

Strathisla Community Council
DRAFT Minutes - 6:00pm - Wednesday 3rd June 2026
Keith Community & Sports Centre, Banff Road, Keith

Attendees:

Strathisla Community Councillors: John Taylor (JT), Geraldine McKillop (GM), James Mark (JM), George Gartly (GG), Lesley Gartly (LG), Karen Pryce Iddon (KPI) (arrived 18:40)

Moray Councillors: Donald Gatt (DG), Tracy Colyer (TrC), Theresa Coull (ThC)

Others: Gordon Bell & Gregor Simpson from SSEN

1. **Welcome & Apologies** - JT opened the meeting and welcomed all. **Apologies:** Tina Murphy (TM)
2. **Presentation – SSEN – Strathbogie Hub** – all members received handout. JT led the discussion with Community Councillors asking questions. SSEN stated that they could bury cables in 5Km sections but would not do so due to cost. GG stated that 61 people in Newmill were for having mega pylon cables buried, with one against. SSEN confirmed that the power was for Drax in Yorkshire. JT has asked that SCC are kept in the loop.
3. **Co-option of new Community Councillor** – Tim Renshaw – agreed
4. **Minutes of last meeting** – Weds 6th May - Minutes Approved - Proposed JM, seconded LG
5. **Matters arising not on Agenda: Defibrillators** – no information to relay
6. **Resilience Project** - no change in status
7. **Treasurers Report** – JM reported bank balance £17,713.67 of which resilience fund is £8,712.20. Grant of £6250 from Zenobe had been banked
8. **Statkraft Keith Greener Grid Park Community Fund** – Newmill Bus Shelter TrC informed GG that she had been in touch with Matt Young re possible funding. Both will follow up
9. **Zenobe Microgrant Fund**
Applications discussed in order of date received
Grange Bowls Club - Yes
Newmill Primary Parent Council – No - more information required
Chilling Women Keith - No - more information required
Grange Community Association - No - more information required
Rothiemay Nursery - Yes
Rothiemay Primary School - Yes
Hugh Kellas -Yes
10. **Planning Applications – Weekly Wards.** Retrospective application at 74 Main Street, Newmill has been granted with all containers having to be moved within 3 months
11. **Reports, Events Attended** – Apart from SSEN in Huntly no events attended

12. Councillor Reports – Various committees held – Constituency work remains ongoing. TrC & ThC attended the visit by the Japanese Consul General to celebrate the Japanese Sakura Tree Project and Isabella Gordon

13. Strathisla Updates:

- a. **Boharm / Mulben** – TR – Roadworks are still ongoing on the Fiddich hill. Tree cutting always seems to coincide with Whisky Festival
- b. **Botriphnie / Drummuir** – JM -none
- c. **Grange** – JT / GM – Council work force appears to be preparing to sort out bend by KM. TrC will chase info
- d. **Newmill** – GG / LG – MC - Litter pick collected 20 black bags of rubbish. High Glen Road seems to have some quarrying going on. GG to take photos.
- e. **Rothiemay / Knock** – KPI – none
- f. **Rural Keith** – TM – Potholes and rubbish. TM to pinpoint where they are and let councillors know

14. Correspondence: List circulated – no comments

15. JCC – JT, KPI & TM had all attended recent JCC – draft Minutes have been circulated

16. AOCB - none

Date of next meeting ~ Wednesday 5th August 2026