

Innes Community Council

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

Present: Mr A Anderson Chair
 Mrs C Allan
 Mrs W Linn
 Mr J Mackie
 Mrs A Speake

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

Apologies: Mr L Bangura
 Cllr Margo Howe Moray Council

Minute	Discussion	Action
1	<p>The Acting Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for attending. He introduced Jane Martin the recently appointed Community Council Liaison Officer</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Noted as above.</p>	
2	<p>Police Report</p> <p>No report had been received.</p>	
3	<p>Moray Councillors' Reports</p> <p>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 17th February 2016.</p>	

4	<p>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 3rd 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.</p> <p>He would also be raising concerns at the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee to be held on 4th February about the centralisation of call centres, and would be asking for consultation to take place before any such action is undertaken.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2015 were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Mr Anderson and seconded by Mrs Speake.</p>	DR
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Secretary
6	<p>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.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The accounts up to the end of September 2015 had been compiled. John Third had agreed to independently examine these.</p>	

7	<p>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.</p> <p>Community Resilience Plan</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A list of halls in the area that could be used as Rest Centres had been drawn up.</p>	
8	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>MOSSTODLOCH – Retrospective planning permission was being sought in respect of premises in this area.</p> <p>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 19th April 2016. However, the applicant could appeal the delay in a decision being made.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
9	<p>Community Benefit</p> <p>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.</p>	Secretary

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.	
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