

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF
THE JOINT COMMUNITY COUNCILS OF MORAY
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th November 2011 at 7pm IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, ELGIN**

Present:

Burghead & Cummingston C.C.	Alastair Mackenzie
Elgin C.C.	Gordon Methven Alastair Kennedy (Chair) Aiden Milne Youth Member
Dyke & Landward	Karen Hamilton Karen MacLeod
Findhorn & Kinloss C.C.	Les Morgan Harvey Molton
Forres C.C.	Bob Hellyer Colin Lipscomb
Buckie CC	Heather Innes James Smith
Lennox C.C.	Donald Cameron Margo Howe
	Carole Ralph
Strathisla	Ian Ross

In Attendance:

Roddy Burns Acting Chief Exec, Alan Bodman Innes CC, Hilary Mott, (taking the Minutes)

1. Welcome & Apologies:

Apologies were received from Chris Tuke, Keith Comrie, Carol Ralph and Marc McRae

Alastair welcomed everyone to the meeting including Roddy Burns Acting Chief Executive.

PRESENTATION

A presentation was given by Roddy Burns outlining the current position of The Moray Council and the proposed way forward within the future budget constraints. He also outlined the Councils priorities for future spending and the role of the

community in the decision making process whilst trying to maintain service levels within the growing and changing community,

There followed a brief question and answer session, mostly showing support for the Councils proposals,

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Licensing Forum

It was reported that Helen McIntosh is no longer able to take on the role with the Licensing Forum,

Broadband Issues

Forres only has a 20mg speed whereas Nairn is getting 40mg but the supplier is not known. According to HIE work on the Next Generation of Broad Band is ongoing.

ASCC

The ASCC will unfortunately cease at the end of March 2012. There has been no response regarding a last minute reprieve.

The Credit Union is unable to assist regarding a Bank Account as legislation is changing,

4. Reports

Community Planning Update

This was attached and briefly discussed. There is to be another ?? maybe over two days and with a new format for a sub group. This item is on the agenda,

ASCC Report

There has been no budget increase so some services are just running down to the end of the year. Les's representation had been greatly appreciated.

CCLO Report

The CC distribution was due for an update. Grant cheques were being distributed. There had been 3 dissolutions, however, Buckie CC had been reformed, Innes was almost up and running and it was hoped that Findochty would be running by

December. An advertisement was going out at the end of January for any remaining vacant seats. Community Support Officers were available for any training and a hand book is available, contact Tracey if required. Money is being sought in order to host the CCLO 2012 Conference in February or March.

Treasurers Report

The current balance is £300.00 as of the end of year. The annual audit is due. It was suggested that a special projects fund be set up for any surplus cash.

5. JCC Sub Group

A sub group had been suggested regarding how to improve the current position of the JCC as new ideas were needed but there was no mechanism for feeding back to The Community Planning Board and align with the Single Outcome Agreement. A new Community Engagement Group will help after its first meeting which is still to be arranged. AK asked for ideas on a new Community Planning Structure which he could take forward. Currently the Community Planning ?? The Strategic Partnership, Council, one member of the voluntary sector, and the Community Engagement Group all report to the Board. The five theme groups feed into the Board but are aligned to the Council. A better structure is required. It was felt that the E Bulletin contained no information. The Forums seem to be working out of their remit. AK suggested that this should go out to the individual CC's to discuss locally and report back before the next Sub Group meeting.

6. Information Sharing Session

Buckie

Buckie had so far only held one meeting but there appeared to be a goof team and things were ongoing.

Burghead & Cummingston

Still had outstanding issues regarding the wind turbines. AM asked for supporting letters from other CC's backing the 1 kilometre limit that was in place in Highland. A letter would be sent to TR for distribution to the other CC's. A successful meeting had been held with Beverly Smith and Richard Hartland regarding this and other planning issues. It was felt that CC's should get more involved with large planning applications.

Dyke & Landward

Still had good attendance from Councillors and Police. Going ahead with the notice board refurbishment. The awards scheme was ongoing. Agreed that there was no consistency from the Forums.

Findhorn & Kinloss

The army was moving into RAF Kinloss earlier than expected. Approximately 1000 personnel would be moving in 2012 with their families. It is anticipated that the posts will not be short term, therefore contributing to the Moray Economic Partnership. The transition would be ongoing.

Innes

The Community Watch was up and running. Meetings were planned to get more feedback regarding wind farms.

There remained issues in Innes with regard weekly list and the amount of other local groups all receiving the weekly lists. It was felt that on occasions the Community Council was by-passed or left out the loop in favour of the other unelected groups. There were also questions regarding forums and the changes to the CP structure. Councillor Wright advised that planning would meet and discuss issues. Councillor Leadbitter advised that although Community Councils had a statutory entitlement to the weekly lists, this did not mean that others parties could not also be in receipt of them.

Lennox

Ongoing issues with the Crown Estate regarding the proposed Country Path in Dallachy. There were apparently issues with the tender process but Crown Estates would try and progress. There were attempts to get the seal site in Portgordon made a designated site for their protection and to stop people from crossing the rocks. The by pass at Mosstodloch had been opened. Work with the police in Fochabers was ongoing regarding the late night football and moving it indoors. A presentation had been made by a group representing a paint ball club requesting permission to set up. The ASB at Spey Bridge had stopped thanks to the intervention of the Community Police.

Forres

Forres CC welcomed the Kinloss decision. There were ongoing issues regarding the Common Good Fund, involving land use and the disposal of the monies received from this business use.

Elgin

Elgin is carrying out a review looking at the shape of future developments. South Lesmurdie hosted the information bus for flood alleviation planning and surveyed local people over local issues which went well. With regard to the Community Fair, an email to voluntary groups received positive feedback and was ongoing. Aiden Milne was working on the web site. The issue of litter was being looked at with other groups.

Strathisla

There were ongoing issues surrounding the speed limit past Crossroads Primary School. The turbines at the Drummuir site were going up and compensation had been increased from £78000 to £81000 plus an increase of 25% per annum the first payment is due in 2012. A sub group was discussing how to spend this.

7. AOCB

Elaine Brown from the NHS wished to give a presentation regarding engagement. Invitations were to follow.

8. Date of next meeting

9th February 2012 at 7.00pm in the Council Chambers.

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