

Innes Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the G & K Golf Clubhouse on Tuesday

5th August 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

1. Sederunt : T. Christie (Chair), S. Anderson (V.Chair), DG Mackay (Sec). J. Mackie, P. Fitch, A. Fettes, K. Henderson.
2. In Attendance: Clr. Shona Morrison, T. Cattenach. B. Williams. N. Sanderson.
3. Council Report : Clr. Morrison said that there was no actual business from the Council Chamber, as the Councillors are still on recess. She advised to and she brings a great deal of local council administration experience with her. In answer to questions about the future of The moray Ice rink, Clr Morrison explained that member groups are keen to help, but there has been a lack of communication. Also the machinery required to maintain the ice rink's low temperatures is dated, and very expensive to replace.
4. Public: TC reported that Caroline Bell (CES) is now back in post, and would like to meet with ICC. (Mosstodloch 2040). DM to contact Clr. Marc Macrae to co-ordinate. DM also to 'refresh the memories' of residents in the Community about the importance of this potential development.
5. Minutes of Meeting held on 3.06.25: Proposed as a true and accurate record: J. Mackie, Seconded: S. Anderson. (Unanimous)
6. Matters Arising from #6: a) Tiendland ; A public Meeting has been advertised, to be held in Inchberry Hall. JM will attend.
7. Correspondence: 1) 6 new houses are proposed to be built at Moss of Barmuckity. (No comment). 2) The Red Kirk has been sold, and a primary application has been submitted to convert it into a dwelling house. (No Comment).
8. There was no financial report due to the absence of the Treasurer. DM observed that CD has been informed that ICC should receive a balance account at each Meeting.
9. Hydrogen : During his investigation into the production of Hydrogen from fresh water sources, JM has discovered that if diesel were to be replaced in it's entirety, in Scotland, the equivalent of 12% of Loch

Lomond would be required to feed the production. This and existing projects raise the very serious question of how much research has been put in to establish what impact such action will have on a) Localised climate, and b) ground water sources feeding essential waterways.

10. SEPA: SEPA submitted no objections to Marypark originally, which they later modified to water discharges from the plant. They appear not to have considered water levels, drought like conditions etc. they also have ignored the effect of the extraction to any area north of Marypark to the mouth of the Spey. ICC agreed that SEPA would seemed to have suffered from 'performance failure' within the remit of their brief.
11. Loch Oire: Following a lack of response to ICC by the PS and TMC regarding the original letter detailing concerns of residents, Richard Lochhead responded to a request from a resident and wrote to TMC. Apparently, the officer dealing with the issue has been on sick leave for two years, and did not pass on the paperwork.
12. ,In response to a question about Police Scotland from DM, regarding an appalling lack of communication or even the ability to email PS, Clr. SM suggested that ICC contact Clr. Amber Dunbar, TMC Liaison with the force.
13. KH told the Meeting that the Leylandi trees behind Glebe road in Mosstodloch are becoming a hazard to residents (Branches and roots). JM offered to take drone footage of the trees as evidence, once it has been determined exactly, and legally whose responsibility it is to maintain the trees, which are part of the soundproofing for Jones Sawmill.
14. JM (as secretary of SEP) advised Members and guests of a site which enables a small donation to be made to 'SEP from on line purchases.
15. The Chair thanked all for attending, and called for the next Meeting to be held in the G & K Golf Club house on Tues 2nd September 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

DG Mackay