

Minutes of JCC Meeting held on 13th May 2021 at 7pm by Zoom

Present:			
Name	Community Council	Name	Community Council
Alastair Kennedy	Chair	Graham Murdoch	Forres
Jim Patterson	Vice Chair Burghead & Cummington	Fiona Graham	Forres
Christine Allan	Buckie & District	Frank Byrne	Forres
Billy Davidson	Burghead & Cummington	Mary Evans	Heldon
Colin Burch	Cullen & Deskford	Jim Mackie	Innes
Graham Jarvis	Elgin	Paul McPherson	Lennox
Edward Wallace	Elgin	Pringle George	Lennox
Anne Skene	Findhorn & Kinloss	Marion Ross	Speyside
Lesley Edwards	Forres	Karen Pryce-Iddon	Strathisla
David Parker	Forres	Jo Lenihan	Secretary (Forres)

In attendance:

Jane Martin (Community Council Liaison Officer), Kevin McDermott (MC), Dawn Brodie (MC), Karen Delaney (MC), George McIntyre (Deputy Lord Lieutenant), Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson (Police Scotland). Cllrs: George Alexander, James Allan, Lorna Creswell.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllrs Powell, Gatt, Coull, Divers, Cowie. Community Councillors: Steve Arkley, Catherine Sinclair, Sheila Cochrane, Angus & Sarah Anderson, Johanna Summers, Emily Reid, Louise Marshall.

2. Community Services Update - Kevin McDermott, Community Services Manager

Kevin outlined the details of the new Community department in MC. He introduced the new CLD plan which is produced every 3 years. Post covid transition we need to understand our communities, particularly those most affected, and ensure they get support needed. CLD does 2 things:

- improves life chances for individuals and families
- helps to make communities and more resilient

Discussion on 3 questions to help inform CLD plan:

1. What has been impact on your community?
2. Who has been most affected?
3. What should be priorities and where should efforts be focussed?

Responses:

- Getting businesses up and running again
- Schools and education
- Building on community response to covid by pulling and working together
- Tourism - need to advertise what's available as we want visitors to feel welcome
- Lack of community engagement with young people and community-based youth work.
- More IT learning opportunities for adults
- Helping older people to get involved again in clubs. Helping with loneliness and social isolation.
- Mental health in young folk highlighted by recent suicide in Keith. Issue with young people lighting fires etc, in Forres, Burghead, Buckie, Lossiemouth and Keith. Issue of drugs.
- Young people's MH and wellbeing needs resolving by the Government.
- Communal bus to engage with young people such as mobile youth club. This would help with parity of access for more rural areas.

Other points:

- Public Empowerment Group (PEG) headed up by the NHS service might be overlapping with this work.
- Community renewal fund timescale for applications and project completion in 8 months is unrealistic, especially for smaller communities.
- Giant hogweed on Spey, Lossie and Findhorn is major problem
- Suggestion from Laurie Piper for Morays towns to come together as per old Moray Towns Partnership.

Actions:

- Jane to circulate report from last year's recovery questionnaire.
- All CCs to complete questionnaire and circulate through local groups/social networks.
- Karen to send link to post-it screen to CCs who can post directly on it.
- CLD team happy to do presentation to CCs if wanted.

3. Approval of minutes – 8 April 2021

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed – Paul MacPherson

Seconded – David Parker

4. Matters arising

Will Burnish updated on Campervan proposal. He had met with Burghead, Portgordon, Portknockie. Plans for chemical waste points:

- Burghead moving next to toilets.
- Portgordon not installing immediately looking at better project with community for later in year.
- Portknockie – no suitable site that worked for community and met requirements of project.

Additional funding for improving tourism infrastructure:

- Portknockie - more car parking spaces at harbour.
- Burghead – filling potholes on old railway area road. Signage for safe practice for wild camping. Traffic calming. Reinforcement work on grassed areas where people park.
- Lossie - in discussion with sub-group about waste point.
- Ballindalloch - waste point and enhanced car parking as signs of wear and tear from tourists.

Will to go to Burghead with drawings to discuss. Emphasised nothing will be done until agreed then leaflets will be produced.

