

## Minutes of JCC Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm by Zoom

<b>Present:</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Community Council</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Community Council</b>
Alastair Kennedy	Chair	David Parker	Forres
Jim Patterson	Vice Chair Burghead & Cummington	Shaun Moat	Forres
Morag Stewart	Buckie & District	Graham Murdoch	Forres
Christine Allan	Buckie & District	Jim Mackie	Innes
Colin Burch	Cullen & Deskford	Johanna Summers	Lennox
Eddie Wallace	Elgin	Marion Ross	Speyside
Anne Sken	Finhorn & Kinloss	Karen Pryce-Idon	Strathisla
Lesley Edwards	Forres	Jo Lenihan	Forres (Minute Taker)

### **In attendance:**

Jane Martin (Community Council Liaison Office, Gordon McDonald Resilience Officer TMC, Kevin Black Resilience Officer TMC, George McIntyre (Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Moray), Cllr George Alexander, Cllr James Allan, Cllr Lorna Creswell, Carmen Gillies (member of public)

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllr Ross, Cllr Gatt, Cllr Leadbitter, Cllr Cowe, Cllr Powell, Cllr Edwards, Chief Insp Norman Stevenson, Carolle Ralph Lossiemouth CC, Kay Griffin Lennox CC, Billy Davidson Burghead CC, Catherine Sinclair

### **2. Resilience Plans**

Gordon McDonald outlined the role of the Emergency Plan office and its remit to expand community resilience by encouraging communities to become as resilient and self-sufficient as possible in an emergency. The Resilience Officer's role is to support groups to develop their own plans as each needs to be specific to the community's individual risks. Community Councils are well placed to play a central role in the development of these plans. Gordon gave a short presentation (to be circulated with the minutes for information) which outlined the key features of a resilience plan and the importance of creating one, quoting Covid as a prime example of why one is needed.

Carmen Gillies outlined the Hopeman Resilience Plan which was drawn up a few years ago. This was developed following a series of local disasters which included flooding, bushfires, and call outs for sea rescues. They pulled together a resilience team to look at creating a plan and used the template available from Scottish Government. They identified the risks, resources required and mapped what was available locally. This was mostly a desktop exercise and focussed on simple things to start with. Once completed they were then able to apply for funding to support the project. – SSEN key source of funding. It was then promoted widely within the community. The biggest challenge is finding and retaining volunteers. Carmen commented that the groups that have grown out of Covid response present a community resource that could potentially be persuaded to continue in a different role and support a local resilience plan.

### **Q&A session**

Findhorn/Kinloss CC currently updating their resilience plan and outlined the challenges but agreed that now presents a good opportunity to take this forward and not lose the experience gained over last 6 months of community support during covid.

This was echoed by other members. As the Findhorn/Kinloss draft is ready to go they would welcome support from TMC.

Jim Mackie stated that any CC embarking on resilience planning should contact Paul Laidlaw from the Scottish Flood Forum in Fife who is extremely knowledgeable and prepared to help communities.

Gordon stated that it needs a spark to start community resilience, eg, beast from east which in the Borders cut off many rural communities villages which subsequently flooded. It was realised there was no way to support them and this sparked interest in resilience planning. Covid could provide the spark in Moray. The Team can't work with all CCs at once so have identified priority areas that are known to have particular issues around flooding, namely, Cummington/Burghead, Portgordon, Kingston and Rothes, If these areas are not interested then other CCs can put case forward for support. The CSU are on board to provide support and help with funding.

Next steps – any CC interested should contact Jane in the first instance who will pass details to the resilience team.

Jane will circulate power point and Carmen's resilience plan.

### **3. Approval of minutes – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

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

### **4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The balance at 3 November is £162,486.71 (£40 honorarium to Minute Secretary since the last meeting)

£153,000 is for Money for Moray Investing in Communities (participatory budgeting)

£6,620.71 remains from previous rounds of participatory budgeting funding and is being spent down

£1,000 SSEN resilience funding

£1,866.00 Joint Community Council admin grant balance.

Jane advised that Catherine suggest that the £1,000 remaining for the SSEN resilience funding be shared with the Bow Cafe to continue to provide meals to families until January and the remaining be given to Moray Food Plus.

### **6. Working Group – scheme review**

Jane reminded the meeting of the 19 November deadline and to return any requests for change before this. There appeared not to be a big appetite for change other than adding policies and around co-option. Please discuss with CC and feedback.

### **7. Community Council Liaison Officer Update**

Working on GDPR and privacy policy and hopes to have completed in next week or so for consultation. All policies to be included in the scheme.

Alistair asked how many people had problems with GDPR in Covid. Discussion took place on different experiences. Some CCs had no access to data to identify vulnerable people so relied on informal and ad hoc sources. Need clear guidance on this in the

future and resilience group in TMC are looking at GDPR and voluntary organisations and how barriers can be broken down. Some organisations were told couldn't use volunteers that had not been checked during Covid which prevented support continuing.

