

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of Meeting 7th May 2014

Present: John Gelling, Ian Ross, Keith Comrie, Jacob Gelling, James Mark

Apologies: Innes Macpherson, Priscilla Gordon-Duff, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Coull, Cllr Murdoch.

In Attendance: Pc. Fraser, Dawn Brodie (Community Action Plan)

Minutes of last Meeting. Budget was discussed. i.e., what the monies from MC can be used for. Also discussed was the draft Local Plan and support of community plans. Otherwise agreed as correct. Proposed by Keith, seconded by John.

1. Police Matters.

Since last month:

49 recorded crimes. Majority relate to thefts and other dishonesty crimes, mostly within the town of Keith. There have been thefts of gates from properties out with Keith, all are asked to report any suspicious going ons. From the committee there was only report about quad bikes being driven at speed within Newmill.

Guest Speaker. Ms Brodie kindly agreed to give us a talk on how to set up a Community Action Plan, this would be helpful to assist the villages be able to draw on funding for projects within our area. She showed us copies of plans that had been used by other villages, then discussed with us how we would be able to draw up a plan that would include all 5 areas that we cover, this prompted discussion on the different needs from one village to another. This would possibly mean individual action plans for each area. It was agreed that a survey of each village would be needed to identify their needs. A draft of a questionnaire will be drawn up by Dawn Brodie and discussed at next meeting. The CC's are to think of the best ways to distribute the questionnaire and get responses. John to look into prepaid return envelopes from the Royal Mail.

Action All.

2. Treasurer Report. James paid out cheques for all outstanding bills and gave a report on the bank balance. James also acknowledged the receipt of the cheque from MC.

3. Youth Issues. It was agreed that NetFlix will be booked to provide a movie evening, Drummur hall has agreed to host. No other issues.

Action James/Ian

4. **Planning:** Network Rail, have proposed works on the railway line near Mulben to create a stretch of dual line. **No objections.**
5. **Newmill.** Only issue was reported in police section. Only other thing of note was, Ian reported on MC website that a number of street lights were not working, all were fixed within 2 days, well done MC.
6. **Boharm.** The cottage at the crossroads was badly damaged by fire.
7. **Botriphnie.** Re. Kirk car park and road, a stakeholder meeting will be held 28 May.
8. **Grange:** No new business.
9. **Rothiemay.** No report.
10. **Correspondence:** Forestry Commission sent an update on the proposals for Corniehaugh including a copy of the information gathering report. All as expected.
11. **AOCB.** Schools consultation, Keith and John attended meeting at KGS.MC still working on plan so no outcome on the schools in our area yet.

Further to earlier discussions on expenses claims by members, Keith called for rulings on what could be claimed for, the committee agreed on.

Any expenses for travel only, within Moray on SCC business could be claimed for by any member.

Any travel or expense outwith Moray must firstly be cleared by the committee.

12. **Date of next meeting** **Wednesday 4th June 2014**