Positive feedback on Fiddich Park partly about location and concern about grey waste but needs minor tweaking. Toilet block will not be opened as this was a council decision and would have to go back to committee to change. One DDA compliant portaloo installed in place of 2 non-compliant at request of village council.

Suggestion from last JCC about Lossie Green car park being developed for campervan waste. Considering a campervan 'service point' which would need to be close to supermarket, petrol station, and include water, waste, recycling. etc so full servicing of campervans can be done in one place. More complex and need to ensure location and model is right before decision made.

If anyone needs to meet for further consultation let Will know.

5. Treasurer's Report –

Balance in JCC Bank Account at 6 May 2021	£159,639.63
• Investing in Communities Grant Money for Moray	£152,800.00
• Previous participatory budgeting grants balance	£6,493.63
• Joint Community Council Grant balance	£1,966.00
• Scene Connect (Energising Communities still to be repaid by Local Energy Scotland from CARES grant)	£1,620.00

6. CI Norman Stevenson

CI Stevenson had sent apologies.

Speeding in Communities Meeting

Themes. Education, enforcement, infrastructure, media.

Action plan. Communities to:

- identify known hotspots
- identify ways to provide education message through CCs, community notice boards, schools, community groups,
- identify legislative information for communities,
- identify knowledge gaps in LA requirements,
- Research community speeding initiatives
- Research electronic sign types
- Identify funding streams for signs
- 20mph research strategy and implementation
- Spaces for people
- Create partnership media strategy and enforcement plan

Create small partnership from JCC to meet monthly and then feedback to wider community. Jane to set up meeting with speeding working group as soon as possible.

Marion mentioned that Aviemore has 20mph limit on all side roads. Speed of lorries going south through Rothes excessive, and a check should be done early morning.

Pringle mentioned the 20/20 campaign in the borders and link to request 20/20 in villages. Shona Morrison has said this has been brought up but not progressed however submit email to her to request 20mph as this might help.

7. George McIntyre – Deputy Lord Lieutenant

The Queens Platinum Jubilee is in 2022 to celebrate her 70-year reign. The Queen's Green Canopy will be launched at Chelsea Flower Show for communities, schools etc to get involved planting 3 million trees. Website being developed to provide information. Lieutenancy has been asked to promote the idea and to encourage CCs to get involved. Trees available on first come first served basis. George to send link and information to Jane for distribution.

Kevin M wondered if it could be linked to acknowledging what communities have done in Covid and acknowledging end of pandemic.

Paul M – wondered if it could tie in with MC wildflower planting.

8. Community Council Liaison Officer Update

a. Resilience Plans

Keith just about complete. Speyside have completed a lot of work. Looking at Cullen and Deskford. SSE funding open to support resilience plans – better for CCs to apply individually. Jane to send information on SSE grant to Kinloss and Findhorn.

b. Community Council Elections – Subgroup

Ready to start promoting CC elections and want volunteers to form a subgroup. Best way to get new councillors is to publicise all work that has been done. CCs to provide £75 for joint promotion campaign. Admin grant can be used to put leaflets in post. Jane to email CCs with information.

Jane will be updating the handbook so let her know of any amendments or additions.

Pulling together a training calendar so send any requests. MC looking at different model for online training and trying to get CCs on this. Put GDPR training in calendar in new session.

9. Community Councils Updates

Buckie – Meeting monthly – moved from zoom to MS Teams to get police back in. Dealing with community poll and funding stream. Problem with litter in parks and surrounding areas. 2 members complaining about Portessie. Campervan meeting with Will - Buckie would like to be included. LOIP team has been in touch with Denise Whitworth. Meeting Rhona Gunn 21 May. Meeting on increased ASB.

Burghead – Sad news about young man who took his life. New roof for hall kitchen and ongoing issue with Campervans.

Cullen and Deskford – Provided 2 large bins due to litter problem. Scotmid opened cash machine last week so thanks to all. Issue with bunker van taking business from town facilities but can't do much if properly licensed. Approached by SurfAbility to use beach for people with disabilities. Potential twinning with town in France. James Allan is councillor for all twinning in Moray. Jane to share emails.