## **8. Community Councils Updates**

Buckie – Chair ill so vice stepped up. Another CC stepped down so have 5 active, one co-opted and 1 associate member. 1 further lady interested. Continue with monthly meetings. HIE Funding came to end with underspend which HIE have approved to be used appropriately. This is going to be used for new chairs, hand sanitiser, insurance and licensing for farmers market and MH practitioner to go into schools in December for 16 weeks. Consultation identified the top priority as new signage for local walking and bike rides, but still to complete SSE grant fund for this. 2 members of CC laid wreath. LOIP - completed report for CPP. Community lunches ongoing. Monitoring group delivering newsletters.

Burghead/Cummingston – focus on supporting those in need with blessing box, food parcels, prescriptions. Focus on Xmas now - shoebox parcels. Joined with Hopeman community and share a minibuss – now have fogging machine and Covid protection items. Used a lot for runs to med centre in Lossiemouth and shopping in Elgin. Remembrance went well.

Cullen/Deskford – Looking at seagull proof bins from BiD fund, liaising with MC awaiting response to see if they would part fund. App for 2nd round BiDs funding – tourist initiative, Liaising with Moray wellbeing hub to get worker for area.

Elgin – Looking at having wildflower meadows or verges. Specialists and Colin Bell gave interesting presentation. Concern raised that some of NHS services seem to have disappeared so contacted the clinical lead of Dr Grays. A list of questions were sent before meeting and he came along and answered all comprehensively confirming that services are working well though maybe less visibly. Objected to couple of planning applications recently. 2 possible co-options for Elgin CC.

Findhorn/Kinloss – Tasked to raise a question – have any other CCs sought assistance from TMC to make applications to Rural Tourist Infrastructure Fund? Looking at this to fund new overnight parking site but told by TMC that they could not assist as other CC in Moray had not shown interest. CC would like more info. Marion understood there wasn't enough capacity in TMC to submit application.

Cllr Alexander commented that it was incumbent upon different CC/orgs to do most of groundwork as TMC didn't have capacity. Findhorn Conversation Company was the only one who had done work. Officers felt therefore it was not possible to go ahead this time but there is expected to be another tranche of funding.

Forres – moved to MS teams to allow Police to attend as this is the only platform authorised. Meeting next week with associate members to discuss A96 dualling. Membership at full capacity. Thanks to Cllr Alexander for motion to repair Market Cross.

Lennox - CC has been through transition and now have 10 members. Next week first meeting going forward. Will propose resilience plan at next meeting.

Speyside – Zoom training from Jane. Collating expense forms from HIE funding and are being allowed to use underspend: Aberlour – food instead of transport; £750 going to

community larder in Rothes and keeping £850 from fuel top up fund; 2 iPads from SSEN money delivered to care home in Aberlour (SSEN used article on their news page); £62 left to go to Moray School bank. With Cullen, involved in Global Eco Village network (GEN) and now have a logo for path project in Rothes and for CC. Working with GEN and international partners a website is being designed in Brazil. Exchange trips cancelled so permission to get leaflets made and a pop-up banner for CC. Craigellachie asked for issue of white lines not being refreshed to be raised with TMC as hazard. There is a problem with disposal of wastewater from campervans being indiscriminately tipped into Spey and other water bodies.

Innes – 2 zoom meetings. More members of public attending online. Still involved with food banks and larders especially in Mosstodloch. Submitted another grant as identified big need for personal hygiene products. MC upgraded road between Garmouth and Llanbryde. Resilience plan information useful as have meeting on river next week with MC Flood engineer, Crown Estates, unfortunately SEPA/SNH not attending.

Strathisla – 1 new member and a new volunteer from Grange is joining. Also another 2 members plus young person from same family in Knock coming to next meeting bringing number up to 10. One of Cllrs leaving as overcommitted. 150 face masks from Tesco's and 36 hand sanitisers to be given to Keith and Strathisla covid 19 group for Christmas dinner. Issue finding a suitable location for a defib in Knock and asked for advice. Sec leaving in Dec.

Deputy Lord- Lieutenant wanted to thank organisers of Remembrance Services and those that recorded proceedings for the public as it was important that they took place.

Cllr Alexander commented on the anomalies in Covid restrictions. On one hand people were told not to attend Remembrance Services at War Memorials. However, with the start of the Highland League competition on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 4 teams from Tier 3 areas will be coming up and spectators allowed to watch. Doesn't encourage people to stick to the rules.

## **9. AOCB**

Jim asked whether anyone had considered totalling up the amount of grant money received by CCs for Covid Response. Could be used to highlight CCs work. Jane to send email to CCs to ask the question.

Graham – NHS flu vaccine received bad press but when it took place it was noted in Forres it went like clockwork and far better than previous years. The consensus was that it was a lot better service.

Christine - Are IJB / HSCM to attend to give presentation as mentioned at previous meeting? Jane will organise this for next meeting.

## **10. Date of next meeting – 11 February. 2021 at 7pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

## **11. Closing Remarks**

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone all the best for the festive season