

Innes Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017, in Lhanbryde Community Centre, at 7.00 p.m.

Present:	Mr A Anderson Mr L Bangura Mr C Dunbar Mrs W Linn Mr J Mackie	Chair
In Attendance:	PC Bowie Mrs S Crowe PC Dick Mr G Herraghty Cllr M Howe Mrs A Milne Mr R Robertson Mrs G Stewart	Police Scotland Community Support Officer, Moray Council Police Scotland Moray Council Minute Taker
Apologies:	Mrs C Allan Cllr D Ross Mrs A Speake	Moray Council

Minute	Discussion	Action
1	The Chair welcomed everyone, and thanked them for attending. Apologies Noted as above.	
2	Police Report The Community Safety Report had been circulated. Once again it contained no detailed information on the Innes Community Council area. The Police representatives would mention this to Inspector Hoyle in an endeavour to try and get more information included in the next bulletin. Concerns were once again raised over speeding traffic in Garmouth, particularly near the Village Hall during the times that the nursery operated. Although a path had been created through the park for parents to use to try and increase safety this was not always made use of. The Police will make contact with the Nursery Leaders to discuss road safety. Mr Dunbar advised that he had attended a meeting between	Police Police

	<p>landowners/farmers and Traffic Officers concerning farm vehicles, etc., and he felt that this was an extremely good initiative. It was hoped that a further meeting could be organised with more farmers attending.</p> <p>The two officers left the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Moray Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr Howe reported that she had attended a meeting of the Communities Committee earlier in the day and that a number of housing services reviews had been reported on. The proposed Tenant Participation Strategy for 2017/2020 was also discussed, as was the Scottish Government's funding for affordable housing.</p> <p>The new Elgin Flood Alleviation scheme is to be formally opened on 8th March.</p> <p>Cllr Howe further reported that she had one further Planning and Regulatory Services Committee to attend before her term of office expired, and this was a public hearing into a planning application.</p> <p>Mr Herraghty commented favourably on the cycle path between Lhanbryde and Elgin.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Mr Bangura and seconded by Mr Anderson.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>REVISION TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS' SCHEME FOR MORAY: The Secretary reported that he had submitted comments on behalf of Inness Community Council in respect of the proposed revisions.</p> <p>REDEVELOPMENT OF TENNANT ARMS: The Minute Secretary updated the meeting on the actions undertaken by Lhanbryde Community Challenge. This included a letter to the developer's agent asking for a meeting, two letters to the Co-operative Group and one letter to the Scottish Office. The only response had been from the Scottish Office, advising that they had discussed the matter with Douglas Ross, MSP/local Councillor and providing information on where further advice could be sought. LCC would continue to press for answers/meetings, and would keep ICC informed.</p>	LCC
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the amount in the bank account.</p>	

7	Resilience Plan Nothing further to report.	
8	Money for Moray The Secretary reported that a joint application by the Joint Community Councils of Moray, the Moray Forum and the Moray Federation of Community Halls and Associations to the Scottish Government's Community Choices Fund had been successful. The Group had been awarded £40,000 to distribute to projects that tackle social isolation. By the closing date 58 applications had been received with a total sum of £168,000 being requested. The applications would all be checked to ensure that they meet the funding criteria and those that do would go to a public vote on 25 th March 2017 in the Grant Hall, Rothes. The Minister for Local Government and Housing, Kevin Stewart, would be in attendance at the event.	
9	Lateral North The Secretary reported on the two days of assistance from Lateral North. The visit had identified 45 sites of local history and the consensus was to collect information on these sites and then move on to providing information via digital media, which could be used by tourists and local residents. This would also link in with work being undertaken by other local groups such as Milne's Area Forum on the Cullen to Findhorn coastal trail. The Secretary proposed that a sub group be set up to progress this project, and that funding should be set aside from the account to support the work. This was seconded by Mr Dunbar. The Treasurer would arrange the opening of a project account. Sarah Crowe left the meeting.	LB
10	Community Engagement/Community Empowerment Act The Minute Secretary reported on a presentation she had attended on the Community Empowerment Act and the "power" the Act placed in the hands of local communities. She felt it would be a worthwhile presentation for community groups, particularly Community Councils, Area Forums and Community Associations. It was agreed to invite Ian Todd, Community Support Unit Manager, the Moray Council to a meeting of ICC, and to invite other groups to the meeting. The Minute Secretary was asked to liaise with Mr Todd.	AM
11	Correspondence/Consultations All correspondence had been circulated to members. A number of items were highlighted:	

<p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of redundant telephone boxes: It was suggested that consideration should be given to retaining the one in Garmouth to be used as a point for first responders' medical equipment such as defibrillators. The Secretary would follow this up. • The Forestry Commission's consultation plan for Lossiemouth and Forres. • Scottish Fire and Rescue Service consultation on local and national plans • Moray Council's draft open space strategy supplementary guidance consultation. <p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that the dates and venue for future meetings had been booked.</p> <p>Election of New Innes Community Council – September 2017</p> <p>It was agreed that it would be good to have representatives from all areas of the ICC ward.</p> <p>Other Business</p> <p>MORAY LITTER FORUM: Mrs Linn provided an update on the Moray Litter Forum, and also reported on a Keep Scotland Beautiful workshop she had attended.</p> <p>RESIGNATION: Due to personal circumstances Mrs Allan had tendered her resignation to ICC. Thanks were recorded to Mrs Allan for her work with ICC, particularly during her time as Secretary.</p> <p>THANKS: ICC placed on record their thanks to Cllr Howe for her work during her tenure, and also their thanks to the other Councillors for the Fochabers/Lhanbryde Ward. Elections for the new Council takes place on Thursday 4th May 2017.</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 4th April 2017, at 7.00 p.m. at Urquhart Parish Hall.</p>	<p>JM</p>
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