

Minutes of JCC Meeting held on 11th February 2021 at 7pm by Zoom

Present:			
Name	Community Council	Name	Community Council
Alastair Kennedy	Chair	David Parker	Forres
Jim Patterson	Vice Chair Burghead & Cummington	Graham Murdoch	Forres
Morag Stewart	Buckie & District	Jim Mackie	Innes
Christine Allan	Buckie & District	Sandy Bond	Lennox
Billy Davidson	Burghead & Cummington	Paul McPherson	Lennox
Colin Burch	Cullen & Deskford	Mike Reid	Lennox
Angus Anderson	Dufftown & District	Carolle Ralph	Lossiemouth
Sarah Anderson	Dufftown & District	Shirley Firth	Portknockie
Steve Arkley	Dyke Landward	Marion Ross	Speyside
Graham Price	Dyke Landward	Karen Pryce-Iddon	Strathisla
Brian Higgs	Finderne	Tracey Whiteaker	Strathisla
Anne Skene	Findhorn & Kinloss	Adele Williams	Strathisla
Lesley Edwards	Forres	Rhona Patterson	Strathisla
		Jo Lenihan	Forres (Minute Taker)

In attendance:

Jane Martin (Community Council Liaison Officer), Iain MacDonald (NHSG), George McIntyre (Deputy Lord Lieutenant), Sandra McKandy (Kieran's Legacy), Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson (Police Scotland), Cllrs: James Allan, Lorna Creswell, George Alexander, Gordon Cowie, Graham Leadbitter, Laura Powell, Louise Nicol, Sonya Warren, Donald Gatt, Theresa Coulls.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Catherine Sinclair, Shaun Moat, Stewart Black, Howard Davenport, Joanna Summers, and Cllrs: Ross, Morrison, Coy, Divers, A McLean, Cowie, R Mclean.

2. Update on Keirans Legacy

Sandra McKandy gave an update on the Charity. They are working with many different organisations across Moray, Highland, Grampian and possibly moving into Tayside. Covid has prevented some work but still putting Defibs out in the community. The main reason for update was to raise awareness of a few incidents over the last few months where people had been unable to access defib cabinets. Most boxes are accessed by a key code and details of defibs are listed on a system called Circuit. When a 999 call is placed the ambulance service should be able to pull up information on the nearest defib. Sandra asked the meeting for their opinion on having unlocked cabinets. Research has shown this isn't a major problem in terms of vandalism, etc, and defib is unusable if cabinets can't be accessed. Discussion took place on the issue and Jane will send an email to CCs to progress this. Iain Macdonald will contact Sandra directly to discuss.

3. Moray HSCP – Iain Macdonald NHS Grampian

Iain is HSCM locality manager for Forres and Lossiemouth and health improvement lead and diabetes lead. Locality management was introduced about 14 months ago but due to Covid is only now being focussed on again. There are 4 localities across Moray. Iain provided an update on key aspects of changes in HSCM (presentation to be circulated by Jane).

Questions to Iain:

Carolle – concern about number of very isolated and vulnerable people and how services will be resumed? A lot of volunteers are working to support vulnerable people (e.g. through foodbanks) but not included in vaccination priority list – is this being considered?

Vaccine programme will have all priority adults vaccinated by May. Remobilisation group meets weekly and day care would have been reinstated if we hadn't gone back to tier 4. Insufficient capacity to support everyone so concentrate on top priorities and as we come out of T4 remobilisation should speed up. Scot Gov have specified who should be targeted with vaccine and is not within MC control to change this.

Steve Arkley – are HSCM aware that vaccination letters been sent out without venue?
It was advised this was a problem with printing run and has been resolved.

Graham Price – Are there any plans to vaccinate children?

Only those that fall into vulnerable category but will check and give answer back through Jane as vaccination programme changes regularly.

George McIntyre – Concern that some vaccination letters have first and return dates, others only have first date?

Everyone will get a date within 12 weeks of first vaccination.

Sandy Bond – How does testing work for staff and is there an issue if people have been vaccinated but don't show symptoms?

Briefings given to staff on broader range of symptoms. All staff tested twice a week with Lateral Flow Tests – if returns positive then tested with more accurate swab tests.

Cllr Allan – the signage to Elgin centre is not clear. Also, will Lossiemouth be getting a mass vaccination centre.

