

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 6th February 2013

Present: Ian Ross, Fiona Wallace, Innes Macpherson, Megan Wallace-Baldwin, Paul Shelton, Keith Comrie, James Mark, Cllr Coull

Apologies :Cllr Cree, Cllr Murdoch, Donna Jamieson, Jenny Anderson, Matthew Sutherland

In attendance: Sgt Mulloy, Kathryn Abraham, Kirsty Edmund, George Stephen, Godfrey Darling, Robert Stott, Ian Mackay, Ann Mackay

Minutes of last meeting, December 2012 were agreed as correct. Proposed by Keith, seconded by Paul.

1. Police Matters.

New Sgt for Keith- Sgt Mulloy has taken over from Sgt Black. Sgt Black has sent his thanks for working with our members.

Since December 2012 there have been 74 recorded crimes in Keith. Dishonesty crimes, including house theft is on the decrease. Detections include a number of vandalisms, assaults and alcohol fuelled breaches of the peace.

There were several detected road traffic offences detected by both local and patrolling traffic officers, which included dangerous driving, drug and drink driving and the use of mobile phones whilst driving. Operation Lunar was run specifically to target vehicles driving with lighting defects with a high number of offences detected.

Ian brought up car thefts with car keys being taken from unlocked houses. We discussed that this has been happening a lot in Aberdeen and Sgt Mulloy recommends that people make sure their doors are locked and not to leave keys in their cars.

Paul brought up bogus "water meter reader" going around Turriff trying to gain access into homes. Sgt Mulloy says to be aware of their clothing and not to let them into the house unless they have appropriate ID.

2. Treasurer Report.

Nothing in or out this month.

Note to treasurer- confirmation of cheque sent for poppy wreaths.

3. Youth Issues.

Not discussed due to time constraints.

4. Planning.

Moray Local Development Plan-Mulben area- see Boharm

Clerkseat Planning Application-Grange-see Grange

Turbine consult- Easter Knauchland, Huntly- 2 large turbines, 29 metre rotor diameter.

Edintore Wind farm – Speaker postponed, new date to be confirmed

Crossroads Garage, Rothiemay- no further information.

5. Boharm.

Hall, Mulben-refurbishment is well underway

Footpath-in front of Mulben houses- Action: Fiona still to email MC for updated information.

Moray Local Development Plan-visitors attended the meeting to voice concerns over MC proposed boundary extensions in Mulben in their latest consultation plan. Concerns raised were that areas proposed were flood risks and have flooded on several occasions and currently have standing water in them. There are currently 12 outline planning plots which are still vacant and the general consensus was that there was no need for further development land to be identified. The visitors put across their concerns and asked for SCC's views and asked for our support of their objections. Final dates for submission of responses is the 15th Feb. Question was asked if any of our members had a conflict of interest in the area, would they be allowed to vote? Ian replied that anyone with a conflict would stand aside anyway as a matter of principle. Much discussion took place later amongst the members with agreement to support the objection with regards to the flooding risk to existing households and the non-requirement for more housing. **Action: Keith as Mulben rep will draft a letter to MC**

Eyesore- The owner Mr Stott was present and discussed that he had come to an agreement with MC that it will be removed by the end of February. It was mentioned that he has been storing building materials which needed to be kept dry, but are nearly all used now.

Action: Fiona to contact MC re unsafe building

6. Newmill.

Strathisla House- concerns that high winds has caused more falling masonry. Reports that security fence has been moved and that local youths have been entering the building. Safety concerns persist. **Action: Cllr Coull to contact building standards**

No new issues

7. Botriphnie.

Water at hall- **Action: Fiona to email Cllr Murdoch- still a problem**

Car parking for village hall- Drummuir Community Association are trying to pursue the matter. They are having a meeting with the landowner and MC rep to discuss. Gary was asked for advice re suitable rep, he suggests Mark Ross. Action: James will contact on behalf of DCA.

Drummuir hall quiz on Saturday 9th Feb- All welcome, tables of 4.

8. Grange.

Clerkseat Planning Application-Concerns re application for proposed dwelling on outline site. Mr Darling has provided information to the members re the proposed dwelling. He feels it is out of character and has access concerns. He is still unsatisfied with the outcome of the planning consent and has further concerns for the style of the house. He is asking SCC for our support again with his current objections. Later discussion between members, agreed to write a letter of observation to MC re house appearing out of character and access issues. **Action: Fiona to draft letter to MC.**

Grange AGM on Tuesday 12th Feb at 7pm, All welcome.

No new issues

9. Rothiemay.

Crossroads garage- see planning.

Lossatt meeting- Jenny will feed back at next meeting.

No new issues.

10. Correspondence.

Kerbside recycling- final roll out. Duncan Falconer to attend March meeting.

BEAR-A96-Letter received re work on Haughs Rail Bridge Strengthening, Single lane restrictions in place for 6 weeks. Work to start in March.

11. AOCB.

Nil discussed.

12. Date of next meeting Wednesday 6th March 2013