

Minutes of JCC Meeting held on 8th July 2021 at 7pm by Zoom

Present:			
Name	Community Council	Name	Community Council
Alastair Kennedy	Chair	Graham Murdoch	Forres
Jim Patterson	Vice Chair Burghead & Cummington	Mary Evans	Heldon
Christine Allan	Buckie & District	Jim Mackie	Innes
Billy Davidson	Burghead & Cummington	Steve Hickin	Keith
Edward Wallace	Elgin	Marion Ross	Speyside
Anne Skene	Findhorn & Kinloss	Karen Pryce-Iddon	Strathisla
Lesley Edwards	Forres	Jo Lenihan	Secretary - Forres
David Parker	Forres		

In attendance:

Jane Martin (Community Council Liaison Officer), Anna Rist (NHSG), Louise Ballantyne (NHSG), Marlene Westland (NHSG), George McIntyre (Deputy Lord Lieutenant), Cllrs: Graham Leadbitter

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Cllrs: Laura Powell, Donald Gatt, Theresa Coull, John Divers, Shona Morrison, Frank Brown, Sonya Warren, Hazel Lawson (P&J), Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson, Community Cllrs: Steve Arkley, Catherine Sinclair, Sheila Cochrane, Angus & Sarah Anderson, Johanna Summers, Morag Stewart, Carolle Ralph, Rhona Paterson

2. NHS Patient Engagement Group (PEG) – Anna Rist

Anna is Engagement Project Manager for PEG and gave a presentation on the plan for future and public engagement which is running until 18 August. PEG was newly set up in spring to help public to participate in engagement in health care delivery. Jane will forward the presentation so that CC's can inform their councils about the engagement. There will be 2 stages to the engagement:

- Stage 1 - very broad and open and running June-Aug 21.
- Stage 2 – feeding back on stage 1, agreeing priorities and next steps to inform the plan.

There will be different methods to get involved. If CCs would like a session, then Anna can facilitate this. Link to the website for information is www.nhsgrampian.org/strategy2022-2028. Community councillors are encouraged to participate as an individual user of services.

Alistair thanked Anna and the other NHSG staff for their time.

Alistair introduced Hazel Lawson who is the new local democracy reporter at P&J. If any CC stories then email Hazel and she'll get back to you.

3. Approval of minutes – 13 May 2021

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

Proposed – Christine Allan

Seconded – George MacIntyre

4. Tribute – Ogilvie Smith

Alistair paid tribute to Ogilvie Smith who served on Heldon CC for many years. He was described as a lovely man, kind and gentle and always ready to share his wisdom. Email from Kenny Milne described him perfectly. He was instrumental in setting up JCC.

5. Matters arising

- Campervan Stopovers - Billy confirmed that Burghead have agreed to have a toilet put in but don't want a recognised place for campervans. To date there have been no issues.
- Letters have been sent to all CCs regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Anne mentioned that there was some confusion over dates - Graham said that there is a link on Lord Lieutenant's website which gives all relevant information. Queen's Green Canopy - a report was considered by Moray Council and has useful links. See item 12 on the following page:
<https://moray.cmis.uk.com/moray/CouncilandGovernance/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/101/Committee/2/Default.aspx>
- Speeding group – Anne gave an update. Report sent out to everyone by Jane. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 15 July but Norman and Jane on holiday so will probably be in last week July. Jane will confirm date on return from holiday.

6. **Treasurer's Report** – no change since last report other than cost of Zoom licence renewal. Jane will get updated report for August meeting.

7. Deputy Lord Lieutenant – George McIntyre

Nothing new to report as there had not been a meeting since last JCC.

8. Community Council Liaison Officer Update

a. Resilience Plans

Planning a conference on resilience plans on 23 March 2022. Jane will circulate the guide to resilience planning developed by Jim. With the elections coming up it is probably best to leave any further work on this until the new Community Councillors are in office. Ambition to have a plan for all communities in Moray.

b. Community Council Elections – Subgroup

Notification today 25 August – 30 September. Start speaking to public and get people involved. Jane invited to a meeting of SG/COSLA/Improvement Services to review draft national scheme – the new CCLO will be working with CCs for suggested changes to this.

c. Jane commented that her decision to take up the new post was a bitter sweet as it had been such a pleasure working with all CC's and hopes that all keep flourishing.

9. Community Councils Updates

Alistair has been asked to do round up on CC's work over last 4 years but cannot really do justice to all the work that has been done. If any CC can think of good news story include it in their update.

All community councils expressed their delight for Jane's new post and thanked her for all the support she had given over the last few years. She will be greatly missed.

Buckie – One member of public wanting to set up fairy walk. Wreath laying at RBL100th. LOIP – spoken to David Allen regarding issues and progress with the plan. Groups continuing and community voice meeting next week.

Burghead – Mention that people have helped and given so much time during over Covid.

Elgin – Increase in business for Stagecoach and having another meeting in future. Concerns of waiting times at Dr Grays - awaiting feedback on concerns raised. Elgin TC masterplan – meeting with company who are doing app. Gull problem in Elgin; company taking some eggs before hatch but feel a national approach needed.

