

Innes Community Council

Notes of the meeting of Innes Community Council held on Tuesday 7th May 2013 in Garmouth Village Hall, at 7.00 p.m.

Present:	Sandy Anderson Lansana Bangura David Mackay James Mackie Anne Speake John Third	Chair Treasurer
In Attendance:	Cllr Margo Howe PC Stuart Dick Anita Milne Tracey Rae John Fettes	Police Scotland Note taker Community Council Liaison Officer
Apologies:	Cllr Sean Morton Cllr Douglas Ross	

Number	Discussion	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chair, Sandy Anderson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>The police report for the Fochabers policing area had been circulated prior to the meeting. This showed that from 25th March to 30th April 2013 there had been a total of 27 crimes reported which related to theft, assault, threats, road traffic offences and anti-social behaviour offences. Of these 16 offenders had been identified and had been reported or warned. A further 8 of the reported crimes have positive lines of enquiry and investigations are continuing.</p> <p>Three areas have been targeted in particular, the Binhill Rifle Range where sheds have been broken into, a property on the Innes Estate, and there have also been thefts of diesels from lorries in the Mosstodloch areas. The amounts stolen would suggest that a van or similar vehicle would be required to transport the stolen diesel away, and the Police urged residents to be vigilant in these areas and to report any suspicious sightings.</p> <p>A concern had been raised on behalf of the Parent and Toddlers Group</p>	

	<p>about the lack of a footpath between Garmouth and Kingston, but it was agreed that this was a matter that should be dealt with by the local Amenities Committee.</p> <p>PC Dick left the meeting at this point.</p>	
2	<p><u>Public Submissions</u></p> <p>There were no issues raised.</p>	
3	<p><u>Moray Councillors' Reports</u></p> <p>Cllr Margo Howe reported that an update on the condition of River Spey had gone to the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee. Presently the river defences were working well, but it will be monitored closely once the snow melts upstream.</p> <p>A report will be going to the next ED and I Committee on Kingston Beach and the road.</p> <p>Jim Mackie advised that the river is being forced to the east side and that the 17th green of Garmouth and Kingston Golf Course is falling into the river. Further damage will be caused when the river is next in spate.</p> <p>David Mackay advised that the warning to residents which come from SEPA are usually inadequate and are too late to undertake property and possessions protection. It was far better when the Police had responsibility for the monitoring and notification.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Committee should gather more information once the minutes for the ED and I Committee had been posted on the Council's website.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Community Safety – Neighbourhood Watch</u></p> <p>David Mackay gave an update on Neighbourhood Watch issues happening within the Innes Community Council's catchment area, including reference to the diesel thefts in Mosstodloch, "door knockers" seeking to clean roofs, and an individual selling softwood as hardwood.</p> <p>David left the meeting at this point, but reminded those in attendance that Maggie Fair takes place on 29th June 2013 and hoped that Innes Community Council will be represented.</p> <p>This ended the public session of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Community Council Session</u></p>	

	<p><u>Resignation and Appointment of Secretary</u></p> <p>Peter Bush had resigned as Secretary, and as a Community Councillor due to poor health. It was agreed that the Chair would send him a note of thanks for his efforts during his time on Innes Community Council.</p> <p>The Chair proposed that Anne Speake became Secretary. Anne felt she would require some assistance before taking on the role, and Tracey Rae advised that training was available. It was agreed that Anita Milne, as note taker, should be co-opted onto the Community Council until the forthcoming elections to undertake the role of Secretary – Proposed by Sandy Anderson and seconded by John Third.</p>	SA
1	<p><u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd April 2013</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2013, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Jim Mackie and and seconded by John Third.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p>	
2a	<p><u>Emergency Planning</u></p> <p>A meeting had been held with Steven Cooper and Donna McClean, and an estimated cost had been discussed for making sure Cadgers Road was fit for evacuation purposes. A number of residents in Cadgers Road felt that if the sum mentioned was given to the local residents they could maintain the road for ten years.</p> <p>A number of other issues were also raised, including the Shore Road situation, and it was agreed that until work was done on the Beach and the River Spey emergency planning and evacuation procedures remained a priority. This item would remain on the agenda.</p>	Agenda
2b	<p><u>Rural Bus</u></p> <p>Jim Mackie felt that the Community Council should be involved in the discussions around removal/reduction in services of rural transport since the Moray Council decided to cut subsidies to Stagecoach and other providers.</p> <p>Anita Milne advised that the Moray Forum currently has a Transport Working Group, and rather than duplicate any work that that Group was undertaking, she felt it would be sensible for John Third to continue his involvement with this Group. This was unanimously agreed. Anita would notify the Chair of the Moray Forum.</p>	AM

2c	<p><u>Kingston - Beach Road – Drainage</u></p> <p>Problems had occurred on Friday 3 May due to the rain. Before the matter can be taken further it was agreed that photographic evidence was needed to help prove the problem.</p>	AS
2d	<p><u>Spey Bridge</u></p> <p>Lansana Bangura reported that he had chased Ken Kennedy, Moray Council, concerning this issue. He will also liaise with Lennox Community Council.</p>	LB
2e	<p><u>NHS Grampian</u></p> <p>Jim Mackie reported that he had received a response from the Chief Executive of NHS Grampian concerning meetings being held on a Saturday in Aberdeen. Mary Scanlon and Cllr Douglas Ross have both agreed to take the issue up.</p> <p>Care for children with arthritis is possibly going to be moved to Glasgow. It was agreed Anne Speake would draft a letter to the local MSP and MP for the Chair to sign.</p>	AS
2f	<p><u>Website</u></p> <p>John Third advised that he had managed to update the website. He was the Administrator. It was agreed that the website should link with the Community Council's e-mail address.</p>	JT
2g	<p><u>Mosstodloch Roadworks</u></p> <p>The work is progressing, but the road is too narrow to allow for the school bus to pass other vehicles safely. Also work is needed on a number of speed signs through the village.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Brown Muir</u></p> <p>A public meeting to ascertain the public's views on this proposal has been arranged for 15th May 2013 at Lhanbryde Community Centre. An advertisement has been placed in both the Northern Scot and the Midweek Extra.</p> <p>Arrangements for the meeting were discussed and agreed.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Kingston Beach</u></p> <p>Jim Mackie reported that a well-attended meeting had been held and it</p>	

	<p>had been agreed that a small group would gather all the information available, sift through it and come up with options.</p> <p>It was agreed that a site visit for all members of the Community Council should be organised, and Jim Mackie agreed to take on the co-ordination of this. He also agreed to contact Peter Bush to see if contact had been made with Lennox Community Council.</p>	JM
5.	<p><u>Community Safety</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Community Council Elections</u></p> <p>The Sub Group of the Moray Joint Community Council had designed a leaflet and poster and were asking all Community Councils to contribute £75.00 towards printing costs. The JCC were contributing £300, and the aim was to attract greater representation, and more younger people to put their names forward.</p> <p>It was agreed that Innes Community Council would contribute £75.00.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Items for Joint Community Council Meeting – 09.05.13</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking for the disabled in Elgin. Jim Mackie had sent a letter to the Chair of the JCC. <p>Jim Mackie, Sandy Anderson and John Third would attend the meeting.</p>	JM/SA/JT
8.	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>The Treasurer advised that the current balance stood at £1,576.12.</p> <p>There had been no financial audit since 2010, and it was agreed that one should be conducted. John Third would arrange</p> <p>It was agreed that any funding required for the Sub Groups should be submitted to the full Committee.</p>	JT
9,	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	

	<u>Next Meeting</u> 4 th June 2013 in Garmouth Village Hall.	
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