

Innes Community Council

Draft Minutes of a ZOOM Meeting held on 14th January 2026 at
7.30. p.m.

Objective: To determine whether it is feasible for ICC to facilitate a Meeting of 'Stakeholders' (User Groups) in order to seek a way forward re The Spey Viaduct, in such a way that ICC can be a conduit to The Moray Council. (Rather than a number of different groups replicating the same argument. NB from The Chair: This is not to include historical or cause determining possibilities.)

1. Present: (ICC) T. Christie (Chair), DG Mackay (Sec), C. Dunbar (Treas.), J. Mackie, P. Fitch, A. Fettes, K. Henderson, N. Sanderson (AM)
2. Present: (Other) T. Cattenach (Newton Farm), M. Cattenach (G&K GC), I. Green (Corskie Farms).
3. Minutes of Special Meeting 23.12.2025; This Meeting had called to institute the present gathering. Proposed: J. Mackie, Second: T. Christie.
4. The Chair stated that he had met with senior management of TMC on Friday 9th January on site in Garmouth. (others were present). He explained the ICC proposal, and TMC asked if ICC could convene a Meeting of interested parties from both sides of the River prior to their (TMC) public Meeting to be held at the end of January. Both sides agreed that the Meeting must be non-partisan, with no particular group taking a lead advantage, but that the ICC is well placed to facilitate and communicate with TMC in regard to the ongoing issue. The date proposed is the 20th January, in the Christie Room of the Fochabers Institute at 7.30 pm. (This has been arranged).

5. The Secretary (ICC and J. Mackie) had already compiled a list of likely invitees, and are working on the exact phrasing of the Invitations, which will include a potential six questions relevant to the Agenda. Invitees will be asked, if possible, to indicate in their responses which or all of the questions they would wish to answer. J. Mackie proposed, that in order to simplify future responses that an email address "ICC Spey Viaduct a gmail. Com be arranged. (Incoming mail will go directly to Sec.ICC and J. Mackie. Relevant queries would be forwarded to TMC.
6. The Sec. told the Meeting that he had been in direct contact with Nicola Moss, TMC, and she has indicated that she will be happy to be the main point of contact at TMC.
7. C. Dunbar asked if Lennox CC will be represented, and was informed that Lennox did not re-establish after the October Elections, but J. Mackie has spoken to Paul Ralph of the Milne's Forum, which covers Fochabers, Speybay, Dallachy etc. and as he has a good working knowledge of the area, will be pleased to assist.
8. The Chair hopes that a small working group might be formed as a result of Tuesday 20/1/26's meeting. He suggested that certainly two Members of ICC and possibly two others from 'stakeholder groups'. J. Mackie indicated that he would be interested, and DG. Mackay said that as Secretary he should really be involved for record keeping. He added that possibly the group could start with four, (2 ICC, 2 local) with individuals who may have knowledge or skills being added if necessary. He also suggested that as the ultimate aim is to be of help to TMC, in order to control communication congestion, that TMC might fund this small sub-group for admin expenses. (Seconded C. Dunbar).

DG Mackay, Secretary.