

Innes Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 1st June 2021 (by ZOOM)

In attendance - Alexander Anderson, Chairman; James A Mackie, Secretary; Crinan Dunbar, Treasurer; Anne Speake; Peter Fitch.

Tom Cattanach. Councillors Morrison and McCrae.

Apologies Councillor Bremner.

The Secretary opened the meeting and welcomed everybody on behalf of the Chairman.

Council Report. Councillors reported nothing to report back on.

Police. No police attendance due to fact meeting was held on Zoom.

John Campbell Internal Services, Moray Council, Carmen Gillies Senior Project Manager gave a presentation and answered question on the proposed housing development in Garmouth Road, Garmouth, adjacent to the current residential facility for individuals with learning disabilities.

(Note: Minutes in 2 Parts: Attached are notes taken by C.Dunbar prior to DM joining Meeting)

1. Grampian Housing Association plans to build houses next to the Woodview project. A number of the houses within that housing development will be allocated as additional housing for adults with learning difficulties adjacent to the existing Project. The facility will only be available to Moray Residents. Mz. Rolt observed that she had very supportive of the original project. D.Mackay pointed out the number of vehicles using the site, and had received comments about the carbon footprint. Lack of parking spaces was also mentioned, and the resultant possible effect on road safety. Over all the project was welcomed. Mr Campbell offered to come back to ICC with answers to some of the questions asked of him.

2. Core Paths: The question of maintaining core Paths was discussed eg Urquhart to Lhanbryde. P. Ralph noted that many people use the Muiryhall lane, why not increase and improve footpath access? J. Mackie pointed out that ICC have been waiting for TMC to improve footpath connections. Was suggested that maybe the developer contributions from the new Garmouth Road project could be used to improve the pedestrian link from Muiryhall to Lhanbryde.

3. JM thanked John and Carmen for their input and information presented to the meeting. FR left ZOOM at this point

4. Council Report: Clr. M. Macrae – nothing to report

Clr, S. Morrison – nothing to report.

5. Police Report: As issued to members.

6. Treasurer's Report:

£500.00 has been received from Scot Mid, and confirmed.

The Treasurer reported that there is £3369.00 available for ICC use.

7. Planning Matters;

The “stockade” at Burniestrype: No action appears to be have taken in consideration of the MCP rejection of the planning app.

Kingston Beach (The Hole) TMC had drawn up plans if “The Hole” reduced to 25 metres from North to South.. This plan would activate response from TMC. The site is now less than 25 metres, and no action appears to have been taken. Clr. McCrae promised to follow the issue up. JM reported that one householder had approached Moray Council with plans to protect his proerty with armour rock following Moray Council draft plans from 2013. The applicant was concerened that more than 6 months since discussions with Moray Council no further contact had been made with him and he was uncertain as to whether is plans were approved or not.

P.Ralph observed that agricultural vehicles are causing problems on the roads around and in Urqhart. (Size, detritus and verges.)

Fogwatt Road : A new surface water pump has not been installed yet.

Essil Road: Pot holes have had a ‘temporary fix’. However, part of the road is ‘sliding’ eastwards and requires serious attention.

Muiryhall Farm: TMC appear to have resolved the problem of flooding.

Speeding: Short discussion on speeding and the JCC sub group progress.

8. River Spey Flooding potential: DM gave an update on Scottish Water’s reaction to ICC’s letter concerning flooding over G & K Golf Course and Spey Street and the Treatment Plant. Various officials have been on site, and in discussion with the Golf Club and residents, and further investigations will follow shortly. DM observed that is only been five months since ICC’s first enquiry, and that SW’s response was to be applauded, unlike other agencies.

JM stated that Dr. Hamish Moir’s technical report on guiding the river eastwards away from Queenshaugh and the village had been received. The property owner who had engaged Dr Moir was trying to make contact with the Crown Estates to discuss the proposed works. The same owner had not been contacted by Moray Council re any works.

Money for the drone in order for ICC to perform an aerial survey of the River is now available.

ICC are eagerly awaiting the TMC report (Will Burnish) on the river and possible short term actions, promised for the 30th June.

9. Fochabers GP Surgery complaints:

The phone times set for booking appointments, repeat prescriptions etc are not convenient for many patients (according to information received).

Members of ICC had experienced similar problems. Clr.McCrae mentioned a new and improved facility for Fochabers, but this does not solve the present issue, particularly in light of Covid 19 rules (DM).

10. Correspondence;

Info re CC elections in September.

JCC will promote the election campaign.

Each CC should contribute £55.00 towards publicity costs. (Approved)

BT Internet: CD observed that BT/Open Reach are actively improving the internet connection around Moray.

The Secretary announced that as there is not meeting in July, the next meeting of ICC will be Tuesday 3rd August 2021. Venue depending on Covid 19 regulations. It will probably be the last Meeting of the existing ICC until after the elections.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

David Mackay (Notetaker)