Lossiemouth is not going to have a centre at present.

Chair thanked Iain for the update and his time.

4. Approval of minutes – 12th November 2020

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting; proposed by Jim Mackie, seconded by Karen Price-Idon.

5. Matters arising

Item 2 Resilience Plans

Made headway in last few weeks. Jim Patterson has been taken on to the Resilience group. A survey will be sent to all CC's next week asking key questions. Key areas are Keith, Speyside, Forres and Innes. Need to gather information from communities and for them to create and own their plan. Looking for funding to support the process. Resilience group will support CC's if needed.

Item 7. CCLO Update

GDPR policy sent out.

Item 9. AOCB

Jane will compile list of grants received.

Anne Skene asked to raise issue of speeding into and out of villages and towns around Moray. This has been particularly bad in recent months so must be locals. Would CCs across Moray support joint approach to Police to really highlight the problem. Jane to send email and get agreement. Anne to do a brief for Jane to circulate. CI Stevenson would welcome a collective approach and will respond to this.

6. Treasurer's Report

The current balance in the Joint Community Councils of Moray bank account is £159,616.71

This breaks down as:

Investing in Communities Grant (Money 4 Moray) (£150,000 grants to be awarded, £3,000 for expenses)	£152,800.00
Previous participatory budgeting grants balance	£6,570.71
Joint Community Council Grant balance	£1,866.00
Scene Connect (Energising Communities to be repaid by Local Energy Scotland from CARES grant)	- £1,620.00

All of the £17,000 SSEN Resilience Grant for community Coronavirus work has now been paid out.

7. CI Norman Stevenson

Crime over last couple of months is down but still there. Business properties have been targeted due to the number of people working from home. Central Scotland criminals coming into area. Covid minimised number of road users but still some accidents. Changes within Inspecting ranks in Moray. Mike McKenzie (Keith/Buckie) is moving in 2 weeks; being replaced by Insp Graham Moreton CID/cyber security background. Kerry Rigg (Forres) moving on 28 March to a national role; being replaced by Inspector Tony McCullie.

George McIntyre – Deputy Lord Lieutenant. Highlighted that the Moray Emergency Relief Fund is a fund of last resort, but money is still available. 557 awards to date. Please spread the word – details on [Moray Council website](#).

8. Community Council Liaison Officer Update

Portknockie have lost couple of members but now back up to full membership. Lennox also nearly back up to full membership

Scheme review – up to 24th February for comments.

CSP report for Jan/Feb will be amalgamated and sent out.

New Chair in Buckie – Morag Stewart

9. Community Councils Updates

Buckie – LOIP – newsletter received positive feedback and doing another letter.

Vaccines at Baptist Church in Buckie. Lot of volunteers for kindness group.

Consultation on cycle routes, paths, notice board and timeline – possibly sourcing funding to do all in one go. Moray Firth Credit Union open in Buckie. Harbour Master update – 3 additional vessels for windfarms and hope to get more business. Wish previous Chair good luck.

Burghead – Blessing box being used quite a lot. Team of about 6 handling blessing box contributions and food turnaround. Hopeman bus being used well especially for vaccination programme. Discussion about ground rent on shed at harbour.

Cullen – Police struggling to join meetings as can't use zoom. Still helping 2 people with hot meals. Some getting help with shopping. Keeping in touch with everyone from list in spring to make sure ok. Working with MC on seagull proof bins. Wellbeing survey for community will be delivered by Royal Mail.

Dyke – Article in Forres Gazette next week for new members. Graham Price has recently joined. Set up larder at beginning of Covid and helped in Kinloss and Forres but not now needed so in-date foodstuffs and non-perishables given to FACT.

Elgin – looking at setting up Development Trust - John Cowe (Lossie) to help. Couple of new members. Special meeting to discuss how to better engage with own community. New housing scheme by sports centre – every house should have a mailbox within half a mile, but this isn't the case. A request for further information about several poles being erected in New Elgin was answered by "The Poles Objections Team".

Finderne – raised serious concern of rural broadband R100 SG contract with BT Openreach. All Scot Gov published information says this will deliver super-fast broadband to all households. In fact, it won't in the north and the implementation plan won't be released until later this year. Roll out in north about year behind south. There are some complicated voucher schemes and if taken up at wrong time could cause someone to be inadvertently excluded from the scheme. Brian will write a brief for Jane to send out and then organise a meeting of all interested CCs.

