

Meeting Minutes of Innes Community Council

Wednesday 5th May 2010

Present:

Peter Bush, Jill Reid, David Mackay, Alan Bodman, Paul Harlow, Elizabeth Bodman, Alasdair Boyne

In Attendance:

Tracey Rae – Community Council Liaison Officer
Mrs Lesley Roger – Lochhills Community
Mrs Margaret Gilbert – Lochhills Community
Miss Kerry Grainger – Lochhills Community
Jill Stewart – Lhanbryde Community

1. Apologies:

Councillor Anita McDonald
Jim Stewart

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was agreed that the previous minutes were a true reflection and Paul proposed and Alasdair seconded them.

3. Matters Arising

Web Site and Investigation

Paul provided an update that he had constructed a draft template for the ICC website. The address is <http://www.community-council.org.uk/icc/>. It was suggested that everyone should visit it and the discussion will take place at the next meeting. It was unanimously agreed that Paul should be the web master.

Milnes Forum

Peter provided a brief update that he was successfully elected Chair of the Milnes Forum; Jill is now also the secretary of the Milnes Forum. It was agreed that updates would be made to the Community Council. It was also suggested that issues that the Community Council felt may be able to be raised at the Forum would be done.

Co –Option of new members

It was unanimously agreed that any potential co-opted/ new members should attend some of the meetings before being proposed on. This will enable everyone interested to find out a bit more about the ICC before they commit.

Strategy

Various suggestions were made. It was suggested that a surgery could be held in the areas that the ICC covers. Publicity would be done before hand to advertise the events. Look at the costs for leaflet and posters to be made. Consider looking at working with the Milnes Forum in the relevant areas.

It was agreed to keep the strategy process going and investigate further all the points raised. Elizabeth proposed and Paul seconded.

5. Correspondence

Community Council Funding

It was suggested that this could be raised at the next Joint Community Council meeting to establish what the views were of the other Community Councils in the area. There was concerns raised that the Community Councils were independent and the need for transparency and impartiality was paramount. It was agreed to continue this discussion until the next meeting in June by which time the representatives from ICC will have attended the JCC meeting.

6. Treasurers Report

The treasurers reported that the only money spent to date was on venue hire and she was still waiting for the invoice to be received.

7. Reports

No reports were received this month.

8. AOCB

Lochhills

Three representatives from the Lochhills community requested support from the community Council. The area had been suffering a great deal by having a problem family within the community. Many of the residents had felt intimidated and the whole community felt that now the family had moved on they would like to improve the environment that they are living in and become a community once again. They requested that the ICC allow them to become a sub group which would enable them to access grants for materials for the benefit of the Lochhills community.

The presentation made by the community was excellent and David proposed the motion to let the Lochhills Community Group become a subgroup of the ICC. Peter seconded the motion and the rest of the committee unanimously agreed that this was a worthy project to enable.

Lhanbryde Parking Area

A concerned resident of Station Road raised the issue of the parking problem. She explained that this had been a long running issue and that the land did not belong to Moray Council but to Mark Tenant. She informed the CC that Douglas Ross had been approached about this matter already. It was agreed that the ICC would raise the issue again with Councillor Ross and Tracey would speak to the roads department.

Resignation

The meeting was informed that James Stewart had decided to resign his position as a Community Councillor.

Potholes on the Urquhart to Lochhills road and Urquhart to Garmouth road

The issue of pot holes in the roads above was raised last month Councillor McIntyre agreed to pass on the CC's concerns. Work on the Urquhart to Garmouth road has been carried out but the Urquhart to Lochhills road has yet to be done.

Other Agenda Points

Due to the time factors and the planning applications that still had to be discussed it was agreed to carry forward to the June meeting:

- Flooding
- Community Council Promotion
- Community Planning

8. Planning Applications

Jill excused herself from the discussions over the Mosstodloch and Troves applications and left the room while the rest of the committee discussed them. Paul took the minutes in her absence.

Change of Use Olive Tree Factory Mosstodloch

No comment made

Erection of Wind Turbines Troves

In the absence of any neighbour comments or views, the CC members raised concerns over the potential noise and the proximity to the road. It was agreed that a comment would be submitted and concern would be expressed over the turbines being sited out with the preferred search area.

Land at Doohill, Easter Coxton, Lhanbryde

This application was discussed and some issues were raised it was agreed to submit comments that this application was in breach of the development plan and highlight the fact that a previous application had been turned down. Issues over the roads were also highlighted. The CC also felt that this application was slightly confusing, the committee took into account that this is a travellers site however it is not a halting site permission is being sought for it is a permanent residential site which is to be gated to prevent other travellers using it. Although the CC took into account the problems that many travelling families face due to the previous application being rejected on the same area of land it was felt that an even handed approach should be taken by the Council.

Amend consent Hallowood Troves

No comment

Site Adjacent to the Willows Urquhart

There was no real issues with this application although slightly out with the development plan the area of land was an eyesore. It was felt that the ridge height for the new building would be more appropriate if it took into account the height of neighbouring properties and if some shelter belt screening was planted it would blend in with the other properties.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting date was set for Wednesday 2nd June at 7:00pm at Lhanbryde Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9:30pm