

Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of meeting – 5th December, 2014 in Keith Community Centre

1. In attendance – Keith Comrie, Ian Ross, Priscilla Gordon-Duff, James Mark, Karen Pryce-Iddon.
2. Apologies – Innes Macpherson and Cllr Ron Shepherd.
3. Minutes – With the addition of apologies from Cllr Gary Coull and ‘Newmill – no representative present’ the November minutes were approved as accurate by KPI and seconded by PGD.
4. Police matters – the absence of police representation for the third month in a row was noted. Email to be sent requesting their attendance at the next meeting, in February. **Action – IR to send request**
5. Treasurer’s report – Balance as of last month, plus addition of Moray Council payment of £364.29.
6. Youth issues – no youth representative.
7. Planning – Paperwork submitted from Godfrey Darling, Grange House, regarding his opposition to plans to build a new house in the area. SCC agreed to take no action.
8. Rothiemay
 - a) large trucks are damaging grass verges in the village. **Action – area councillors asked to take action.**
 - b) request for information on Rothiemay recycling facilities. KPI to investigate and report back.
9. Newmill
 - a) Quarry Brae has large dead trees overhanging the road. **Action – area councillors asked to take action.**
 - b) Passing places – update sought to request made two months ago. **Action – area councillors asked to take action.**
 - c) Concern that young people are entering the empty Glenisla House as boards have been removed from windows. Action – raise matter with police next meeting.
 - d) Council maintained lanes in Newmill said to be in a “horrendous state”. **Action – area councillors asked to investigate.**
10. Boharm
 - a) Successful bonfire and fireworks display in November.
 - b) Playpark equipment to be installed in New Year, suggestion that the portacabin may be used as a place from which to serve refreshments.

11. Botriphnie

- a) Tocher Terrace – this is council maintained, and a project officer has looked at existing surface and feels that it is acceptable. The condition will continue to be monitored and any spot repairs etc will be carried out as required. The roads service did some levelling/pothole works there this year. Providing a suitably tarred and adequately drained surface for the whole area would be a substantial outlay and not a project that would be considered as a high priority at present.
- b) Smiley face mobile speed warning for village of Drummur - request has been passed to transportation section.
- c) Edintore Brae – this is to be added to the council roads section's reserve list of works but is not thought to be a sufficient priority to be recommended for inclusion in the annual programme.
- d) Superfast broadband – The Trust and a number of residents have written to their MSP about this and received a reply and told this has been passed to the head of BT.

12. Grange - No representative present.

13. Correspondence

- a) Constitution – documentation finally returned to the council, SCC asked to note that in future this paper should be submitted within four months of a new community council taking office.
- b) Forestry Commission – plans for Carlusk and Broadfield planting. SCC to write to Forestry Commission to ask if a starter farm could be considered for Broadfield and to request that the Isla Way representatives be involved in consultations. **Action – IR to send letter**

14. AOCB

- a) Upgrade/refurbishment of war memorials - PGD will approach local RBL about war memorial maintenance and there is a desire for SCC to be involved in this important work. Various sources of help and support suggested, including RAFA, making contact with the RAF liaison officer and the potential to apply for wind farm funding. This year's ceremonies had been particularly special and support for the services remains strong so this proposal is deemed as a relevant and important. **Action – PGD to make contact with Keith RBL and report back to next meeting.**
- b) Rural Parliament - Request that minutes from JCC be circulated to members to find out about representation at the rural parliament. **Action - IR to circulate JCC minutes**

15. Next meeting - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th February 2015.