

Innes Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Lhanbryde Community Challenge on 6th September 2022

1. Present: Sandy Anderson, (Chair), D. Mackay (Secretary), C.Dunbar (Treas.), P. Fitch, K. Henderson, A. Fettes, J. Mackie.
2. Apologies: Clr. Macrae, Clr. Williams, Clr. Mz Morrison.
3. In attendance: P.C. Carla Breen , Bob Graham, (Inchberry) Stuart Macaleese (Tiendland WF), Peter ? (Tiendland)
4. Police Report: P.C. Breen gave a brief report on the latest activity in the ICC area, including a traffic report of a motorist doing 85 m.p.h. in a 60 m.p.h. zone. Questions were asked by ICC member regarding Police Scotland reinforcing speed limits in Garmouth, Lhanbryde and Mosstodloch. Also the apparent use of parts of the Rothies/A96/ Orton roads being used by motorcyclists as a "circuit" for speeding. The regular mention of Croft's of Dipple as a speeding hazard was mentioned. P.C. Breen said that she should would report all that was mentioned to the appropriate sections. The lack of communication between Bear Scotland and The Moray Council Roads department in regard to 'off trunk' road signage was also discussed.
The Chair thanked P.C.Breen for her attendance and input.
5. Council Report: No Councillors present.
6. Tiendland Wind Farm: A brief outline presentation by Stuart Macleese :
 - #1 The project is in it's early stages. It is a joint project between a Danish Energy Company and Scottish Businessmen, based in Edinburgh.
 - #2 The site proposed is owned by Scottish Forestry, and is defined in the area of Tiendland Woods.
 - #3 A comment was made that there appears to have been no public involvement at this stage. SM pointed out that they are still at the planning point for feasibility, and have quite some way to go.
 - #4 A Wildlife and heath study has been made. There are no large deep areas of peat, so the impact to the peat structure should be minor, and there are no major wild life concerns. No black grouse were noticed, or deer, there are two Ospreys. (Apparently on being told this, the RSPB were not too concerned as they are fish eaters, despite being Cat. B. birds.)

#5 The Scoping for the project is in place, and should be completed by the end of September. (Energy Consensus Unit).

#6 Geology strata surveys and peat depth to follow.

#7 Windmill pylons could be as high as 200 metres.

#8 Trees removed to site the pylons will be replaced by new growth in the area.

#9 Each pylon requires to be at least 70 metres from the tree line (all round)

#10 The pylon pads are approx. 25 metres square. (surface area)

#11. The Company has no responsibility beyond the boundary of Tiendland Wood for the 'flow ' of electricity. Scottish Power will be responsible for grid connection. A question was raised that there is an existing line close to Tiendland, and why would a new line have to be created.

#12 There will be three public exhibitions once the project has permission to proceed.

#13 Stuart Macaleese will be Project Manager until construction begins.

#14 It may be that there is some pecuniary community benefit, in which case a Community Liason Group would be established.

#15 The official Planning Application will be presented in 2023.

7. The Chair thanked Stuart and Peter for attending and their presentation.
8. Minutes of Last Meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2022 were accepted as a true record. Proposed : C. Dunbar, Seconded: K. Henderson, (Unanimous)
9. Matters Arising: Nil.
10. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported on a meeting of the JCC Treasurers. He proposed that the ICC follow the suggestions made by that meeting, as they would streamline the financial patterns:
 - a) Instead of two signatories for cheque signing, there is a 'phone app which provides the same facility. (agreed)
 - b) Instead of outsourcing the accounts for examination, either Treasurers of other CCs or local community Groups should be used. (Agreed)
 - c) The ICC should hold an AGM annually to confirm status and accounts. (Agreed)
 - d) It needs to be confirmed if sub committees of ICC, or 'site visits' are covered by the overall policy, also guests who may have been invited by ICC to either Meetings or site visits. Also Merchant Navy Memorial Day. (Agreed)

- e) DM proposed the purchase of five poppy wreaths, and one small poppy cross for Remembrance Day 2022. Seconded : C.Dunbar.
- f) After discussion, C Dunbar proposed Mrs. June Mackay to examine the ICC accounts. Seconded by : J Mackie, (Unanimous).
11. Correspondence: As detailed or sent out previously. Sent: Letter of observations re: Jones of Larbet extension at Mosstodloch.
12. AOCB:
1. JCC Energy Day: There will be a road show to advise on Insulation. Proposed warm spaces in Village Halls. Some monetary support from the Moray Council.
 2. SEP: J.Mackie and others had a successful site visit with Kathleen Robertson (Leader TMC). She appeared to be interested, and made no comment on the observation that there is not a lot of communication and elected members.
 3. The Petition, re flooding, has been sent back by TMC as too long, argumentative and should not name Council Officials.
 4. Apparently Mz Halliday (TMC) has said that she will be submitting her report on the proposals for Queenshaugh by the November full Council meeting.
 5. SEP are applying for Charitable Status. It also understood that the National Lottery have a pot of £150,000 for environmental projects.
 6. The Chair re-iterated that he would like to retire. It is proposed that the AGM be held at the ICC November Meeting, and an election for Chair will take place then. (Agreed)
 7. The ICC boundary extends down the A941 to a point just south of Lossiemouth, it was proposed that a suggestion e made to the MC, in light of future developments, that the 40 m.p.h. be extended from the Buccaneer Service Station to the Myreton Junction. Proposed: J.Mackie, Seconded D. Mackay.
13. The Chair thanked all for attending, and called the next Meeting for Tuesday 4th October 2022 in the Iain Baxter Room, Lhanbryde Community Challenge at 7.00 p.m.

David Mackay
Secretary