

Minutes of JCC Meeting held on 12th August 2021 at 7pm by Zoom

Present:			
Name	Community Council	Name	Community Council
Alastair Kennedy	Chair	Pringle George	Lennox
Jim Patterson	Vice Chair Burghead & Cummington	Carole Ralph	Speyside
Christine Allan	Buckie & District	Karen Pryce-Iddon	Strathisla
Anne Skene	Findhorn & Kinloss	Rhona Paterson	Strathisla
Lesley Edwards	Forres		
David Parker	Forres		
Graham Murdoch	Forres		
Steve Hickin	Keith		

In attendance:

Jane Martin (Community Council Liaison Officer, Cllrs: Graham Leadbitter

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from George McIntyre (Deputy Lord Lieutenant), Chief Inspector Stevenson, Hazel Lawson (P&J), Cllrs: Laura Powell, Donald Gatt, Theresa Coull, John Divers, Shona Morrison, Hazel Lawson (P&J), Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson, Catherine Sinclair (JCC Treasurer), Community Angus & Sarah Anderson, Morag Stewart, Fiona Graham, Jo Lenihan, Mary Evens, Billy Davidson

2. Approval of minutes – 8 July 2021

Proposed: Jim Patterson Seconded: Christine Allan

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report – £162,486.87 made up of £152,800 investing communities PB project.

5. Police – Area Commander Norman Stevenson

With reference to Safer Travel Moray group, Norman is looking for someone from community councils to take lead on this due to limitations of time.

6. Deputy Lord Lieutenant – George McIntyre

Any community councils planting trees for Queen's Canopy? Jane to resend email as reminder

7. Community Council Liaison Officer Update

Involved with Scottish Gov national scheme and have put forward changes relating to roles and responsibilities. Started new role.

8. Community Council Elections

CC promotions - meeting of sub-group on Monday and anyone welcome to join. MC comms team doing social media campaign. Some CCs are paying more than required amount. Some are delivering their own leaflets. Key dates: 25 August to 28 September. Closes 29 September. CCs can meet in September but can't meet in October until inaugural meeting has taken place. New term of office commences on 4 October 2021 for uncontested CCs.

9. CC Update

Buckie – Some members volunteering for Red Cross handing out PCR equipment but uptake low. LOIP – continue with regular meetings. Hope to return to meeting in person and to start community events again soon.

Burghead – First face-face meeting. Concern raised about individuals struggling to get to Lossiemouth Med Centre if they don't have their own transport. The bus journey is a 4 hour round trip as must go via Elgin. Minibus is effective but unsustainable as need money to run it. Med Centres in Burghead and Hopeman will not re-open. Discussion took place on possible solutions which included mobile service, stagecoach to reinstate bus service, Dial M for Moray. Alistair meeting with Stagecoach to look at services in the area and will ask for Jim to attend. Carolle feels as a JCC this should be put to NHS and raised with Richard Lochhead. Jane mentioned that Findrassie development will have a family hub and NHS have expressed interest in space within this which might help. **Action:** Alistair to invite Jim to Stagecoach meeting. Item to be kept on agenda after elections.

Elgin – Flood alleviation extra channels being silted up but vegetation now being removed after being reported. Deanshough playing fields – original plans included changing rooms and 4 pitches but these were never completed. Having raised again one pitch is now lined and posts in place. ECC have written to MC to apply for city statue for Elgin as there's an opportunity for another city in Scotland through Queen's Jubilee

Findhorn – Village has been much busier than usual. 3 members are leaving FKCC so need to recruit more. In possession of archive minutes going back to 1970's – what can be done with them? **Action:** Jane to ask MC archives if they will take them. If not ask George Alexander, Tom Logie or Elgin library.

Forres – Graham re-iterated that he felt MC attitude to downstream flooding of Mosset Burn was not acceptable and parts of the Forres ward are ignored. (see Elected member update at 10).

Keith – Sadly Sandy Nixon who is a long standing member of CC has had a stroke but understand he is recovering slowly.

Lennox – Spinney in Fochabers – fencing replaced. Extra large bins been provided for the Square. Successful Canada Day commemoration attended by Honorary Consul, Lord Lieutenant and RAF/forces personnel. Continue to work on the memorial and now have a bench in place. Portgordon – losing services of Secretary Garden area cleared ready for planting. Portgordon Community Trust to be created to bring all organisations in area under one. Thanks to Jane and Alistair

Lossiemouth – camper van issue as no parking in the town. Have held meetings exploring solutions. Toilets and gardens being managed by volunteers who are also clearing beaches and bins. Feel MC need to take tourism seriously – insufficient bins and the state of Council toilets not up to scratch so LCC volunteers having to clean again.

Strathisla – Hoping to recruit more people over before election.

10. Elected Members update (taken after matters arising)

Cllr Graham Leadbitter: No committees in July. Meeting with COSLA at end of July for pay negotiations. Education Committee on 11 August - ASN review is being taken forward to next stage and will include consultation with all stakeholders. Using test of change methodology starting in Forres ASG and the process will be tweaked as required before being rolled out to other ASGs. The demand for ASN services has increased by 60% over last 5 years so need to look at what can be done differently but still provide service. The Admin Group have asked officers to come back with a range of costed options on how to tackle gull problem, including publicity campaign and asking residents to do more too. Further discussion took place on the problem including how work was financed and why only Elgin/Forres had funded removal – this was done from Common Good amongst other funds. It was agreed that a long term

sustainable solution was needed nationally. A virtual meeting on gulls is being hosted by an MSP. **Action:** Jane to send meeting link out to meeting.

Questions

David asked whether alterations during summer break at schools in Forres are expected to be completed on time? *Reported at Education Committee that they are on schedule.*

Christine – What is Test of change? *Actions from business plan are rolled out in a defined area rather than Moray-wide to see how they work. Actions are tweaked as necessary before being rolled out across Moray.*

Jane asked for elected members to support community council elections.

Graham M raised issue of Mosset Burn Survey and problem of lower reaches flooding farmland. If water flow can be controlled through the flood alleviation scheme, why can't it be used to protect lower reaches? *Cllr Leadbitter stated that the consistent message from flood engineers is that farmland on the plain should be allowed to flood and if riparian owners want to protect land it's their responsibility.* Graham pointed out that the amount of water is increased during periods of heavy rain by water being piped from the town into the burn which exacerbates the flooding downstream. MC's response has been very uncooperative. Further discussion took place on this and Scottish Water's responsibility regarding sewer covers that pop in times of heavy rain and disperse waste in the roads.

Pringle asked if there is a plan to get drains done before autumn/winter? *Drains normally cleaned once a year, busier roads might be more often. Problem in housing estates where cars are parked over drains.*

Any problems with drain covers should be reported through the council's website or through council's 0300 number. **Action:** Jane to contact Karen to discuss.

11. Closing remark

As Jane's last meeting she thanked everyone and commented on how she had enjoyed working with all CC's.

JANE insert AK closing remarks

12. AOCB

13. Date of next meeting – TBC

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm