

Minutes of JCC Meeting held on Thursday 9 February 2023, 7pm

Zoom meeting

Present:

Name	Community Council	Name	Community Council
Alastair Kennedy	Chair	David Parker	Forres
Jim Patterson	Burghead & Cummingston	Graham Murdoch	Forres
Christine Allan	Buckie & District	Mary Evans	Heldon
Colin Burch	Cullen & Deskford	Jim	Innes
Ernest Kopp	Cullen & Deskford	Steve Hickin	Keith
Lindsey Standring	Dyke	Paul MacPherson	Lennox
Graham Jarvis	Elgin	Pringle George	Lennox
Claire Brenton	Findhorn & Kinloss	Gina MacNicoll	Lossiemouth
		Marion Ross	Lossiemouth Speyside

In attendance:

Chief Inspector Simon Reid
Deputy Lord Lieutenant Joan Cowe
Andrea Woodhead, JCC Treasurer
Debra Duke; Community Council Liaison Officer (Moray Council) *Minute taker*
Eily Webster- Planning Officer, Strategic Planning and Development (Moray Council)
Emma Gordon- Planning Officer, Strategic Planning and Development (Moray Council)

Moray Councillors: Peter Bloomfield, Neil Cameron, Tracy Colyer, Theresa Coull, John Cowe, David Gordon, Marc Macrae, Draeyk Van Der Horn,

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were noted from: Graham Jarvis (Elgin)

2. Presentation-

Presentation on Local Development Plan Engagement and opportunities for communities to prepare their own Local Place Plans (Emma Gordon)
Outlined the legislation and guidance that would be used to develop the Local Development Plan 2027.

National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) covered the following areas:

- Transition to Net Zero, Climate Mitigation and Adaption
- Biodiversity – tackling the nature crisis v Community Wealth Building
- Local Living – 20 minute neighbourhoods
- Health and Well-being – mental and physical
- Reuse of previously developed land and buildings (brownfield)
- Rural revitalisation – encouraging sustainable development in rural areas
- Infrastructure first approach

LDP 2027 Stages & Timeframe: It was broken into Evidence gathering; plan preparation; and delivery. The timeline had been agreed in December 2022.

Engagement with communities and stakeholders would be carried out from February to September 2023. The plan would be adopted in September 2027.

Local Place Plans (LPPs) these were community-led plans setting out proposals for the development and use of land and can set out communities aspirations and ambitions for change;

- LPPs can be prepared by a community body with a written constitution;
- Must have regard to both the NPF4 and relevant LDP when preparing the LPP;
- Evidence of engagement and statement setting out the wider community's support for the LPP;
- Registered LPP's to be taken into account when preparing LDP;

The invitation to prepare Local Place Plans was now open. There was further information on Moray Council's website. The Council's Strategic Planning and Development team and Community Support Unit (CSU) could help community groups establish themselves and provide further advice on the process and requirements for Local Place Plans. Local Place Plans would be considered as part of the LDP so it would be beneficial to produce these to feed into the LDP process. Moray.gov.uk/localplaceplans

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_145844.html

Community Engagement & Participation: Evidence gathering engagement would be carried out from early 2023 to September 2023. This initial consultation would gather ideas about how development over the 10 years of the plan. There would be a geographic and demographic spread of engagement to meet national standards for engagement. Various events were being organised and attendance at community events to ensure meaningful engagement. Specific consultation was being carried at high schools and with UHI. More formal consultation would take place after the draft plan was prepared.

The first event would be held in Forres on Saturday 4 March. It would be an exhibition and community mapping event.

In response to a question a 20 minute neighbourhood did not have a set definition. It was a concept that included connection to services and transport. Members raised concerns about this aspect being met as Moray was rural and services were being withdrawn from rural communities.

A copy of the presentation would be shared with all community councils.

Officers asked the JCC for its input and to promote all engagement methods.

