

# **Strathisla Community Council**

## **Minutes of meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014 in Keith Community Centre**

- 1. In attendance** - Keith Comrie, Ian Ross, James Mark, Priscilla Gordon-Duff and minutes secretary Esther Green.
- 2. Apologies** –John Gelling, Jacob Gelling, Innes Macpherson and Jenny Anderson; Councillors Gary Coull, Stewart Cree, Ron Shepherd.
- 3. Minutes** - With amendments, minutes of the July meeting were approved as accurate by Priscilla Gordon-Duff, seconded by James Mark.
- 4. Police Matters** - No police representative present.
- 5. Treasurer's Report** - James Mark told members the account stands at £2532.28 with outgoings since the last meeting of £150 for the website and £45 for the hosting costs.
- 6. Youth Issues** – none.
- 7. Planning** – Fiona Milligan representing Infinenergy Onshore had contacted the CC regarding plans for a single wind turbine at Bellnellan, Maggieknockater, close to the Hill of Towie wind farm. This would be a 500kw single turbine 50m high with a maximum tip height of 76 metres. If approved it could contribute £2,500 annually to the local community in line with Scottish Government good practice. It was agreed to respond advising of this development's relevance to the communities of Dufftown, Craigellachie and Boharm. **(Action – IR)**
- 8. Boharm** – More work being carried out on the railway line by Network Rail, but no advance warning of this.
- 9. Botriphnie** – Neatflix screening of Sunshine on Leith (PG) to take place in the Drummuir Hall on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Posters to be circulated and tickets priced £5 can be pre-booked by contacting James Mark on 01466 760214. It will be a bring your own bottle event with ice cream and a raffle.
- 10. Grange** – no representative.
- 11. Rothiemay** – no representative but as Jenny Anderson is unable to attend meetings, SCC keen to recruit another representative from the area. Keith Comrie to contact Jenny for ideas. **(Action – KC)**
- 12. Newmill** – A spike and ball, presumed to be a lightning conductor, has been removed from the top of the clock tower. Members keen to see this work

completed and the conductor returned in time for remembrance Sunday, and want the three ward councillors to investigate. **(EG to action)**

### 13. Correspondence

- **Zero Waste Scotland** - Applications being sought for a £100,000 Community Action Fund to combat fly tipping. This was passed to JM and PGD for the Drummuir Trust as there have been instances of fly tipping in the Drummuir area.
- **Moray Joint Community Council awards** – A new community recognition awards for Moray is being launched. Community councils invited to give a monetary donation but no guideline given on amount being sought. IR to seek more details and find out what a suggested amount would be and report back to next meeting. **(Action – IR, agenda item next meeting)**
- **Review of polling places and Districts in Moray** – consultation document sent to Keith Comrie.

### 14. AOCB

- **Constitution** - This was signed but it was suggested that it should be considered in the future to make amendments, replacing the word community for communities throughout the constitution, based on the fact that Strathisla represents a number of communities and not just one.
- **Scottish Rural Parliament** – an event connected with the Scottish Rural Parliament is taking place in Elgin in September. PGD is attending and will report back to members at the next meeting. **(Agenda item next meeting)**
- **Community Plan** – More thought needs to go into the way forward for the Community Plan, as outlined by Dawn Brodie at previous meetings. Agreed to discuss the matter fully at the next meeting. **(Agenda item next meeting)**
- **Accounts** – The financial year runs from October-September and James Mark will organise for the accounts to be reviewed by a person independent of the community council to tie in with those dates.

**15. Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1.