

# Innes Community Council

Notes of the meeting of Innes Community Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in Urquhart Parish Hall, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: David Mackay Chair  
Sandy Anderson Vice Chair  
Peter Bush Secretary  
James Mackie  
Lansana Bangura  
Anne Speake  
John Third

In Attendance: Cllr Margo Howe  
Cllr Douglas Ross  
Tracy Rae Community Council Liaison Officer  
Anita Milne Note taker  
25 Members of the public

Number	Discussion	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone present to the meeting and explained the first hour of the meeting would be devoted to an open public session.</p>	
2	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>As no representative from Grampian Police was present there was no report.</p>	
3	<p><u>Brown Muir</u></p> <p>Mrs Liz Bodman updated those present on the position with the Brown Muir windfarm proposal. Although the application had been rejected by the Moray Council the developer had appealed to the Scottish Government. This will mean that a further consultation will be held with the Moray Council, and subsequently with other consultees. Mrs Bodman appealed to ICC to support the 2,100 signature petition against the proposal.</p> <p>The Chair agreed to study ICC's documentation to determine whether there are any gaps in the information for the members to make an informed decision.</p> <p>It was also agreed to set up a sub group to study the proposal and Mrs</p>	DM

4	<p>Bodman was invited to sit on the group.</p> <p><u>Costal Erosion</u></p> <p>Jim Mackie had submitted a private petition on the subject of costal erosion which was heard by the Petitions Committee on 22 January 2013. The petition attracted 58 signatures in support and Mary Scanlon MSP gave a very supportive presentation. David Mackay and Billy Sievwright had attended the hearing with Jim. Jim outlined how matters would now proceed.</p> <p>There were no questions from the floor.</p>	
5	<p><u>Kingston Beach</u></p> <p>Mrs Winn Linn had asked to make a statement following a number of articles in the local media about the situation with Kingston Beach following the “perfect storm” of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012. She felt that scaremongering tactics were not beneficial for the residents of Kingston and asked about the decision making process that resulted in the production of a 15 page booklet and a questionnaire. It was felt that little was known about ICC and that more damage was being done to Kingston by the negative publicity than the ravages of the weather. The Chair explained the background to the booklet and the questionnaire, which had been drawn up by a sub group, and advised that 90 had been sent out and that 25 questionnaires had been received back.</p> <p>Cllr Ross advised that the three Ward Councillors had asked for the question of the single bank being strengthened to be discussed again by the Moray Council, but as a debate had been held on the issue in December and no action was taken it could not be raised again until June.</p> <p>Lansana explained that ICC had a right to represent people’s concerned and that a report from the sub group would be ratified at tonight’s meeting.</p> <p>John Fensome said that residents deserved to be protected with proper, permanent, sea defences and emergency procedures for evacuation. Several others concurred with his sentiments including Anne Scott, Anne Speake and Sally Smith, a public from Milne’s High School who advised that the school bus had encountered problems due to the road being flooded.</p> <p>John agreed to join the sub group, and will put together information on how some of the issues could be resolved.</p> <p>The Chair drew the public session to a close and thanked everyone for their participation and expressed the view that it was not ICC’s intention to tread on anyone’s toes.</p>	

6	<p>Cllrs Howe and Ross asked that people fed information into the Councillors and assured everyone of their continuing support.</p> <p><u>Moray Councillors' Reports</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
1	<p><u>Community Council Session</u></p> <p><u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Lansana Bangura and seconded by John Third.</p>	
2	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p><u>Kingston Beach</u> – The sub group report was ratified. It was proposed by the Chair that the sub group be extended to members of the community, and this was seconded by Peter Bush. Peter would contact those who had expressed an interest.</p> <p><u>Brown Muir – Community Benefit Meeting</u></p> <p>Peter had circulated the minutes of this meeting. It was agreed that no member of ICC would attend further meetings on community benefits from this windfarm proposal until matters had been crystalised.</p> <p><u>Community Safety</u></p> <p>The Chair advised that he had requested that Donna McClean, Moray Council's Emergency Planning Team, delay her presentation to the Committee until the March meeting, due to the length of tonight's agenda.</p> <p><u>Moray Rural Bus</u></p> <p>No change.</p> <p><u>Spey Bridge</u></p> <p>The decking on the Spey Bridge is rotting and unsafe. The matter should be reported to Steven Cooper and/or Ken Kennedy of the Moray Council.</p> <p><u>Kingston Beach – Issues Raised from Public Session</u></p> <p>A discussion ensued on the best way to publicise the results of the questionnaire and options for improving the situation. It was agreed that</p>	PB

	<p>details should be posted on notice boards and in the village hall.</p> <p><u>ICC Website</u></p> <p>John and Lansana agreed to investigate the situation with the website</p>	
3	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>Peter reported that the balance stood at £1,333.16.</p>	
4	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Peter detailed the correspondence that had been received.</p>	
5	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> – Peter proposed John Third take on the position of Treasurer. This was seconded by Anne Speake</p> <p><u>Minute Secretary</u> – The Chair asked Anita Milne to consider taking on the role of Minute Secretary. Anita agreed to think about it.</p>	JT/LB