

Innes Community council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday February 4th 2014

Lhanbryde Community Centre.

Community Councillors Present: Sandy Anderson Chair/John Fettes

Peter Bush Secretary. James Mackie, Peter Gordon Smith, Winifred Linn, Liz Bodman, Anne Speake. Lansana Bangura.

In attendance. Margo Howe TMC, Douglas Ross TMC. Michael Reid, Lennox CC Anita Milne, Anne Scott, Alastair Kennedy JCC.

Apologies Mark McClelland-Jones.

Sandy opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman stated that the Agenda was not the one agreed by himself and the Secretary.

The Secretary replied that he had consulted the CCLO and had changed the agenda to the present one.

1. Constitution.

Liz proposed **THE MOTION IS TO ACCEPT THE STATUS QUO IE PETER BUSH IS LEGALLY CO OPTED ONTO ICC .**

THE REASONING BEHIND THIS MOTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE PREVIOUS ICC WAS DISSOLVED BEFORE THE RECENT ELECTIONS AND AT THAT TIME THEIR CONSTITUTION DIED, SO TO SPEAK, WITH THEM.

THERE EXISTED THEREFORE A TIME FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF THE PRESENT ICC AND BEFORE ADOPTION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION WHEN THE ICC OPERATED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE **SCHEME FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS 2013 - 2017.** THAT DOCUMENT PROVIDES FOR THERE TO BE COPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BUT DOES NOT SET ANY TIME LIMIT. (CLAUSE 8)

.CHRONOLOGICALLY PETER BUSH WAS CO OPTED ONTO THE ICC(BEING PROPOSED BY SANDY ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY ANNE SPEAKE). AT THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER 2013 BEFORE WE DISCUSSED AND AGREED TO ACCEPT THE MODEL CONSTITUTION. AS THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR THE SAID CONSTITUTION TO HAVE ANY RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT PETER BUSH'S CO OPTION THEREFORE IS IN ORDER AND THE STATUS QUO SHOULD REMAIN AND WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD IN OUR ENDEAVOUR TO TRY TO SERVE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY OF INNES TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

this was seconded by Peter Gordon Smith.

After a lively discussion the motion was carried. The Co-option of Peter Bush stands. This matter is now resolved.

Lansana raised the subject of the Secretaries resignation on January 16th and his retraction of the of the resignation on the 16th of January. As this had not been accepted or agreed at a meeting the subject is closed.

2. Office Bearers election. The following were elected:-

- Chairman John Fettes
- Vice Chairman Liz Bodman.
- Secretary Peter Bush
- Treasurer. As Mark McClelland Jones had asked for Leave of absence James suggested that John Third could fulfil the role in a temporary role.

PB to action.

- James suggested that Anita Milne could be minute taker, this was agreed by the meeting.
- Two named representatives to the JCC. The Chairman and Secretary will carry out this role.

3. Police report.

- The police report has been circulated and noted.
- Between the period 22nd November 2013 to 21st January 2014 There were a total of 38 crimes were recorded in Fochabers policing area.
- Anne was concerned about the number of Jet Skis speeding off Lossiemouth, she is concerned about the affect this would have on Swans and other birds in the area these Jet Skis are used.
- Margo commented on the danger to the seals up near Portessie.
- Douglas said it was very difficult to catch the perpetrators as they can launch in one harbour and come out further up the coast into another Harbour.

4. Public Submissions.

Anita would like to see Innes Community Council take an active role in several Consultations that are taking place now.

- School Review

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- Sports and Leisure. PB
- Public Entertainment Licences. PB

Anita said the cost of Public Entertainment Licences will affect every village hall in Moray. There is a danger that at least one village hall she knows off will close down.

5. Moray Councillors Reports

- Margo Howe mentioned she had been in contact with Sub Trans about the maintenance of the cycle route over the Spey bridge at Garmouth as there has been a lot of concern recently about the state of the bridge. Margo said that Moray Council was responsible for the Maintenance of the bridge.
- Douglas mentioned the new cycle route between Lhanbryde and Elgin using the flood alleviation project as part of the cycle route. Sandy asked Douglas would the cycle route run along one side of the A96. Douglas said yes this was the case.
- Douglas mentioned the Moray Plan would be out soon after a short delay.
- Tuesday Feb 11 Budget review on MC agenda.

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- Minutes of December 3rd were accepted
Proposed by Winn Linn Seconded by Liz Bodman
- Matters arising none.

7. Items for discussion.

- Rural Broadband Liz raised her concerns that after she had talked to a BT engineer, she had learnt that the High speed Broadband running between Lhanbryde and Buckie will affect rural locations like Tiendland, Garmouth and Kingston and other small villages will be cut off from the broadband network. At the moment these areas suffer with low speed connection as it is. Douglas Ross said, he would talk to BT about this. DR
- Members Handbook Code of Practice. This was left to members to read in their own time.
- Policy of ICC regarding Community Benefits. This was agreed to be left on the table.

8. Planning issues.

- Little of any Consequence.

9. JCC Report

- Alastair said the JCC has great concerns how the JCC is represented on the CEG Moray council.
- The next meeting of the JCC is Thursday 13th February in the Council Chambers Elgin at 1900.

10. Treasurers report.

- The Secretary had a meeting with Mark, and as Mark has been very ill, and has asked for Leave of Absence whilst recovering.
- The Moray Council Grant has not been paid into the ICC account as yet and two outstanding bills have to be paid for hall hire.
- As was mentioned earlier PB will ask John Third if he would do the Treasurer until Mark is fit and well.

11. Correspondence.

- Brown Muir Wind Farm Proposal – Community Consultation. Public Exhibitions details. The only exhibition site that affects Innes is the Lhanbryde Community Centre to be held on Wednesday 12th March 2014 2-7pm.
- Transport to Healthcare Information Centre. They are holding a huge advertising campaign and were requesting our Help by passing the word around along with a poster.
Anita mentioned that the Lhanbryde Challenge had received the letter and has put the Poster up in the centre.

12. AOCB.

- As there was None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2103.

Next Meeting March 4th Urquhart Village hall 1900-2100.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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