Brian recommends the following action:

1. Find out typical broadband speeds in your area
2. If below 30 mbs raise with your MC Councillor
3. Contact Richard Lochhead. Ask for specific confirmation that everyone in your area will get superfast broadband.

Cllr Alexander confirmed this is important and had raised with Jim Grant in MC. Recommend that people should not engage in voucher schemes now.

Findhorn – resilience plan being updated and will include use of social media platforms as useful tool in identifying community needs and responding during Covid. Incidents of fly tipping recently – could be due to fewer collections and limited access to recycling centre.

Kinloss Barracks – runway being decommissioned next month.

Findhorn Foundation – really struggling to survive. Of 120 staff 70 have been made redundant. A lot of their income from overseas. Looking hard to find a way to continue - they bring huge amount of people into area.

Forres – Guest speakers over the next few months. Used SSEN to make awards to local vulnerable families. An issue raised at last meeting about remit of Energizing Moray Group (EMG) and JCC, initiated by letter from EMG that was signed off by JCC. Confusion also about difference between community investment and community benefit and think clarification needed about remits of groups and the community investment/benefits. Request clarification on this.

Greenspaces meetings started again with Sylvia Jamieson. Skateboard Park being progressed by Shaun.

Innes – Have been assisting Garmouth with larder but now stopped. £300 grant for personal hygiene products for people in need. Farmer did some work in fields which now causes flooding on road. Reported to MC but no resolution yet. Continuing issues on flooding of Spey. Zoom meeting with over 30 participants including experts, local MPs/MSPs and community. Assess the devaluation of property in last 12 years totals £1.87 million but no one will take responsibility. MC to do another survey. If no action estimate in 2 ½ years the river will take out walkway on old railway line, local sewage treatments work and 10 houses.

Lennox – Jane asked Sandy to give talk at next JCC meeting on Youth Parliament. Little shop being well used by locals. New bench at seafront. Village hall applying for funding for building maintenance. Flooding issues on Portgordon to Spey Bay walk. Some potholes at Dolphin Centre been filled. Helping local groups, food vouchers, etc. Dog fouling issue around harbour.

Lossiemouth – busy with Covid response. Stopped hampers as run out of money. Food larder at community centre 2 days a week but looking for new venue. Volunteers at vaccine centre. Looking at whether able to open toilets this year. Still delivering meals to the elderly, but only enough money to March. Still working on cycle track to Hopeman. Discussion going on about bridge. Planting bulbs and planning for gardens in summer.

Speyside – Also confused about Energising Moray and want clarification. New young member proposed by Sandy. Raised issue about fire damaged property belonging to MC – updated on proposed works to reinstate property. Electric car charger to be installed in Rothes. Rural tourism infrastructure fund – confusion so could we get someone to brief JCC on how this works and CCs can get involved. Dog poo bin - MC have agreed to empty. PO shut since beginning of Covid and post box too small so dialogue with Royal Mail who have agreed to change box for bigger one. Sunken drains – Bear and Scottish water will meet to get drain covers reinstated. Meeting with HSCM to discuss issues and another meeting in April. CC's need support if involved in public enquiries on windfarms as even when finished more information submitted. Amount of documentation is too much and too complicated for CCs to take on board. Jane commented that Planning Aid Scotland can help but need notice.

Strathisla – Sec updating social media and website. Problem with grit bags – people put in requests but not delivered. Defib going on to garage at Knock. Grange rep enquired about why Grange dropped from Crossroads Grange – being discussed. Keith/Strathisla larder being opened on a Monday and Wednesday. Jane stated that grit bags were on first come first served but will try and find more about this.

Cllr Leadbitter (Leader) update. All groups focussing on budget proposals, although other committees are still going on.

10. AOCB

Alistair – Burghead incident – dog and person attacked by Pitbull type that belonged to 2 people. Be aware.

Cllr Creswell – clarified that Credit Union can lend £7,500 above what is saved.

A new Treasurer is needed for JCC - if any proposals please contact Alistair.

11. Date of next meeting – 11 March 2021 at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm