

Innes Community Council

Minute of Interim meeting held on 23rd December 2025

In Simpson's, Fochabers.

1. Present: T. Christie (Chair), DG Mackay (Sec.), J. Mackie, A. Fettes.
2. Purpose' To determine a way forward re the Spey Viaduct partial collapse to recommend to ICC at a future Meeting.
3. Chair advised we look at ways forward, stakeholders, and unifying stakeholder wishes in order to polarise information to TMC. General public Meeting possibly not a good idea, as it would be difficult to control 'blame factor' and historical alleged lack of maintenance. ICC is not qualified to make civil engineering judgements.
4. JM proposed a non partisan meeting (no politicians or TMC present) in order to hopefully achieve an unblinkered direction'
5. DM offered to make list of stakeholders who would be directly and indirectly involved, and to outline proposal to a senior officer at TMC.
6. AF proposed a neutral Chair. EG Roger Knight. (Former Chair Spey river authority), JM responded that he is not available at present. Other suggestion Richard Lochead MSP, as the elected Member for Moray and with a working knowledge of the Spey. DM to contact for availability.
7. ICC understand that TMC intend holding a Council Meeting in early February to discuss the Viaduct, now being in receipt of interim reports.
8. All agreed a Meeting before the end of January, with invitations extended, making it clear it's aim is to move forward, work with TMC, and exclude 'the blame factor'.

9. Chair stated that as a statutory body, ICC is best placed to offer this conduit to stakeholders, and as such should create goodwill with TMC working group, it would also facilitate a two way flow of information. A system of direct communication should be established.

David Mackay

Secretary

26.12.2025