

Innes Community Council
Draft Minutes of Meeting held on
Tuesday 6th May 2025 in
Urquhart Parish Hall.

Sederunt: T. Christie (Chair), S. Anderson (V.Chair), DG Mackay (Sec) C.
Dunbar (Trea), P. Fitch, K. Henderson, J. Mackie.

1. Apologies: Clr. S. Morrison, Clr. M. Macrae, A. Fettes,
2. In Attendance: Clr. B. Williams, and 3 M. o. P.
3. Council Report: Clr Williams told the Meeting that he is now a Member of the Police, Fire & Rescue Committee. All present hoped that this might enable the ICC to resolve the problem of communication with Police Scotland.
4. Public : Nothing to report.
5. Minute of Last Meeting: (1.04.2025) (P. Fitch missed off Sederunt: Amended). Proposed: K. Henderson, Seconded: S. Anderson. (Unanimous)
6. Matters Arising from # 6.: T. C. reported that he has had a letter from a KC (King's Council) living in Ballindalloch re the Hydrogen Plant application. Apparently the gentleman specialises in Planning matters, and has raised several interesting points with TMC.
7. Correspondence; All mail of interest has been distributed electronically.
8. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that the Accounts (as given) are accurate to date. There is a £90.00 shortfall in the balance..
9. Community Gain /Benefit: JM reported that as previously suggested, ICC must approach surrounding CCs and Community Groups eg: Lennox, Buckie, Lossiemouth. He proposed we begin by informal chats 'sound out' the level of interest. If there is a majority assent (in principal), continue the process by forming a structure of parties which can remain dormant, but is able to operate if an opportunity arises. CD interjected saying that Lossiemouth already has a development trust. With the aim of gathering future funds, potentially to share with members. CD does not see a future in setting up another Community Trust. However, he added if that is the

case, then it should be registered in order to declare an interest. DM proposed at this point, that until other groups have either shown their intent, or have declined, that in order to save ICC meeting time the discussion should continue electronically, with a target of a positive motion (or not) by the 25th June 2025. The Chair pointed out that ICC is compiled of volunteers, who give of their time to help their Community, and Meetings must cover a broad range of issues and not be 'bogged down' by debates on what might be. He pointed out that two different subjects were being discussed : potential community shares in the future and community gain by benefit distribution.

10. Marypark: JM observed that there are many B category roads in the proposed area, which would not be able to cope with increased HGV activity. The Secretary reported that the ICC Letter of Observation has been received by TMC and will be added to their deliberations re the Application.
11. VE Day: All lamppost discs and flags are in place. There are no ceremonies in the ICC area, but Elgin Forres and Lossiemouth are putting something on. The Treasurer reported that a new Red Ensign will be ordered for Kingston.
12. BESS Battery storage units: A letter has been received from Moray Residents Association expressing their concern about such units in Moray, and is canvassing for the support of ICC. A discussion followed regarding potential toxicity, fire and explosive risk, lethal gases (MO) and the fact that the Government is liable to "play down" the negatives.
13. AOCB: KH reported that there appears to have no action regarding the Leylandi trees to the north of Glebe Road, Mosstodloch. They were originally planted by Jones (Timber Merchants) on possibly Crown Estates land. The roots are now imposing on TMC and private properties. They are also in need of 'polling, or felling. They were originally planted to try and ease the noise pollution from the Sawmill. Moray Council have attempted to find a solution, but no actual action has been taken by any party. Sec. to make enquires to liability..

Local Quarry owner, Gavin Tennant Co.Ltd has won a contract to supply granite for the World Trade Centre in NYC, and also the granite setts in the new Union Street Aberdeen remodelling project.

14. The Chair thanked all for attending, and called the next Meeting for Tuesday 3rd June 2025 in Garmouth & Kingston golf Club at 7.30 p.m. The Chair also reminded all present that ICC does not meeting in July.

DG Mackay
Secretary