

Innes Community Council

Minutes of 'ZOOM' meeting held on 2nd March 2021

Present: (ICC) Sandy Anderson (Chair), Jim Mackie (Sec.), Crinan Dunbar (Treas), Mrs. Anne Speake, David Mackay, Peter Fitch, Mrs. A. Milne.

(The Moray Council) Clr. Marc Macrae.

(MoP): Nigel Sanderson (Garmouth), Angus Fettes (Essil) Tom Cattenach (SAA)

1. Council Report:

Clr. Macrae reported that he would be speaking at the next full Moray Council meeting on the issue of the flooding at Speymouth recently. He will be pushing for greater Moray Council support in flood prevention for the communities of G & K, and affiliated lands.

2. Police Report:

Police Scotland may not attend a 'ZOOM' meeting, but the most recent bulletin had been issued to all members, which had included recent activities involving the Police.

3. Minutes of February's Meeting:

The Minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings by Mrs Anne Speake, Seconded by Crinan Dunbar, (Unanimous)

4. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

- a) Concern re water lying on the B road by Fogwatt, at the bridge. Cllr. Macrae reported that the Moray Council have plans in 'the pipeline' to address the issue. This will be discussed sooner rather than later.
- b) Marchfield Quarry: Peter Fitch reported that activity was still ongoing, and no information had been forthcoming from Cllr. David Bremner. Mr, Fitch added that he has now acquired an extensive file on the subject. Clr. Macrae asked that PF let him have a copy of the file.

5. Treasurer's Report: CD reported that the ICC had a current balance of £1822. 37 in the bank.

6. Planning Matters: JM asked Cllr Macrae that as the planning application for the 'compound' at Burniestrype had failed, when the dismantling of

the site could be expected. Cllr. Macrae responded that there is a time window after such a decision.

7. **Speeding Concerns:** There are raised issues in regard to speeding, in both rural communities and the surrounding infrastructure. Filtered down from the JCC is the need for stricter control and prevention methods. AM reported that the Lhanbryde Challenge are hoping to achieve an extension to the limit on the Garmouth Road to include the brae, some 200 metres.
8. **Spey Flooding Issues:** JM has copies of all the latest correspondence and updates. Nigel Sanderson reported that he had sourced a barrier (approx. cost £1000.00) which could be introduced at the Golf Club end of mill Lane to prevent floodwater ingressing to Spey Street. The subject of raising the burn wall had also been discussed with Will Burnish of Moray Council. However these were just ideas being 'floated' that would need further discussion and consideration.

A long discussion followed about the flooding in general, and the lack of co-operation of some of the official agencies involved. DM stated that after thirty years of 'discussions and projections' it is disgraceful that the community still has to suffer these inundations. CD asked if there is not a 30 day time limit on consultations. Cllr. Macrae responded that he is keen to progress the issue, but co-operation with other agencies is not productive. JM reported that an aerial survey, by drone, of the River from Fochabers Bridge to the mouth at Tugnet would cost £400.00. Proposed by Jim Mackie, Seconded by Sandy Anderson, supported by DM and AS.

9. **AOCB:**

- A) Mrs Speake asked if anyone present could give her more information on the recent news that the DNR note, applying to adults with learning difficulties suffering from chronic Covid 19, had been reversed?
(enquiries to be made)
- B) The question of who paid for the new gates at the West end of Elgin High Street was raised, and were they worth the effort? Cllr. Macrae responded that the gates are funded out with the Moray Council.
- C) JM reported that sadly the Vice Chair of ICC Nick Taylor had died recently. Chair Sandy Anderson noted Mr. Taylor's contribution to the ICC and said that he would be missed.

There being no further business, the Chair called the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 6th April 2021, in a 'ZOOM' format.