Elgin – Talk from Headmaster of Elgin Academy on covid. Stagecoach passengers are up to pre-Christmas levels. Masterplan discussion and proposals. One seat from Elgin centre going to Burghead. All weather pitch to be completed soon.

Findhorn – Campervans already arriving and need guidance on rogue campervan parking. New site has been set up with 21 spaces and booking barrier system in place by 16 May. MC have provided extra bins. Recent accidents on B9011 closed road for several hours leaving Findhorn completely cut off. In discussion with 39 Engr about possible route through barracks as an alternative. Boy knocked down by school this week; school crossing patrol was removed last year. MC measuring vehicle numbers and speed. Fires on Foundation destroyed 2 buildings. Findhorn resilient plan done, Kinloss nearly complete and Foundation working on theirs.

Forres – One CC is member of speeding group and looking to see if High Street can be reduced to 20 mph. Wrote to all primary schools to advise parents and carers on facemasks as majority of parents not adhering to social distancing. Railway service improvement - with local MP for action. Laurie Piper briefed CC last month.

Heldon – Concern about lack of broadband. Finderne has sent all their information for assistance.

Innes – Met with RSPB who look after Spynie Loch and management of wetlands. Road repairs – still lots of potholes and bank slippage. Started to talk to people about joining CC ahead of elections.

Lennox – Redoing gold lettering on memorial at Dallachy. Small grants going out to people for PPE where needed. Caravan park – slight deviation on where sited. Meeting at Dallachy dump to discuss how to open this up again. Portgordon Community Trust created to bring all local groups into one organisation. Still waiting on planning permission from MC for community garden project. Due to everyone coming together at first lockdown more younger people now involved. EVC installed at village hall. Hope to attract funding to upgrade and become emergency resilience hub. Hope to have Canada Day remembrance at Strike Wing memorial.

Portknockie – Discussion about campervans – opinion canvassed from village and decided it would not work so informed council of this. Quite a few complaints about speeding, dog fouling, dogs troubling deer on beach.

Speyside – Career project is moving ahead slowly. Suggested by Emily to get local people to speak about their jobs to young people. Issue in Craigellachie with 100 steps – only safe way to get from one part of village to other and trying to establish ownership as they are in poor condition. Meeting with Locality Manager to discuss future of Fleming and Stephen Hospital. Other issues - recruitment in rural areas and how to access care in the community without going through GP. Invite sent to Glenlivet and Tomintoul for CC meeting but unable to access due to broadband. Could Glenlivet/Tomintoul form community council? Number of community groups set up in Rothes - one to enhance play park, footpath group and Rothes community workforce. Dog fouling is an issue. Applied for twinning through COSLA.

Strathisla – Karen would like to be involved in changes to manual. Want to get funding to change a building into a toilet block. Larder still going but fewer attending now - may close at end of June. Trees planted for Queens last jubilee stolen.

10. Elected Members update

Cllr Alexander. Briefing form NHS Public Health Service re covid which is spreading in communities, so we need to ease off carefully and get numbers down in Moray. Council meeting decided to invest in education and focus on poverty. Best Value Audit will be in Feb 22 and they will want to see some progress since last inspection. Proposal to build houses on old railway station in Portessie has caused a lot of bad feeling in the community - shame not considered before decision made. Lossie bridge to go ahead but must be under £1.8 million and old bridge will be taken down at same time to save money. Esplanade is cheaper despite not being favoured option. Hopefully, open summer 22.

Cllr Allan – Moray Leisure centre and MC systems working together so bookings can be booked either way.

Cllr Creswell – poverty talk - many groups working on this. Plea to communities to stay home as much as possible. Credit Union in Buckie and Elgin should be open in May.

11. Consultations

Need to learn lessons from Lossie situation in future consultations.

12. Closing remark

Amazing what is going on and range of activities that Community Councils are involved in.

13. AOCB

Jim – closing of GP in Elgin affects Llanbryde. Need to look at GPs in Moray for HWB of Moray.

Paul – Lots of activities in Forres for youngsters years ago which kept them out of trouble and community services used to engage with teenagers.

14. Date of next meeting – 8th July 2021 at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 hrs.