

Innes Community council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday April 1st 2014

Urquhart Village Hall.

Community Councillors Present John Fettes Chairman

Peter Bush Secretary. Liz Bodman, Peter Gordon Smith, Winifred Linn, Lansana Bangura, James Mackie, Sandy Anderson.

In attendance. PCs Debbie Price, Mairi Page, Anita Milne, Michael Reid, Lennox CC. Paul Ralph, Margo Howe MC

Apologies Mark McClelland-Jones, Douglas Ross.

John welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Public Submissions.

Peter B told the meeting that Nicky McKay who was going to talk about Nescu had sent her apologies.

Peter B asked James Mackie if he would be willing to tell the meeting about the James Mackie Trust, that James was involved in.

James gave a brief appraisal saying as the Trust had just started up there wasn't much to say about it.

2. Reports.

- **Police report.**

Pc. Mairi Page gave a brief report to the Community Council about ongoing Investigations. The Report was accepted by the meeting. James raised concerns about cars being driven at speed on the lien at Kingston. Mairi advised anyone who sees this happening should contact Sergeant Black and try and get registration numbers.

- **Moray Councillors**

Margo reported to the meeting about the ongoing consultations, The Local Development Plan, the closing date for consultation is May 2nd and the information events. The date for the Innes area is April 24th at Fochabers Institute 4 – 8 pm.

The schools review is also ongoing and the date for the Milnes ASG is April 24th 7 – 830 pm at Milnes High School.

Margo mentioned that the Flower beds in Lhanbryde and Garmouth were now the communities' responsibilities now, she mentioned there were grants available.

John asked about the cycle of grass cutting, Margo said that had been cut from 7 to 3 as an example.

Anita asked was it possible for the grass cutters when cutting the football pitches to time the cutting before the pitches were marked out instead of after.

- **Treasurers report.**

Liz reported that there were still ongoing signature problems with the Bank and she will need to see Sandy and Peter B for further signatories. Liz what was the Balance she said £1572.

- Outside Interest, Peter B suggested it might be a good idea if Community Councillors registered outside interests. This was done by Moray Council to avoid conflict of interest.

James said he had raised this before and thinks it would be a good idea. The meeting agreed this should be done. PB to action.

- **JCC reports.**

Nothing to report.

3. Community Council session.

- **March 4th Minutes.**

Liz pointed out that on Page 4 Brown Muir there was a mistake which should have read: - Liz disagreed with Jim's comment as regardless of a mandate we are statutory consultees and are entitled to look at the planning issues raised by the application. Obviously public opinion would be a great help in determining our overall opinion.

James mentioned that his email sent out regarding Liz's involvement in Brown Muir Wind Farm was taken out of context.

John said the meeting had accepted the email as it was and that was the end of the matter.

These were accepted as a true record. Proposed PGS Seconded WL

4. Matters arising.

- **Schools review.**

There is a Consultation Meeting of the Milnes ASG at Milnes High School 7pm – 8:30pm only two from each organisation to attend. WL and PB to attend.

- **Brown Muir Wind Farm exhibition feedback.**

There were different opinions on the exhibition, one was the photo montage was not very good, would have been much better to scale. The presenters of the exhibition did answer questions.

- **Credit Unions.**

As Peter said earlier Nicky McKay couldn't make the meeting but would be at May 6th meeting.

- **Recycling Points.**

Peter had tried to contact Ally Gordon, but to no avail. Peter had noticed that there were recycling bins now outside the Speymouth Hall.

Anita told the meeting that Village Halls are going to be charged for Rubbish disposal, and that Village halls cannot afford this extra expense.

Paul Ralph commented that Urquhart village hall asks the users of the hall to take any rubbish with them.

- **Community Benefits.**

No further action on this matter at the moment. Margo said that there were ongoing meetings discussing the best way forward.

Peter said that The Highland and Islands Council had a scheme in place.

Margo commented that Moray council were looking at all the schemes in Scotland.

5. Consultations.

- **Moray Proposed Development Plan.**

An event to discuss the Proposed Moray Development Plan is being held in the Fochabers Institute between 4pm and 8pm on April 24th

Peter Suggested that each Community Councillor should study the plan within the area they represent and make any comments on this.

Peter B has received the folder from the Moray Council. It was suggested that the folder to be passed around to those who want to read it. Anyone wishing to do so please contact Peter B.

Peter B did raise concerns regarding Garmouth settlement plans, an area R1 is being allocated 10 houses. The cause for concern is the extra strain on the sewerage tanks in Garmouth, as there is an ongoing problem with overload of sewerage system.

6. Items for discussion.

- **Funding for Community Councils.**

On March 18th the Policy and Resources Committee met, amongst the items to be discussed was Funding for Community Councils, local Area Forums and

other Community Groups, report was presented by the Corporate Director (Corporate Finances)

The reason for the report was to provide the committee with an opportunity to review the basis on which grant funding is provided to support community councils, local are forums and other community groups.

The Proposal is

- a) Funding requests be made by community groups by a set date each year.
- b) Funding requests must include a budget detailing how council funding would be used.
- c) Funding not required for the purpose specified in the budget will be returned to the Moray Council; and
- d) Donations to other bodies will be explicitly prohibited.

If the committee is minded to agree a change to the current arrangements for administration grants to community groups the Committee may also wish to consider consultation with those groups.

This may be limited to consultation on the best date for submitting funding requests to the Council.

The meeting decided to wait and see what happens at the Consultation.

7. Information.

- **Planning issues.**

Liz pointed out there was concerns on a recent Planning application concerning Darklands.

The Community Council was not very clear about its Objections to the Planning Application, and in future the ICC needs to make its objection clear.

Liz also raised the fact that there were no minutes posted on the Moray Council web page in December. Peter B said that the minutes had been sent, he would make enquiries. PB to action.

- **Correspondence.**

There was no outstanding correspondence.

8. AOCB.

Peter B had received the latest memo from the Kingsto Negotiation team and noted the group was meeting with Council officials and have been talking with elected member of Moray Council.

James said that if Anne Speake was here she could put a view on the negotiations as they stood at the moment.

Win sad that she had had spoken to Jim Stewart regarding this matter and from what Liz Picked up, the Negotiating team was adopting a more softly

approach to the Community Council, and would like a letter of support from the ICC, Peter G, said he would like to propose a letter of support, Peter B said he was pleased the ICC had made contact with the Negotiating Team, but the ICC should remain neutral on this matter.

Mike Reid said that surely if a group wanted support they should approach the council.

The meeting decided to hold fire on the letter of support Win Lin and Peter Gordon Smith agreed.

Meeting closed at 20 18

Next meeting at Urquhart Village Hall May 6th 1900hrs

Chair

Secretary