

# INNES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Kingston Beach Sub Group

Held at the Garmouth and Kingston Golf Club

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

In attendance

Innes Community Council.

Sandy Anderson Chair Peter Bush Secretary James Mackie Facilitator. Anne Speake.

Garmouth and Kingston Community.

Ann Scott, William Seivewright, Belinda Boyter, Winifred Linn, Marie Flett, Fiona Stewart, Mr and Mrs John Clegg.

Apologies.

John Fensome. Ian Lambert

Meeting started at 7pm, Sandy welcome everyone to the meeting introduced himself as the new Chair of the ICC and as other members of the Community Council were involved in the Beach Project handed the meeting over to the Facilitator Jim Mackie.

Jim introduced the rest of the council to the meeting, and started off by giving some Background information to the group.

Jim outlined the programme of events since the Gregg Guthrie presentation to the Community Council on October 23rd 2012. Jim told the meeting that Mr Guthrie was late in arriving and it was too dark to walk the beach..

The Community Council along with John Fensome also did a presentation, Mr Guthrie stated that the beach was safe and the residents should not worry as the Village might not be there in 50 years' time

Mr Guthrie also did a presentation to the Moray Council, when the ICC asked to do a presentation we have had no reply so far, our requests have been ignored.

Jim then went onto raise the possible cost to the council if a big storm hit the properties on the beach road facing the sea. The council would have to rehouse the people who had lost their homes. Also of a strong concern was the danger of the local sewerage works being washed away?

The Council do supply air photographs of the Kingston Beach, Jim had some copies made that he passed around the group, he had highlighted the danger points and the weak points of the Shingle bank.

The meeting then was opened to a general discussion; Winifred said that she did not think there was any risk of flooding from the sea. This opened up a brief discussion.

Fiona Stewart said the best way to handle the present situation was to challenge the decisions reached by the Moray Council and asked how they had reached the decisions they made. This was agreed by the group. Peter and Jim would draw up a letter to be presented to the Moray Council.

Fiona also stated it might be a good idea to do a report on the cost to the council if nothing was done. This was also accepted by the group. Jim to look at this and formulate a report.

Peter raised the point of an Emergency Plan for Kingston was needed to be discussed by the group.

Considering the two main routes out of Kingston was prone to flooding at normal high tides.

The group discussed the main cause of flooding was the shallow nature of the River Spey, up until the 80s the channels used to be kept clear by the salmon netters who had carried out this task for hundreds of years, since the channel clearances had stopped the river does flood lower Garmouth and parts of the golf club.

It was also understood that Marker posts were being put up along Burnside road and also the road was going to be raised by the council. The Group decided that the council should discuss any raising of Burnside road should be consulted upon with the ICC the subgroup and the Amenities.

Jim said that he and William had been in discussion with representatives of the Crown estates who manage the emergency road out of Kingston to the target area for the military. If the ICC would write a letter outlining the problems the Crown Estates would rectify these.. PB to deal with this.

It was agreed that the meetings should be minuted and that the minutes should be made available to the Moray website.

It was also agreed that the group should meet on a monthly basis. This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm Time and date of the next meeting would be April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm at the Golf club.

#### Actions

1 Letter challenging Moray Council decisions to the Kingston beach, and ask how they had come to those conclusions. PB and JM

2 Compile a report to show the Moray Council the cost of ignoring the problems of Kingston Beach JM

3 A letter to the Crown Estates highlighting the problems affecting the emergency road out. PB.

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