

Minutes of JCC Meeting held on 8th October 2020 at 7pm by Zoom

| Present: | | | |
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| Name | Community Council | Name | Community Council |
| Alastair Kennedy | Chair | Sandy Anderson | Innes |
| Jim Patterson | Vice Chair Burghead & Cummington | Steve Hickin | Keith |
| Morag Stewart | Buckie & District | Katherine Griffin | Lennox |
| Christine Allan | Buckie & District | Paul McPherson | Lennox |
| Colin Burch | Cullen & Deskford | Mike Reid | Lennox |
| Howard Davenport | Finderne | Carolle Ralph | Lossiemouth |
| Anne Sken | Finhorn & Kinloss | Marion Ross | Speyside |
| Lesley Edwards | Forres | Karen Pryce-Idon | Strathisla |
| David Parker | Forres | Jo Lenihan | Forres (Minute Taker) |
| Shaun Moat | Forres | | |
| Graham Murdoch | Forres | | |

In attendance:

Jane Martin (Community Council Liaison Office), Rhona Gunn (Deputy Chief Exec), Ronnie Macdonald (Energy Officer), Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson (Police Scotland), George McIntyre (Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Moray), Cllr George Alexander, Cllr Lorna Creswell, Cllr Aaron Maclean, Cllr L Nicol, Cllr L Powell, Cllr T Coull, Cllr D Bremner.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Mary Evens (Heldon), Cllr G Leadbitter, Cllr S Morrison, Cllr R McLean, Cllr R Edwards, Cllr J Divers.

2. Climate Change Strategy and Recovery and Renewal Strategic Framework – presentations by Rhona Gunn (PowerPoint presentations available to view)

Recovery and Renewal Strategic Framework

Prior to the pandemic the Council was making good progress on overarching strategies, however it has been realised these will not work in the new environment as they were too broad in focus. Therefore, a new vision and objectives have been identified:

The vision:

- strong, agile, and inclusive recovery
- Flexing and innovating to regenerate the area
- New Moray more resilient with the council primed to deliver its priorities

The objectives:

- Prioritise those most affected
- Support the vulnerable
- Learn from our experiences so we emerge stronger
- Stabilise our economy so it can grow

Community engagement has been undertaken involving consultation with community groups, zoom meetings and online survey. Phase 1 saw limited response, however Phase 2 (online survey) received over 1500 responses and feedback will be used to inform the Recovery Action Plan. This will have themes of Economy, Education, Social and Health and will be delivered in 4 stages with completion anticipated by end 2022. The economic theme will be delivered through the Moray Economic Partnership supported by a proposed investment from the Council of £3.84 million. Education and social themes will be nationally directed and health through NHS Grampian and Moray IJB.

Q&A session:

Community engagement – this will continue through surveys and groups. Education will utilise parent councils and newsletters. Social theme – looking for feedback on challenges that presented during Covid, what worked well and what could be done better. The initial response showed communities pulling together and reduced bureaucracy. GDPR presented a barrier to getting information on people who needed help which needs to be addressed however a lack of understanding of GDPR regulations amongst community could create an issue. MC piloting new systems of collecting and collating information and how best to use the information.

It was suggested that there could be an opportunity to engage participatory budgeting in the process.

The work of the GHAC was highlighted and lessons learned identified that such hubs need to be more proactive in calling out to people. Local communities are continuing to support vulnerable people and it was questioned what support would be available from MC over winter. It was stated that information is still being gathered on where gaps are and how to address this, but this is jurisdiction of IJB and national supports. However, MC will look at how to support volunteers locally. It was suggested that it would be useful to invite a representative of HSCM to the next meeting to discuss this. **Action:** JM to arrange

Climate Change Strategy

Vision Statement

A resource efficient, carbon neutral council that works with partners to mitigate the worst effects of Climate Change to create a resilient, biodiverse, fair and more sustainable future for everyone within Moray

This is a 10-year strategy and aims to work with people and communities across the area. Webinars, presentations, consultations will be used to inform the community. Moray's 3 key industries are forestry, fisheries and whisky all of which will be vulnerable to climate change and this is already being seen through frequency of extreme weather events, an overall rise in temperature, decrease in summer rain, increase in winter rain. MC is a relatively low contributor to emissions (4%) but must lead by example so has set a target of being net 0 by 2030.

Work will be based across 6 themes with 57 actions across these themes. It is hoped half of actions will be completed in first few years. New buildings will be net 0.

Q&A Session:

MC had a key role to play as an enabler and information provider to improve knowledge, build networks and get buy in from the public.

MC could use voice to encourage move of commercial loads from road to rail but had no power to enforce this.

An extensive survey of MC buildings is being undertaken to look at opportunities for switching to renewable energy generation in buildings. Most of the street lighting has been converted to LEDs and now looking to replace external building lighting to LEDs.

The issue was raised as to how to manage queues of customers outside shops considering new Covid regulations and moving in to winter and who has responsibility for people queueing? It was not possible to answer currently. In terms of financial support for business, grant funding is available for start-ups and pop-up shops and more funding could be available for those that prove successful.

The Chair thanked Rhona Gunn and Ronnie Macdonald for the interesting and informative presentations and taking time to come to the meeting.

3. Approval of minutes – 10th September 2020

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting; proposed by Shaun Moat, seconded by David Parker

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

5. Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report due to Catherine's absence however it is likely to be as per last month:
The balance at 13th August is £162,526.71 (£40 honorarium to Minute Secretary since the last meeting)
£153,000 is for Money for Moray (participatory budgeting)
£6,620.71 remains from previous rounds of participatory budgeting funding and is being spent down
£1,000 SSEN resilience funding
£1,906.00 Joint Community Council admin grant balance

6. Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson

The Chief Inspector wanted to emphasize work of the PSYV from the latest CSP report and highlight what a fantastic group they are. Community support is going to have to be in place going forward and CCs will have a role to play. Please consider using Youth Volunteers even though some limit on what and when they can do

things. Regarding CCTV in Moray there is a system, but it is quite outdated. There is a programme of maintenance but not all cameras in all areas are operating. Linking with MC through CSP to bring in a new system in future like other areas but they do come at a cost.

The police are adapting to Covid changes with speed to support all business and communities.

7. Working Group – scheme review and actions from February meeting

About 12 signed up but not all CCs represented. The first meeting is scheduled for 27 October and Alison Davidson, Elections Officer, will attend as she knows what can/cannot be changed. Jane asked that CCs put this on their agenda and think about what changes are wanted and what will make things better for CCs.

8. Community Council Liaison Officer Update

Zoom training – Jane is happy to do more at any time. Email circulated today re Moray Growth Deal for a survey on public transport in Moray – all asked to share link far and wide especially in rural areas.

9. Community Councils Updates

Due to presentations it was decided to limit updates this meeting.

Shaun Moat asked if any other CC had received an email about litter picking on A96 from Forres to Dyke. None had but several CCs outlined what happens in their area; there is concern around the safety of volunteers on a major road. It is responsibility of Bear to litter pick such routes.

Shaun also informed meeting that Forres CC moving over to MS Teams so that local police able to join meetings as they are unable to use zoom.

10. Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

11. AOCB

The Chair asked if everyone was content with frequency of meetings. It was noted that the resilience team wants to attend November meeting and want to invite HSCM to come along so this meeting would be just briefings and no updates. The next meeting thereafter will be February.

12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 12th November 2020 at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm