will be available when the wind farm becomes operational. SCC were asked for thoughts on administration of the fund.

Concerns were expressed to RES re the access point however this was the preferred entrance and works were to be carried out with trees removed to improve sight lines.

Extra Agenda Item.

Rhona must step down as Chair as this poses a conflict of interest due to her new post of Community Support Worker. This will be a staged exit to ease the appointment of a new Chair. 2nd round of CC elections ends Fri 18th 2009.

Nominations were asked for Chair for the next meeting.

3. Terrorism.

Nil noted.

4. Youth Issues.

To defer to New Year as we should have a representative then.

5. Planning.

Caravan Park. Enforcement notice has been issued (info from Cllr Coull) but this is still a lengthy process. Correspondence has been received re "planning in the countryside" the consultation document was distributed and comments to Fiona by 24th Dec 2009 pls.

6. Botriphnie.

Nil new to record.

7. Newmill.

A flooding meeting has been held and a further open meeting is to be held for further discussion with MC.

Road closures are still active at the top of Quarry Brae.

Anti-skid surface at end of Newmill Rd, to defer as unsure at present if it is effective.

8. Rothiemay.

Road closures to Huntly is affecting the village as is being used as a cut-through and this poses safety issues. Need to investigate timescales for completion of works to bridge or preferred diversion. *Action – Jenny.*

9. Grange.

Road speeds outside Crossroads School still a concern and need to lobby MC.

Action – Fiona. Ceilidh at Grange Hall a great success, thanks to all who attended, circa £1100 (gross) was made for school funds.

10. Boharm.

Re water running off Hillockhead, reply to Cllr Coull from roads dept states, there is **no** increase in the water running on the road but they are looking at alternative ways of redirecting the water. *Action – Rhona to invite Ralph.....*

Hillcroft – crash barrier still not erected. *Action – Innes to talk to MC.*

Mulben Hall held a successful dance raising £1000.

11. Correspondence.

Letter received from MC re polling station changes. Proposal to change station at Crossroads school to King Memorial Hall, Grange. All present feels this is a good idea. Discussion also took place re use of Rothiemay Hall instead of the school.

Action – Fiona to reply. (Ps. actioned by email)

Letter from Moray licensing Board re new licensing laws and forthcoming changes.

Email questionnaire sent to all to respond individually re CC election process. *Action – all (Fiona has forwarded).*

11th Moray Great Bike Ride, June 2010 – letter asking for volunteers in each community area to help. All agreed this would be a good idea to aim to participate.

Action – Fiona to reply. (Ps. Letter sent).

Letter re Common Good land, MC has list of areas but are asking for any further info on land.

12. **AOCB**

Constitution – this was agreed by all, to be signed.

MC Budget Consultation. This will take place at KGS school hall Tues 8th Dec 7-9pm. CC hare helping to facilitate. Alastair Keddie will be in attendance. Consultation ends Dec 15th. *Action – all to aim to attend.*

13. **Date of next meeting.**

It was agreed to defer until Wednesday 3rd February 2010 @ 19.30.

No other business discussed, meeting closed.