

Innes Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2015, in Garmouth Golf Club, at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Mrs C Allan
Mr A Anderson
Mr L Bangura
Mrs W Linn
Mr J Mackie
Mrs A Speake

In Attendance:

Mr A Kennedy
Ms S Crowe
Mr J Fensome
Mr J Fettes
Mr I Lambart
Mrs A Milne

Acting Chair for the meeting
Community Support Officer, TMC

Minute Taker

Apologies:

Mr P Gordon Smith
Mrs G Stewart

Minute	Discussion	Action
1	The Acting Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and particularly welcomed the new Member, Mrs Carol Allan. The Acting Chair asked Sarah Crowe, Community Support Officer with the Moray Council to introduce herself, and give a short presentation on her role in respect of the Community Council, and the wider community. Apologies Noted as above. Mr Mackie advised that Mr Paul Hendy of the Scottish Flood Forum had not been in contact since he sent his apologies for the August meeting.	
2	Police Report The Police Report that had been previously circulated was noted.	
3	Moray Councillors' Reports As no Councillor was present, there was no report.	

4	The Acting Chair had written to the three Councillors concerning their lack of attendance at ICC meetings, and he read out the responses he had received. Public Submissions EXTENSION OF 20MPH SPEED LIMIT – Mr Fensome expressed his concern about the Moray Council’s lack of willingness to extend the 20mph speed limit between Garmouth and Kingston. The response he had received from the Council had referred to unsightly signs, but completely missed the point regarding safety to children and older people. He reiterated his concerns that Kingston was being discriminated against because of lack of work on the infrastructure of the village. The Acting Chair agreed to contact the Roads Department of the Council concerning the safety issues raised. He would also contact Cllr Margo Howe about the procedures required to obtain a reduction/extension of the speed limit, and also copy in Sgt Ally Bruce, Police Scotland, on any correspondence he has. KINGSTON – COASTAL EROSION – Mr Fensome read a letter from the Crown Estates advising that the damage being caused to the bank behind homes in Kingston was through coastal erosion and not through a lack of flood defences. The letter outlined the Crown’s position and advised that it was the Local Authority’s responsibility. Mr Fensome said the situation had been going on for a number of years and the residents were no further forward. After discussion it was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Council reflecting the concerns of local residents.	AK
5	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 4th August were agreed with an amendment to item 14 – Other Business – Footpath from Kingston to Lossiemouth requested by Mrs Linn. She would e-mail the wording to the Minute Secretary who would incorporate them into the approved minutes and then forward them to the Moray Council for inclusion on the ICC page of the website. Proposed by Mr Mackie and seconded by Mr Bangura.	Secretary
6	Matters Arising SUPPORTED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN LHANBRYDE – Mrs Speake had attended the awareness session at Lhanbryde and gave a report to the meeting. Mr Mackie advised that Lhanbryde Community Challenge had been looking at the site in relation to a community garden and allotments, and he had informed John Campbell of this at the awareness event. Mr Campbell was interested in learning more and it was agreed that the Secretary	WL AM

	should liaise with Lhanbryde Community Challenge to take this forward. STAIRLIFTS – It was agreed that this item would be left until the integration of health and social care was fully operational. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN – Mrs Linn advised that she was working on updating the plan for Kingston. Mr Mackie advised that the plan should include information on access for emergency services as recently the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service when attending a gorse fire on SNH/SWT land had had to approach from Inchbroom. PARKING ON ST ANDREW’S ROAD, LHANBRYDE – On-going. SPEY VIADUCT – Issue raised through previous Community Council – Mr Bangura updated the meeting on the position with the Spey Viaduct, and the work that had previously been undertaken on it. The situation is on-going.	Secretary
7	Co-option of Community Councillors At the present time there were no further co-options.	
8	Community Resilience Plan This item had been dealt with under matters arising.	
9	Invasive Non Native Species (INNS) Mr Mackie updated the Members on this matter and advised that the legislation needed strengthening in order to ensure landowners took responsibility. He would circulate the draft petition prior to the next meeting.	JM
10	Planning Matters APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE ROAD IN GARMOUTH – This application had been withdrawn. If the applicant re-applies ICC will need to submit a further letter of observation. SOLAR FARM – The applicant is looking at holding a public awareness event and is seeking a venue prior to submitting an application for this development. Connagedale Farm – No concerns with this development. Findrassie – A public exhibition is being held on 14 September about this development.	

11	Correspondence All correspondence had been circulated around the members and was noted. • A letter had been received from Mrs E Bodman concerning the proposed dualling of the A96 and expressing her concerns about the proposed southern routes. This letter was noted. • The next session on mediation training is organised for 29th September, at Elgin Academy. • A request from Mrs E Bodman for a copy of the minutes of the June meeting had been actioned. • Letter from the Earl Haig Fund regarding wreaths for Remembrance Sunday. It was agreed to order 5 wreaths as normal.	
12	Consultations ELECTORAL COMMISSION – BOUNDARIES REVIEW – Slight changes had been made to the ICC boundary.	
13	OTHER BUSINESS ACCESS TO NORTH OF BEACH ROAD – Mrs Linn reiterated the issues she had raised on behalf of residents as detailed in item 14 of the approved minutes of 4th August 2015. No residents had been consulted over the restrictions to access, which had obviously caused a lot of anger as for years people who lived there have repaired any damage quietly and efficiently themselves and they had not requested access restrictions. The issue had also been raised with Garmouth and Kingston Amenities who, in conjunction with the residents, would liaise with the Crown Estates. It was agreed that ICC would keep abreast of the situation. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr Bangura reported that the balance of the account stood at £2,174.99 with three outstanding amounts to be deducted. RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY – Mrs Speake advised that due to personal commitments she wished to stand down from the role of Secretary to ICC. She proposed Mr Mackie as her replacement and this was seconded by Mr Anderson. Mrs Speake was thanked for her work as Secretary. NON ATTENDANCE OF MEMBER – It was agreed to leave the situation in respect of Mr MacLennan Jones for the time being.	

	FORTHCOMING MEETINGS – Mr Fensome proposed that details of forthcoming ICC meeting should be posted on local noticeboards. MEETINGS – NOVEMBER 2015 TO MARCH 2016 – It was agreed to hold these in Lhanbryde Community Centre. The Minute Secretary to make arrangements.. POLICE ATTENDANCE AT MEETING – It was felt that it would be useful if the Police could attend meetings on a more regular basis. The Justice Committee is going to be meeting in Elgin and the Acting Chair would arrange for this matter to be raised at the meeting. Next Meeting Tuesday 6th October 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in Garmouth Golf Club.	Secretary AM AK
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