

Strathmartine Community Council Meeting - Minutes

Date 19th December 2024
Location Strathmartine Primary School
Apologies Gillian Todd, Cari Gaffney, Nadine Farquhar
Attendees John Young, Norma Munnoch, Donna Thain, Graham Robertson, Fiona Webster, Carla Kelly, Wayne Howard, George Brown, John Wiseman, Colin Smith

Previous Minutes

Agreed and posted.

Proposed Questionnaire / Community Engagement Plan

Colin Smith from The Glamis Consultancy gave an update on the questionnaires we will be distributing door to door. The goal is to get feedback from the residence, which will be used to create an action plan, with a view to implementing changes in the community.

Questionnaires will be distributed week commencing **6th January 2024**.
Closing date for feedback is **31st January**.

YOU CAN COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND RETURN:

- ONLINE – BY SCANNING THE QR CODE WITH A PHONE
- RETURNING THE PAPER VERSION TO THE SUGGESTION BOXES which will be positioned:
 - Beside the noticeboards at the Strathmartine School entrance or
 - Beside the notice board at Rosemill - next to the entrance to the Old Railway Path.
- IF DOORSTEP COLLECTION IS REQUIRED CONTACT JOHN ON 07717 356 871

Tealing Substation, Battery Storage & Pylon Upgrade

John Wiseman representing “Stop Tealing Industrialization Group” gave an update on the current situation regarding SSEN planning applications. The current deadline for submitting objections is 31st January and would urge all interested parties to file their objections before then.

Strathmartine Community Resilience Forum – Update

Resilience Forum has made two successful bids from SSEN (£12,500) and Angus Council (£15,000) for money to buy resilience stores and equipment. Money should be available in January 2025. The Current shed used at school to store sandbags needs replaced and some funding will be used for this purpose. Seeking confirmation from Angus Council that they will support installation of this and two storage pods. We will hold a dedicated meeting once equipment is purchased to seek volunteers and help us develop a local action plan for the use of equipment. We are Also in negotiations with Scottish Flood Forum and Andel to install a system that tracks water levels in Dighty. Beaver dams have been removed from Dighty and there is no sign of further tree damage but remain vigilant.

We want to reiterate that personal flood protection is the responsibility of each homeowner - the equipment we purchase may help some houses, but it can't stop/protect everyone at risk.

Please be aware the Resilience Forum meets as part of the Community Council meeting and only have separate meeting when the need dictates. They have a WhatsApp group for resilience updates - anyone who wants added, please email name and mobile to strathmartineresilience@gmail.com

Community Speed Watch

What is Community Speed Watch –

1. A local initiative to empower residents to self-monitor the speeds of vehicles through their local towns and villages.
2. Volunteers operating with approved equipment to record details of speeding vehicles.
3. Details of all information recorded will be forwarded onto Community Police Officers who will issue warning letters to drivers.
4. The Community Speed watch is a self-funded scheme, and all financial assistance should be sought from within the relevant community to procure the necessary equipment.

The aims of Community Speed Watch –

1. To work in partnership with members of the community to improve road safety.
2. To provide a visible prompt for motorists entering the local area and to be a positive deterrent to speeding motorists.
3. Encourage drivers to drive at, or below, the posted speed limit.

There will be a follow-up meeting on 13th January with several Community Councils being represented, to discuss the proposals of Community Councils joining together in this initiative and applying for funding for the required equipment.

Police update

No update was received prior to the meeting.

Treasurers Report

Income November

£2812.05 in from Angus Rural Partnership

Outgoings December

£2122.80 paid to Glamis Consultancy Ltd

Balance- £3,733.27

Planning report

No planning application

Next Meeting - 27th February at 6:00pm at Strathmartine Primary School

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