Findhorn – Very busy, local business doing well and control of campervans good. Gulls are a huge problem and licences requested didn't come through in time. Kinloss Barracks has a new CO and Quartermaster. A few community councillors have resigned so will need to work to get new members for next term. Success story – the enormous collaboration with local groups in the area and working well with other groups which gets a lot more work done.

Forres – Meetings about mountain bike trails. Area on Cluny Hill to build tracks of different levels. This is progressing well. Mosset Burn – FCC had survey done with local fisheries trust. Burn is gradually silting up the lower stretch where clogged up. Resentment has been caused with farmers due to flood alleviation team not seeming to be interested in flooding in fields. Think Steven Cooper should be involved as MC have some responsibility. Gulls really causing an issue. Fiona Herd came to talk about youth engagement and youth work in Moray. Alistair mentioned an email received from Louise Haggerty new moray cycling development officer. Encouraging people to cycle, funding available to support, bikes for loan etc. Details to be sent to Jane for distribution.

Heldon – Heldon is a huge rural area not centrally focussed as larger CCs but based on 7 individual communities who are all represented on CC. Spent time talking about Ogilvie – chair for over 20 years. 2 concerns – broadband improvements in Pluscarden area by end of year. Speeding issues – interesting linking in with JCC. Additional problem noted at Roseisle. CC election information being putting on CC Facebook and asking local communities to do so on theirs too.

Innes – CC extremely successful over last 4 years working well together. Mostly planning and involved with roads, surveys, etc. 3 grant applications on go to do with river. Bought a drone to regularly fly over river to film what damage is being done. Grant for consultant for plans from Fochabers bridge to sea. Speaking to local councillor about MC engineers work – disappointed still hasn't gone up to Council. Red Flag Day – 3rd September memorial for Merchant Navy in the war. Sea cadets will raise flag and hoping Dep Lord Lieutenant will attend. Trying to encourage people to join CC and most existing councillors would like to be re-elected.

Keith – Resurfacing on A96 through Keith still not started but will be happening at end July/beginning August.

Speyside – Finished upgrade of footpath at Kessock Park and £220 left has been donated to Rothes community play park group. Another major planning app to deal with making 3 major windfarm applications over last 4 years which takes huge amount of work. New maltings being planned raising issues on industrialisation, speeding, increased traffic, large lorries. Next CC meeting being devoted to public meeting for residents to express their views and then put in response to Simpsons maltings. They have agreed to have a public exhibition for locals. Craigellachie's new post box has been installed. As new CC 4 years ago had to forge relationships with other groups and at beginning quite difficult but now have good relationships in area.

Strathisla – Larder at Strathisla/Keith closing soon. New venture to be held at Loft in conjunction with Moray Food Bank. £400 towards CC elections promotion. Waiting for defib – Kieran's Legacy sorting this.

10. Elected Members update

Cllr Graham Leadbitter commented that he was also to see Jane moving on. Full council last week – very large agenda. Main thing was approval of new CC scheme. Review of committee governance to improve efficiency to reduce officer time. Budgets – revenue outcome variance is usually a few million pounds, but this year is £24million mostly covid related – extra grants and unscheduled demands that have been met. Notable the impact of Covid on public finances. Really good report about covid related services and where we are in terms of restarting services and those still under pressure, etc.

Gulls and scale of the problem. Elgin used common good money (£15-20K) and committed same for next 3 – 4 years. Think it has made a difference but know it is a long term challenge. Estimated that Elgin alone has spent £50-£60K this year on the problem. Forres has also done this to address problem in Pilmuir. Response to Anne re licensing – new system in place. Nature Scot reported Elgin scheme was the most active in Scotland with dozens of applications received daily. Reviewing process for next year and developing online system which should be more efficient.

Graham M – Question re variance in budget. Cllr Leadbitter explained that this is a variance not a shortfall and came about through unscheduled savings and expenditure, eg reduction in energy costs when schools closed, summer provision for young people, mental health support in schools. Most of capital budget carried forward and a lot of capital projects are likely to be disrupted due to shortage of building materials and hike in prices.

Further discussion took place on the gull issue, bin types and various control measures. Link <https://www.thepigsite.com/articles/bird-control-and-prevention>

Karen raised a query on container sizes for recycling (particularly glass and paper) in rural areas. Cllr Leadbitter replied that consideration was given to different types of materials, areas and collections. He will ask officers about the capacity of glass and paper bins. He could arrange for an officer to speak to JCC to answer questions if useful.

Election promotion

Jane wanted to clarify information on promotional material for elections. She shared the leaflets/posters/flyers for elections which are being distributed through royal mail and has asked CMT if they would contribute. Last time advertised through Northern Scot (£900). Lifestyle magazine have offered a free page for editorial if one page taken for £180. Copy needed by beginning of August. She asked if CCs happy to pay £150 with larger ones giving more?

Jim – happy to pay full amount. P&J and NS are doing an article. 100% behind royal mail delivery as mass leaflet drop not only promotes elections but also CC work as 75% of households probably unaware of CC.

Graham – will put on FCC agenda for next meeting.

Mary – Heldon had agreed to pay this.

11. Closing remark

Alistair commented that he is amazed at all that is going on and range of activities that Community Councils are involved in.

12. AOCB

13. Date of next meeting – 12th August 2021 at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm