



Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 4th September 2013

Present: Ian Ross, Fiona Wallace, Megan Wallace-Baldwin, Gary Coull, James Mark, Paul Shelton, Keith Comrie.

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

In attendance: PC Witkowski, PC Tripp.

Minutes approved by James and seconded by Paul.

Website Design:

Still in progress-some members are still to email Jacob with information on their parish. Action: Megan has offered to research Newmill and Rothiemay.

1. Police Matters:

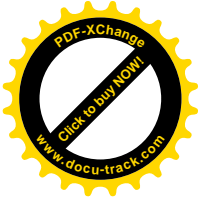
Since the last meeting in July, there have been 96 recorded crimes which consist of crimes and dishonesties, road traffic offences, vandalism and drug related offences. A high percentage of these crimes and offences have been detected and further enquiries are continuing into the remainder of them. Out of these dishonesties only three are out with the town itself.

Since the last meeting, two males have appeared at Elgin sheriff Court for a theft by housebreaking and dishonesty at a local garage. Another male has been charged with three break ins to the same domestic dwelling house. One has been charged with being found in the skip at the refuse centre.

During the 19th and 20th of July an anti-social driving campaign was run in Keith under the banner of Operation Moravia. As a result of this operation a number of offences were witnessed and the offenders are being reported.

On the 20th of July an Operation Avon patrol, tackling anti-social underage drinking was conducted within the town. A further Operation Avon was run during the Keith show and a quantity of alcohol was seized. There were no other issues during these patrols and Police liaised with a number of youths during these periods.

Fiona raised her concerns about frequent reports of loose horses on the B9018 and around the Crossroads area in Grange. The police are aware of these reports. She also raised that she has seen an increasing number of motorists, particularly tractor drivers, on their mobile phones. The police are aware and are doing what they can to target offenders.



2. Treasurer Report.

Keith will check if he is a signatory.

3. Youth Issues.

Megan did her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition on the 24th and 25th of August. The expedition went well and fortunately the weather was good.

Education School Provision- Action: Gary to find out more information.

N.E.A.T Flicks are looking for new venues to bring their mobile theatre (acting/movies) to the area. Fiona has been contacted by the group to gauge interest from the local youths and she has responded positively. We shall hear more information in due course.

4. Planning.

Edintore Wind farm - carry forward.

Bodinfinoch farm- no new information.

Red Hill, Rothiemay- wind turbine planning concern-Fiona has commented the resubmission of the Red Hill turbine at a reduced height of 54m. Fiona has contacted the MC planning department and submitted our objection as per the previous application.

Vattenfall- Fiona has information. Also, £2000 per megawatt has been allocated for the community fund.

RES-Hill of Towie II- James attended the meeting. There is a proposal of 16 new turbines instead of the original number of 21. For the community fund, RES are proposing £3000 per megawatt to give local people cheaper electric.

5. Grange.

Hall- ongoing, trying to get funding.

There have been complaints about the quality of the A95 road between Knock and Glenbarry. The road surface is damaged. Action: Gary to contact the roads department.

6. Rothiemay.

Rep not present.



7. Boharm.

Hall, Mulben-the final finishing touches are being done. The renovation of the kitchen is being put on hold until it is re-insulated.

Footpath-in front of Mulben houses-Keith has contacted Cllr Murdoch and MC have agreed to pay and carry out the work.

8. Newmill.

Glenisla House- reply from MC; demolition is not a reasonable option unless it is absolutely necessary. MC have said that they will spend a minimum amount of money and work to make the house safe. Ian has raised his concerns that during high winds more masonry has and will continue to fall and make it unsafe again. He also brought to our attention that the litter bin located behind the security fence, erected around Glenisla House, is inaccessible to the public. He is asking as to whether it can be moved.

Flood scheme letter: the council are now proposing to carry out a CCTV survey of the drains.

No new issues.

9. Botriphnie.

Water at gully-nothing has been done by MC to tackle the issue.

Potholes in B9115- There are further local concerns about the bottom of the B9115 Edintore Brae having kerb damage. The edges of the road are broken and no action has been taken. Action: Gary will talk to MC roads department.

Car Parking- talks carry forward.

No new issues.

10. Correspondence.

Litter Free Scotland Consultation Letter- Ian will read and send off the consultation.

A long discussion took place about litter and bins and questions were raised such as: why are there so many bins if people aren't using them? We feel this may be due to a lack of respect. Ian noted that on a recent trip to Australia he commented that there is practically no litter and that people are proud of their litter free landscape and do not tolerate littering. This was food for thought for future discussion.



11. AOCB.

Fiona distributed Community Council promotional leaflets for all members to hand out in their own area.

Cllr Cree sent a letter to offer his thanks and congratulations for the hard work in the past four years and to wish luck for incoming members.

12. Date of next meeting

There is no official meeting in October due to the elections.

An inaugural meeting has been proposed for the 16th of October which Tracey Rae, Community Support Liaison Officer, will chair.

The first official meeting of the newly formed community council will be on the 6th of November.

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