

Members In attendance: Colin Hanover (Chair), Robert Grey (Treasurer), Anna Mary Overing, Mike Reid, John Wright, Donald Cameron, Denise Robson, Pringle George and Moray Councillor Marc Macrae

Non-members in attendance: Chris Overing

Apologies: Angus McNair, Cllr. Shona Morrison and Cllr. David Bremner

Minutes: As we still do not have a secretary and no one willing to take the minutes, the following sketchy notes have been taken by the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved by Mike Reid and seconded by John Wright

Health and Wellbeing: No particular points were raised and in the absence of anyone from the police, no police report was offered.

Finance: Robert Grey advised that the council's bank account stands at £6505.71 and that we have now received the money from SSE to fund the Micro Grant Scheme. He also informed that he had accepted the annual grant from Moray Council on our behalf.

Planning: There were no planning issues.

Moray Council Update: Cllr. Macrae gave a loose appraisal of the current budgeting situation within Moray and answered queries about the differences between Community Councils and Area Forums.

Correspondence: Various examples of correspondence received by email over the past month were discussed. However, as everything is accessible to each member via the internet the chair suggested that all members should read and disseminate relevant items at home before council meetings.

A96 Dualling: Angus McNair attended a recent meeting of Innes CC where the A96 dualling was the key issue. In his absence Angus appraised us of the meeting via the chair and furnished members with a draft of the proceedings and relevant maps. He suggested that perhaps we (LCC) should attend other meetings at Elgin, Fochabers or Garmouth to lend support to the discussions.

Remembrance Day & WW1 Centenary: Mike Reid appraised the meeting of the current situation regarding ongoing preparations for Remembrance Sunday and some discussion ensued, during which Mike was given permission to advertise in the press where necessary.

Fit for Purpose: the chair said that he had put this item on the agenda because he feels that as a group we seem to be going round and round in circles simply meeting to discuss the same few issues, never seeming to get to grips with anything specific to community life. We spend more time responding to material cascaded down from Moray Council, most of which seems to involve attending seminars or some form of training day. We have talked about becoming involved in community events but, to date, have yet to do so. In response, Donald Cameron said the problem was that where other Community Councils represent one community we, Lennox, represent four communities over a large area. And as such it is next to impossible to become fully engaged in any of them. The chair said, given we do not have a full complement of members, and that the area we are expected to engage with and represent to Moray Council is made up of four completely different communities, brings into question our fitness for purpose.

AOCB: Mike Reid suggested a paid secretary. Robert Grey suggested an honorarium. Someone suggested Sue Davis at TSI Moray may be able to help.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030hrs.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30th October 2018 in Bellie Church Session Room, Fochabers at 1900hrs.