

Innes Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd May 2022 in Garmouth Golf Club (Dining Room) .

Present: S. Anderson (Chair), C. Dunbar (treasurer), DG Mackay (Secretary), P. Fitch, J. Mackie.

Apologies: T. Christie

In Attendance: Clr. M. Macrae, (TMC), A. Fettes. T. Cattenach, K. Henderson. Mz. Jill Perkins.

1. The Chair welcomed all and opened the meeting at 19.00hrs.
2. Council Report; Clr. Macrae observed that as it is not long until the local elections there was little to report.
3. Police Report: No Police Scotland presence.
4. Minutes of Previous ICC Meeting (05.04.2022).
Accepted as a True and Accurate record; Proposed: P.Fitch,
Seconded: C. Dunbar. (Unanimous)
5. Matters Arising from previous minutes: No points were raised.
6. Treasurer's Report: There has been no change in the ICC account, the balance remains at £1836.92.
7. Planning; 2 items concerning small extensions to property in Muir of lochs and Urqhart.
8. River Spey and Beach:

JM reported that he had written on behalf of ICC to The Moray Council with a list of complaints concerning TMC's handling of the Spey issue. To date no response of any note has been received, and he is contacting the Ethics Commission and Audit Scotland outlining the resulting frustration of ICC. He has been advised that there is a waiting time of sixteen weeks for any response. He also advised the ICC that he and DM have a meeting with Strutt & Parker (CES Factors) and a CES Commissioner in early May.

9. Queen's Jubilee: Possible beacon project.
 1. C. Dunbar reported that Jennifer Heatly of Natural Scotland has no objection to an enclosed beacon of the stones at the Lein, with all reasonable precautions being taken .
 2. A beacon, or a forty gallon oil drum was accepted as the preferred option.

3. DM reported that he has been unable to contact Fire and Rescue Service, and is going to call in to Elgin FS. Strutt and Parker have given cautious consent, verbally, to a beacon.
4. Paul Ralph to be asked for a risk Assessment.
5. The LL's office have also asked if a piper would be possible.
6. A Zoom meeting on Thurs 12th May to discuss progress of project.
10. CD attended the JCC Meeting on 28th April. The topic was 'Warmer Homes' in Moray. Burghead has hosted a Heat/Power Transition awareness event. It was also disclosed that Moray is only second to Shetland in the instances of 'Heat poverty'. There is a proposal to have a Seminar in the town Hall in Elgin at the end of June with representatives of renewable energy firms present to advise. EG: Waste Heat from distillery outfall.
11. JCC are hosting a Zoom meeting on 12th May re this issue.
12. Cemetery Grass Cutting; JM observed that the state and length of grass in Garmouth (Essil Cemetery) is disgraceful. Proposal to contact Lands and Parks at TMC.
13. AOCB:
 - a) Zoom account: To be discontinued.
 - b) K.Henderson reported that the previously reported Class A drugs kept in the safe at the sorting office in Elgin appear to be still in situ. Clr. Macrae promised to mention it to D.Ross M.P. as a matter for enquiry.
 - c) It is alleged that the G & K Amenities SCIO are considering offering to buy Birdwatchers Corner and the "drying green" from CES. It was agreed that in view of the SEPA long term consultancy report, and the existing condition of the shingle beach, coupled with the actions of the River Spey thus would an extremely unwise use of community funds.
 - d) Proposed moving of post Box in Church Street to High Street Garmouth. Post office have not originated this request. New site would involve users parking on double yellow lines and obstructing a bus stop. Also access to the "Hub".
 - e) Angus Fettes and Kenny Henderson were asked if they would like to become co-opted members of ICC. The Chair asked them to consider the offer and respond at the next Meeting.

The Chair closed the Meeting and thanked all for attending. The next meeting will be held in the same location on Tues 7th June 2022 at 19.00hrs,

David Mackay,

Secretary to Innes Cc.