

## Innes Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 3 March 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

In Lhanbryde Community Centre

1. Sederunt: T. Christie ( Chair), S. Anderson (Vice Chair), DG Mackay (Sec.), C. Dunbar (Treasurer), A. Fettes, A. Bodman, N. Sanderson (Assoc.)
2. Apologies: K. Henderson, Clrs. Shona Morrison, Ben Williams.
3. Council Report: M. Macrae reported that the Viaduct Steering Group are waiting on a start date for their first Meeting.
4. Police:
5. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (14.2.2026 )
6. Matters Arising from # 5.
7. Correspondence:; Previously circulated
8. Treasurer's Report: On account with B oS - £1129.15. JM asked the Treasurer for £51.00 to replace the drone battery. Proposed TC, Seconded DGM. Approved.
9. Planning: Milltown, Balfour Beattie's Application. JM had responded to TMC (Planning) on behalf of ICC, pointing out that the three egress/exits had raised concern with locals. Would it not be possible to ask the applicant to consider all three sections of the development be sited in the one area of the former airfield. Thus reducing the three access to one. An interim response from the landowner had suggested that ICC was expressing a lack of interest in development. The Chair made it clear that ICC welcomes development, with consideration for local opinion where safety may be involved. Sec. to respond to TMC making it clear ref. the above.

David Anderson, Kingston resident, has won his appeal about the height of his boundary fence, which has been an issue for quite some time.

The application by TMC for preparatory safety works on the partially collapsed Spey Viaduct have been accepted by ICC as a move forward. However, the accuracy of the map was agreed to be dated, and ICC should respond to TMC pointing this out. The river and boundaries have altered since the existing map was printed. Future correspondence regarding the Viaduct, and involving maps or graphs must be checked for accuracy.

10. Petitions: Both petitions have now closed, and the ICC one has been forwarded to UNESCO. (Ref: Marypark Hydrogen plant proposal.
11. The overgrown leylandii trees backing Glebe road in Mosstodloch have been side trimmed, but not topped or polled.
12. The leylandii trees on the south end of Essil Road will be removed, and associated reparations to the verge, road etc. will be dealt with in the coming weeks.
13. N. Sanderson reported that the solar panels, to charge the resilience batteries, will be installed in Garmouth park shortly.
14. The Chair expressed concern about fire resilience, and how ICC can be involved in helping to prevent wild fires with the ICC area. Sec. had spoken with a senior SFR officer in Elgin, and operational duties permitting, the officer is quite happy to talk to ICC. Possibly SSEN should also be involved.
15. JM attended a meeting in Fochabers, demonstrating the proposals for the release of Lynx back into the Spey valley. CD expressed the point that NFU are not keen on the idea, and having heard that one lynx has the potential to consume the equivalent of fifty small deer in a year, concern was displayed

about the safety of sheep and cattle and other domestic animals in the Strathspey area.

16. AOCB: JM had been in discussion with Scottish water about the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Garmouth. A tentative proposal had been made to build an organic unit on land at Whinnyhaugh Garmouth, but this has now been replaced by the suggestion to pipe the outflow one and half miles south of the existing plant to be released into the River Spey.
17. Crown Estates (S) are understood to be in discussion with the owner of Moss Services about the use of the piece of ground between the filling station and a crown property 50 metres to the east.
18. The Chair thanked all for attending and called for the next Meeting to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30 pm, in Urquhart Parish Hall.

DG Mackay

Secretary.