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Strathisla Community Council

Minutes of meeting – 1st April, 2015 Keith Community Centre

1. **Present** – Keith Comrie, James Mark, Jacob Gelling, John Gelling, Priscilla Gordon Duff, Stewart Cree **In attendance** – Larissa Murray (minutes secretary), Police Sergeant Morag Clark, John Calder (KCR).
2. **Apologies** – Ian Ross (secretary), Innes MacPherson.
3. **Minutes** – With two amendments, minutes of the March meeting were approved as accurate by James Mark and seconded by Keith Comrie.
4. **Police Matters** – Police Sergeant Morag Clark was in attendance and reported that there has been two recorded crimes within the Strathisla areas, both of which are still under investigation.

The Forestry Commission reported theft of a camera at Aultmore Forest, and there has been a report of theft of fuel from a fuel bowser in Cairnty Forrest. Police Scotland are seeking assistance regarding any vehicles or persons acting in a suspicious manner, anywhere in our beat, which may particularly lead to a conviction.

There has been a report of suspicious vehicles in rural areas. The Police request that anything of this manner is to be reported.

Police patrols have been taking place in the area of Glenisla House, Newmill regarding youths congregating there. Police Scotland request that the residents of Newmill report any such congregations via the telephone number 101.

Police Scotland have been made aware of the theft of domestic fuel, from a property at Butterybrae, which was queried at the March meeting.

Operation Fair Warning, planned by Sergeant Bayliss, has been launched. The Fair Warning Campaign aims to tackle the issue of Anti-social driving in the areas of Buckie and Keith. Police Scotland request residents in the area to telephone them on 101 with a note of the make, model, colour and registration of any suspicious vehicles causing problems in their area, and also confirm that their call is about anti-social driving.

5. **Guest Presentation** – John Calder, Keith Community Radio

John Calder attended the meeting to inform the SCC about a radio programme on KCR radio played for 10-15 minutes every Tuesday evening informing the local constituency about the work of local community councils.

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KCR were licensed with Moray Firth Radio, until coming to an agreement with Offcom for their own license. KCR have produced a briefing paper to 15 councils with hopes to records messages from the councils and broadcast those messages on the Tuesday evening radio programme.

KCR aim to encourage better relations between the community councils and the constituency by providing an opportunity for councils such as SCC to communicate with the constituency through KCR.

6. **Treasurer's report** – Balance stands at £2263.17, less £60 for minute secretary's honorarium and £15 for Broadband charge.
7. **Youth Issues** – No issues.
8. **Planning** – The letter from the Macallan distillery was discussed with the SCC, and was disregarded as the letter concerns a development outwith the Strathisla area.
9. **Newmill**
 - a) Passing places at B9017 – Moray Council's traffic section has looked at this and stated there are already advisory signs in place. Encouraging drivers to use them is a different matter.
 - b) Flood Scheme – Action has been taken to request 1.4 million in funding towards flood protection in Newmill before a Council committee next Tuesday. **Action SCC to pursue**
10. **Rothiemay/Boharm** – The representatives of these areas could not attend the April meeting and send their apologies.
11. **Botriphnie**
 - a) Fly tipping of an industrial scale with around 150 tyres dumped at the layby at Loch Park was reported. Councilor Stewart Cree has pursued this incident and under regulation of the Investigatory Powers Scotland Act, surveillance was not granted.
 - b) War Memorial – Re-painting for the Botriphnie War Memorial. Throughout the Drummair area, funding has been granted for the repair and maintenance of all War Memorials.

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12. Grange

- a) Fundraisers – the quiz night took place on 21st March was successful.
- b) Scottish Traditional Music Night – a music night is being held at the King Memorial Hall on Friday, 29th May.

13. Correspondence

- a) Rothiemay adopted a Kiosk for £1.
- b) Received a letter from the Police regarding the last meeting, thanking SCC for feedback and reporting of updates to come in later meetings.
- c) Edintore Windfarm to get back in touch with SCC concerning project funding.

14. AOCB

- a) JCC Minutes on 12th Feb discussed and noted.
- b) Larissa Murray reported that she will be moving and will not be available after this year's July meeting and sends her apologies.

15. Next meeting – The next meeting of Strathisla Community Council will be held on Wednesday, 6th May 2015.