3. Approval of minutes –10 November 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

It was noted that a letter signed by all community councils in Moray had been sent to the Health Minister about maternity services at Doctor Grays. A reply had been received it would be recirculated to all community councils.

5. Treasurers Report

Accounts information was circulated at the meeting.

Last year's accounts had been examined by the independent examiner.

Expenditure had been made for the Resilience Planning Event in November 2022.

The Energy Fair event had not received £300 of funds promised. This may need to be written off. Overall finances were adequate to meet spending commitments.

6. Chief Inspector report

Chief Inspector Simon Reid

- An update was provided about the work that police had been carrying out since the last meeting.
- A police representative would attend community council meetings when possible.
- Police reports were being sent out on an area basis directly to community councils in that area.
- Significant ASB issues were ongoing.
- Festive patrols had been successful, this included joint patrols with street pastors and Scotia Medical.
- There was a contact us function via the Police Scotland website. This was assessed in the same way as a call to 101.

7. Lord Lieutenancy update

Joan Cowe gave an update on what the Lieutenancy had been working on.

Plans for the King's coronation, 6-8 May, included the Big Lunch. Encourage involvement of communities to share a picnic. This was supported by the Eden Project, there were online resources. Monday 8 May was the Big Help Out to encourage volunteering.

A competition would be run with local schools to design a Moray Flag. It would be launched on 27 February and would run for 4 weeks.

The Lieutenancy was involved with citizenship ceremonies. A Christmas party had been held for Ukrainian families. The Moray Badge was running again.

8. Resilience Plans update

The Community Support Unit could provide help with writing of community resilience plans. An event would be held in Speyside on 2 March.

9. CCLO update

This year was 50 years of Community Councils. The CCLO would like to promote all the good work that CCs in Moray have done and currently carry out. Raising awareness of CCs was also important as many people and organisations were not aware of them.

Community councils were asked to look through minutes and archives for photos, memorabilia and good news stories about things that community councils have achieved.

The Improvement Service were working on branding which would be circulated and used. Contact the CCLO if you had any events in your communities that you wanted to advertise 50 years of community councils. The communications team can help with a press release to advertise the 50 years.

A planning training session had been held on Wednesday 23 November.

Still to organise training sessions for secretaries and chairpersons. If anyone would be interested in an office holder role in the future please contact the CCLO.

Reminder of online training courses through the Improvement Service. The Standards Commission was also working on a training module for community councils. Also remember to use the Knowledge Hub Community Council network. These were useful for sharing ideas and issues with other community councillors in Scotland.

The JCC required a minutes secretary. If anyone was able to undertake the role please let the CCLO or chairman know. An honorarium could be paid.

Reminders:

- Please send on minutes as they are all published on Moray Council's website.
- If members are co-opted please return a completed co-option form.
- If a member resigns it must be in writing and the CCLO must be informed.

Agreed:

- Community Councils to review how any subcommittees they have are currently working.
- Contact CCLO with any ideas to celebrate 50 years of Community Councils in 2023.
- CCLO to organise chairpersons and secretaries training sessions

10. Travel Forum update and to consider the terms of reference

The terms of reference had been considered by the Transport Forum and circulated to the JCC. The terms of reference set out the purpose of the group and what it expected to achieve.

The group had been established previously but needed to re-form. As a subcommittee of the JCC it would be a constituted group and if the group had any finances these could be managed through the JCC bank account. Membership of this group would comprise of at least one JCC member and other interested parties.

RESOLVED:

- That the Transport Forum terms of reference were approved.

11. Feedback from Sub-Groups

- i. Money for Moray

Just Transition funding had been awarded, with groups receiving up to £50,000. There had been feedback about the allocation of funding. If there was funding in the future it was hoped that there would be more time to allocate the funding and therefore the process could be amended. A meeting had also been held in Aberdeenshire to see how participatory budgeting had been used.

