

Strathisla Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 3rd July 2013

Present: Fiona Wallace, Innes Macpherson, Megan Wallace-Baldwin, Gary Coull, James Mark, Paul Shelton

Apologies : Cllr Murdoch, Cllr Cree, Donna Jamieson, Jenny Anderson, Matthew Sutherland, Keith Comrie, Ian Ross, Sgt Mulloy

In attendance: John Gelling, Jacob Gelling, P.C Stewart

Innes is acting as chair due to Ian being on holiday.

Amendments: Planning-spelling mistake, should say 'clerkseat'. Money donated to JCC is £75 not £70.

Amended Minutes approved by Fiona and seconded by Innes.

Website Design:

Still in progress. The technical aspects of the website have been completed, now the content has to be added. SCC thinks it would be a good idea for a member of each parish to take pictures of their area and write a blurb about their parish to be included on the website. The website address is www.strathisla.org although it isn't online yet. The website will also include links each parish's website and member's contact details. It will also include a map of the area. **Action: Fiona to send Jacob parish population numbers, contact details, email Tracey Rae for JCC paperwork and also email Jenny to ask her to take pictures of her area. Megan is to take pictures of Grange and write a blurb.**

1. Police Matters:

Since the last meeting, there continues to be a reduction in recorded crimes in the area. There continues to be complaints about boy racers and antisocial driving. People have been charged and also educated as to the dangers of their behaviour. Recently there was a break in at the paper shop- Shiloz- in Keith. People have been charged and are going to court on the 4th of July. The police are thanking local intelligence in assisting them.

Fiona brought up fuel thefts- two men were spotted in a neighbour's field and has been reported to the police. P.C Stewart said that suspicious activity needs to be reported straight away otherwise the police can't really do anything about it.

2. Treasurer Report.

£75 has been sent to JCC for promotional work. **Action: Fiona will email Jenny.**

3. Youth Issues.

Megan did a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practise expedition on the 22nd and 23rd of June. Her final expedition takes place on the 24th and 25th of August.

Education School Provision- It has been brought up that the art and music budget has been cut for rural schools. This is a cause for concern because it appears that schools with a larger enrolment haven't lost this provision. **Action: Gary to find out criteria of the situation and cuts.**

The Sustainable Education Review passed on the 3rd of July. It is a huge exercise taking place within Moray to take a look at schools to see what is best for them. Advisors are being brought in to find out the views of the local people also. The exercise includes everything from staff and teachers to the buildings, etc.

4. Planning.

Edintore Wind farm - carry forward.

Bodinfinoch farm- no new information.

Red Hill, Rothiemay- wind turbine planning concern- the original application for an 80-90 metre turbine was turned down and now the plan has been revised. SCC has not been consulted about this. Stop The Red Hill Turbine Project has produced and distributed a brochure against the plan. Fiona has emailed planning to ask why SCC weren't consulted and to reconfirm our objection.

Vattenfall- Fiona received a phone call about a meeting on the 4th of July about the Aultmore windfarm to try and get a steering group together. The meeting is taking place at Mill of Tynet at 7pm. **Action: Fiona to attend.**

5. Grange.

Hall- no new information

Suspicious people- see Police Matters.

Carry forward, no new issues.

6. Rothiemay.

Land at war memorial- no further comment from MC.

No new issues.

7. Boharm.

Hall, Mulben-work on the interior is on-going. The hall is said to look nicer and brighter and the work is getting on very well.

Footpath-in front of Mulben houses- **Action: Keith to resend email to Pearl Paul.**

8. Newmill.

Glenisla House-Gary has been in touch with Kevan Sturgeon . He has said he will look at the house for falling masonry etc. Gary will follow up Glenisla House issue with Building Standards.

Flood scheme letter: the scheme and the business case are not yet together so no start date has been issued.

9. Botriphnie.

Water at hall-waiting for MC to act.

Potholes in B9115-The work has been completed. There are further local concerns about the bottom of the B9115 Edintore Brae having kerb damage. **Action: Gary will talk to MC roads department.**

Car Parking- talks carry forward.

10. Correspondence.

Isla Way- proposed new off road plan from Drummuir to Keith. A letter has been received inviting SCC to join a community partnership. Action: Fiona to write back and ask for more information (have private land owners been asked?) and a map of the proposed footpath.

A letter was received about the Tulloch and Parkmore Long Term Forest Plan Consultation from Scottish Woodlands. We have no objections to planting woodland area with woodland. **Action: Fiona to respond.**

Public Entertainment Licence- There have been local changes to licencing laws.

B.O.W.L e-bulletin has been received and distributed to all.

Housing and welfare letter consult has been received including information about affordable rented housing. The consultation included 10 proposals.

SCC population figures- can't get them until after July because the census has not been collated yet.

11. AOCB.

Community Council review scheme 2013- 2nd draft has been received and the following points have been kept the same:

- Number of seats to be reduced to 12 (do not agree with proposal, would prefer reduced to 10 seats)
- Membership- min:8, max:12, quorum:5 (members disagree and would like to change min:5, max:10, quorum:3 to be in line with other community council changes)

Other councils refuse to change the youth member age to 14-16 on the fact that other council members would have to have a background check and there would be child protection issues. Members are concerned over the fact that the number of seats have stayed the same. Fiona has sent a response.

12. Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th September 2013

Please note that there is no meeting in August