

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of meeting - 4th June, 2014 in Keith Community Centre

Present: Keith Comrie, Ian Ross, John Gelling and Jacob Gelling

Apologies – Priscilla Gordon-Duff, Innes Macpherson.

In attendance: Mike Mulloy (Police Scotland), Dawn Brodie (Moray Council); Cllr Ron Shepherd; Esther Green (minutes secretary)

Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were approved as accurate by Keith Comrie, seconded by John Gelling.

BUSINESS

1. **Police Matters:** Mike Mulloy presented the monthly report to members (*copy available*). Since the last meeting there had been 20 recorded crimes in Keith and district, a pleasing drop in the number of reported thefts and breaks ins from the previous month. There has been a theft of equipment from a farm on the outskirts of Keith and the theft of a quad bike and tools from a property at Cairnty. Enquiries are ongoing and some property has been recovered from the Cairnty theft. There have been a number of assaults, mainly in and around licensed premises which are being investigated and it is likely that those responsible will be reported to court.

Feedback on police: Anti-social driving – a planned operation did not go ahead due to staff being deployed for other policing matters. Further operations will be run to target anti-social driving.

Ongoing local/force-wide activities: There will continue to be officers covering the area 24 hours a day, with the police office manned from 8.30am-4.15pm Monday-Friday. June sees Keith Music Festival and the Grand Truck and tractor Pulling and although no direct involvement in policing these events, there will be police attendance and passing attention given to them. Police road safety advisors have in the past been involved in Rrrrallye but road safety education is to become the remit of councils.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Dawn Brodie from Moray Council's community support unit, returned to the meeting with a draft survey for members to consider (*copy available*). Members felt that more explanation should be given in the heading. The themes being covered in the survey, ie Community Facilities, Community Activities, Community Services, Housing, Crime

and Community Safety, Traffic and Transport, Health and Wellbeing, Jobs and the Local Economy, Local Environment, General, were fine but more specific detail was required in order to accurately capture feedback. Members agreed to review the survey and return their comments to Dawn via email dawn.brodie@moray.gov.uk within the next two weeks. **(All to consider/action)**

The question of where and how to conduct the survey was discussed. John Gelling advised using Royal Mail would cost £90 for the licence and 35.5p for each response received. Other suggestions were to catch people outside polling stations before or after voting in the referendum in September; to place surveys in the shops in Rothiemay and Newmill; to carry out a surveymonkey online questionnaire or have them available at events taking place in halls in each area.

2. **Treasurer's report** – In the absence of the treasurer, there was no update.
3. **Youth Issues** – Drummuir is to host the first Netflix movie screening, in liaison with James Mark.
4. **Planning** – No relevant issues for Strathisla.
5. **Boharm** – A part-built house that has lain empty for some considerable time has been sold by private auction, raising hopes that the building work will now recommence and the home being finally becoming occupied.
6. **Botriphnie** – Priscilla Gordon-Duff was not present but passed on information that there had been a well attended stakeholder meeting to discuss the Botriphnie Church Car Park and access road.
7. **Grange** – The recycling facilities at King Memorial Hall have been removed, following the roll out of kerbside recycling in the area
8. **Newmill** – The B9017 has a section requiring maintenance and repair. Ron Shepherd to investigate. **(RS to action)**
9. **Rothiemay** – One resident had raised annoyance that ditches had been cleared but what was extracted was just dumped nearby rather than being removed.

10. Correspondence

- a. **Leader** – Have Your Say workshop events taking place in Elgin, Buckie and Dufftown on Fisheries and Local Development Strategy.

- b. Boundary Commission – a review is underway which is likely to result in Moray Council having one less councillor.
- c. Blackhillock Electricity Substation – A drop in event took place in Keith on 3rd June to provide more details of the development
- d. Rural Parliament – Priscilla Gordon-Duff has indicated that she would like to be Strathisla's representative.

11. **AOCB** - Esther Green was introduced as the new minutes secretary.

12. **Constitution** – Strathisla to follow guidelines of the model constitution supplied by Moray Council and to forward its signed copy to the authority as a priority **(IR to action)**

13.. **Website** – Jacob Gelling has received no further details from local areas to populate the website.

14. **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday, July 2 2014, with a reminder that there is no meeting in August.