- ii. Safer Travel Moray – sub group- in progress
CCLO had met Moray Council officers about speeding and safer travel matters. Still to organise a meeting with all parties.

The rules for speedwatch groups were different in Scotland to England. Councillor Bloomfield said that he would request clarification about how a speedwatch group could work in Moray.

- iii. Community Energy Moray
This work had been started by the JCC. Work was being undertaken on a website.

12. Community Council update

Buckie and District Community Council

- Appointed a new chairperson.
- Community resilience group had met with the CSU and Emergency Planning Officer. Work on the resilience plan would continue.
- Active Travel participatory budgeting event being held in Buckie and Keith.
- The CC had been holding meetings at different venues to increase visibility but had been told that this was confusing, so this would be assessed.

Burghead and Cummington Community Council

- Caravan at the maltings had been removed. Now looking at ways to prevent this recurring.
- A few members were due to leave in the next 6 months, so a campaign to recruit would be required.
- Democracy Day event had been held on 19 November and had been successful.
- Concerns about the medical centre were still ongoing.

Cullen and Deskford Community Council:

- Warm Hub had been rebranded but was well attended.
- Concerns over speeding in the village.
- A representation from a French town would be visiting to look at twinning with Cullen.
- No police presence at CC meetings. But fire representative attends.
- Had received £20,000 from the SSEN Resilience funding as combined the areas of the Deskford and Cullen. Meeting next week with Emergency Planning Officer and CSU to move the resilience plan forwards.
- Asked how many CCs paid for meeting venues.

- Cullen Community Centre had a printer and could produce documents for a good price. Please contact Cullen and Deskford CC for more information and a quote.

Dyke Community Council:

- Monthly bite and blether was going well but needed to be promoted.
- Money for Moray application had funded defibrillators.
- Resilience planning needed.

Elgin Community Council:

- Elgin BID were looking at doing more to tackle the gull problem using Common Good funding.
- Community Resilience Group had been established.

Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council

- November meeting an expert had attended to discuss avian flu issues around Findhorn Bay nature reserve.
- Resilience group had met and was continuing work on writing the plan.
- Toilet block refurbishment would include a hot water shower.
- Treasurer had resigned but new one appointed.

Forres Community Council:

- Resilience planning would focus on flooding.

Innes Community Council

- Some changes to membership and a new chairperson.
- Problems with erosion of Kingston beach and flooding of River Spey.
- Resilience planning would be done for the 5 communities within the CC area.
- Planning applications for 350 houses in Mosstodloch and expansion to a wood yard had been responded to.
- Innes CC co-owns and operates a drone and could help out other CCs with aerial footage.

Keith Community Council

- Issues with speeding entering the town.
- CC has full membership.
- Meeting in the fire station as this had been offered as a meeting space.

Lennox Community Council

- Still meeting by Zoom.
- Portgordon Community Trust had established a resilience planning group. Working on the household resilience leaflets for delivery.
- Planning a coronation event in Portgordon.
- Need to find a minute secretary.
- Still having problems with the bank account and setting up new signatories.

Lossiemouth Community Council

- Issues with ASB. Considering setting up a youth club.
- Christmas family day had worked well.

- Pensioners' (over 75s) afternoon tea had been attended by 120 people.
- Soup and sweet still being well attended. Donations were covering expenses.
- Resilience plan still being worked on.

Speyside Community Council:

- Co-opted a new member.
- Visited Pupil senate at Speyside High School. Donation of funds from Macallan to spend. Was good to talk to young people about their ideas.
- Youth club would be popular but a rural area with limited or no transport from Aberlour in evenings.
- Highlighted priority services register at the Women's Guild in Rothes.
- Finished responses to major planning applications.
- Resilience event planned in Aberlour on 2 March.
- Accessing GPs is an issue in the area.

13.AOCB

No other business.

14.Closing remark

Date of next meeting – 11 May 2023. Agreed to hold meeting in person, venue to be confirmed.