## **Innes Community Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016, in Lhanbryde Community Centre, at 7.00 p.m.

Present:	Mr A Anderson Mrs C Allan Mrs W Linn Mr J Mackie Mrs A Speake	Chair
In Attendance:	Mr A Kennedy Mr J Fettes Mr C George Mr W Greenlees Mr R Kemp	Acting Chair at start of meeting
	Ms J Martin Mrs A Milne Mr D Morrison	Community Council Liaison Officer Minute Taker
	Cllr D Ross Mr L Roy Mrs G Stewart Mr J Third	Moray Council
Apologies:	Mr L Bangura Cllr Margo Howe	Moray Council

Minute	Discussion	Action
	The Acting Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for attending. He introduced Jane Martin the recently appointed Community Council Liaison Officer	
1	Apologies	
	Noted as above.	
2	Police Report No report had been received.	
3	Moray Councillors' Reports	
	Cllr Ross advised that the meeting of the Moray Council to agree the budget for the financial year 2016 to 2017 had been deferred until 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2016.	

	In light of recent weather events which have caused significant flooding in neighbouring authorities and across Scotland, Cllr Ross advised that he had submitted a written question to the Moray Council meeting to be held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2016 concerning the dredging of rivers. The response he had received indicated that a very strong case had to be made for dredging, and had to link with flood alleviation schemes. He would therefore be requesting a policy in respect of dredging.	
	He would also be raising concerns at the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee to be held on 4 <sup>th</sup> February about the centralisation of call centres, and would be asking for consultation to take place before any such action is undertaken.	
	He was asked to look into a problem with the recently constructed cycle path from Lhanbryde to Elgin where two drains were not covered at the Belts.	DR
4	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2015 were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Mr Anderson and seconded by Mrs Speake.	
5	Matters Arising	
	PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING – The Acting Chair advised that Moray Council had allocated £60,000 to a pilot project for Rural Development, which had been matched by Scottish Government. The total sum had to be spent by 31 March 2017, with the Scottish Government sum having to be allocated by the end of May 2016. It was proposed to put a small working group together to manage the project and representatives from Community Councils, Area Forums and Community Halls and Associations were currently being sought.	
	INVASIVE NON NATIVE SPECIES (INNS) PETITION. The Petition had been upheld and responses received from various organisations. The Community Council had until 23 February to make a response. The Secretary will draft and circulate for approval.	Secretary
	At this point the Acting Chair stood down and Mr Anderson stepped up from the role of Vice Chair. He proposed Mrs Linn as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Mrs Speake. Mrs Linn accepted the position.	
6	Treasurer's Report	
	The accounts up to the end of September 2015 had been compiled. John Third had agreed to independently examine these.	

	The Community Council Liaison Officer queried the grant to Garmouth and Kingston Amenities. It was explained this was towards the cost of noticeboards in order that agendas and minutes for the Community Council could be displayed in the area. It was agreed that this was acceptable expenditure under the guidelines for	
	the administration grant given to Community Councils.	
7	Community Resilience Plan	
	Mrs Linn and Mr Mackie had attended the training event organised by the Joint Community Councils. One concern that was highlighted was the need to check on vulnerable people in times of an emergency, and the need to make contact with the Emergency Services.	
	A list of halls in the area that could be used as Rest Centres had been drawn up.	
8	Planning Matters	
	MOSSTODLOCH – Retrospective planning permission was being sought in respect of premises in this area.	
	REDEVELOPMENT OF TENNANT ARMS, LHANBRYDE – Once again, a large number of objections had been lodged in respect of this application. A traffic survey had been undertaken three to four years ago, and it could be that now was the right time to repeat this. Cllr Ross advised that the application would go to the Planning Committee but probably not under the meeting scheduled for 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2016. However, the applicant could appeal the delay in a decision being made.	
	A number of concerns were raised by people using the on-line comments/objection form because they were timed out before they could submit the document.	
	BROWN MUIR WINDFARM – The revised application had been rejected by Moray Council, but the applicant had appealed the decision. The matter was now with the Scottish Government Reporter.	
9	Community Benefit	
	In view of the number of planning applications in the area from which community benefit could result the Secretary proposed that initial talks should be held with neighbouring community councils, associations and forums as appropriate. It was agreed that the Secretary should contact the appropriate organisations.	Secretary

10	Correspondence	
	All correspondence had been circulated around the members and the Secretary had circulated a list of what had been received.	
	A number of items were noted for attention:	
	Healthpoint Consultation – Meeting organised for 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 6.00 p.m. at Cedarwood in Elgin.	
	Dualling of A96 – Elgin Community Council will be keeping in contact with the Forres A96 Dualling Action Group.	
	Application by the Cromarty Firth Port Authority – There was no planned consultation on this application.	
11	OTHER BUSINESS	
	FLOODING AT ELSHER ROAD – Cllr Ross will investigate the current position with this and report back.	DR
	GULLS AND DOG FOULING – These two issues were on-going. Fines for those who do not pick up after their dogs had been increased to the same level as litter, but the problem was two people needing to witness the incident.	
	PLANNING ISSUE – GARMOUTH – This issue had been passed to the Community Council by Milne's Area Forum where the matter had first been raised, but the CC could not deal with the issue as they did not have the authority of the person to whom the Council had written concerning his complaint.	
	CROFTS OF DIPPLE – Mrs Speake expressed her concerns at the speed vehicles travel along this road. There are insufficient houses to warrant a speed limit, but the Police should be informed if there is a safety issue.	
	BEACH ROAD – KINGSTON – With the amount of rain the area has had recently the problem of inadequate drainage was again raised.	
	COMMUNIT Y COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER – Jane Martin introduced herself, and detailed her background. The next Joint Community Councils meeting is scheduled for 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2016. Mr Kennedy agreed to check on progress with the review of the scheme for Community Councils, and the Scottish Rural Parliament and report back.	AK
12	Next Meeting	
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. in Lhanbryde Community Centre.	

13	THANKS TO ALASTAIR KENNEDY	
	Mrs Linn proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Kennedy for acting as Chair for the passed few months, and this was unanimously seconded.	