

Innes Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th November, 2017 held in Lhanbryde Community Centre

In Attendance:

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| Mr A Anderson | Chairman |
| Mr J Mackie | Secretary |
| Mrs A Speake | |
| Mr J Chambers | |
| Mr N Taylor | |
| Anita Milne, | Minute Secretary |
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| Cllr D Bremner | Moray Council |
| Peter Fitch | |
| David Morrison | |
| Mrs G Stewart | |
| David Dalziel | |
| Craig Potter | Natural Power |
| Kirstin Leckie | Natural Power |
| Sgt Jones | Police Scotland |
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| Apologies: | |
| Cllr M Mcrae | Moray Council |
| Clr Morrison | Moray Council |
| Mr C Dunbar | Treasurer |

| Minute | Discussion | Action |
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| 1 | <p>The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Noted as above.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Police Report</p> <p>Sgt Jones gave a brief report on police activity in the area. Reported that as part of ongoing road safety operation, officers had visited Garmouth few weeks earlier carrying out speed traps. Number of people “educated” about their driving. Three had been given fixed penalty notices for speeding. One had been other traffic offences. Another driver had received a penalty notice for carrying a 2 year old child in the rear of the vehicle while not properly secured. There was general discussion about anti-social behaviour and the exchange of information between the community and the police. Sgt Jones asked that anybody seeing vehicles misusing/driving across the Lein and Lossie Forest or their support vehicles to note the registration numbers and forward them to the police either through dialling 101 or ICC secretary. He then left the meeting.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Briefing on Rothes Wind Farm Phase III</p> | |

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| | <p>Craig Potter, Project Manager of Natural Power assisted by Kirstin Kerr gave a presentation on the future expansion plans for Rothes Wind Mill Farm. Site and operation owned by Fred Olson, a large producer of renewable energy. Current site (Rothes I and II have 32 and 18 turbines producing 92 megawatts of electricity. (one megawatt powers 500 houses). Adjacent Pauls Hill has 48 turbines. Natural Power involved from inception to decommissioning. Rothes I started 2005 and Rothes II in 2013.</p> <p>Current plan for 29 turbines 225 metres high. New extension east of existing farm and will use as much of the current infrastructure as possible. Will be built on forestry land. Expected life of a turbine 25 to 30 years. Anticipated planning application will be lodged 2nd quarter of 2018.</p> <p>Discussion on Community Benefit. Currently Government guidelines are for £5000 per megawatt per year. However, Government subsidies now removed and no figure set for proposed development. Probability that sums will be less. Planned distribution will be for benefit of all Moray and through Community Councils. Current Community Benefit distributed by Heldon and Laich Community Council. Further discussions on distribution of funds in the future. As no planning consent as yet, not currently an issue. Mr Potter agreed to come back early next year to discuss ways in which community Benefit could be better distributed to a wider area.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Moray Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Councillor Bremner reported back on discussion with roads re flooding in Beach Road, Kingston. Problem being that the drains at the top fo the lane leading to the rear of Beach Road are connected to soak aways which can't cope in heavy rainfall. Said that Council not wanting to put a pipe down the lane as would flow into the "Hole". Secretary advise that Crown Estates if approached could give permission to put drainage pipe down the lane. Suggested that outfall did not need to go as far as the "Hole" as below grass was free flowing gravel into which the septic tanks of the houses in Beach Road flowed.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Reported that Moray Council had given a permit to the developers of the Tennant Arms for the proposed service layby. Explained a formality and part of the planning approval. However stated that no work could be done until all other conditions as per the planning consent had been completed. Even then had to sub details of road closures, permits from other utilities etc. Work could not be started before any other works had started. Granting of the permit did not mean that it could be used immediately.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd October , 2017, were</p> | |

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| | agreed as a correct record, Proposed by JC and seconded by NT. | |
| 8 | Matters Arising | |
| 9 | Re Point 20 Sec reported having attended the Licensing Board meeting re the Tennant Arms. Was a formality as only transfer of licence holder. Reported address to the Board Members about lack of communication from the Clerk to ICC and suggested that procedures needed to be improved. Reported to Board lack of any information on Council web site on the application. Has suggested to CCLO that the Clerk to the Licensing Board be asked to attend a JCC meeting and/or a JCC training event to give more information and help to CC's. | |
| 10 | Point 27 Sec reported that Moray Council not closing recycling centre in Elgin. Are looking for a different and suitable site but there will always be a recycling point in Elgin | |
| 11 | Treasurer's Report The Sec reported that the accounts were still with the inspector. He had noticed a sum in an incorrect column and was to speak to the previous treasurer. The accounts balanced against the bank statements and felt it was just a problem with wrong additions because of a small error. | |
| 12 | Expenses Following discussion and report from Sec on previous ICC arrangements was agreed that any CC attending meetings outside the ICC boundaries would be able to claim actual expenses incurred and that would include 45p per mile travel allowance or public transport at cost. Proposed JM seconded AA | |
| 13 | Planning Matters | |
| 14 | Tennant Arms discussed as above. | |
| 15 | Secretary had circulated weekly lists and nothing of major nature identified. Wads agreed that CC's would check weekly lists for any developments that may occur close to our boundaries and may have an impact on Innes. | |
| 16 | Garmouth and Kingston Amenities Discussion on lack of communication/working relationship with GKAA, a major organisation within ICC boundaries. No reply to possible assistance with fund raising for defibrillator or placing ICC agendas and minutes on the notice board. Agreed that Chair and Sec would attend next monthly meeting of GKAA. | AA/JAM |

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| 17 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>All correspondence had been circulated around the members by the Secretary. There were no comments or actions to be taken on any matter.</p> | |
| 18 | <p>AOCB</p> | |
| 19 | <p>NT enquired if ICC were notified of the developments at Findrassie and Barmuckity. Sec explained that Barmuckity Development received planning permission a good number of years before current works started. As a statutory consultee, a former ICC would have been notified and may have made a comment/ submission to Moray Council. The previous ICC had been notified in a wider consultation on the proposals for the housing development at Findrassie. Developers do have a community information process in place and ICC do get notified of dates and locations of public meetings direct from the developer. CD expressed personal involvement in that development.</p> | |
| 20 | <p>AM gave the following information re a number of events upcoming.</p> | |
| 21 | <p>As part of the Moray Council future consultation on Planning re identifying possible development sites, Gary Templeton of Moray Council would be giving a presentation to the AGM of the Moray Federation of Community Halls and Associations at Rafford Village Hall on Sunday, 26th November. All welcome</p> | |
| 22 | <p>Money for Moray Participatory Budget (Community Choices) group were running an event in Lhanbryde Community Centre on Sunday, 3rd December, 2017. The criteria for application for grant money had to show economic benefit to Moray. Groups operating within the 5 towns were excluded from applying. The sum available for distribution was £55,000.00 from Moray Council. 229 applications had been received with a gross sum of £94,000.00 asked for. Awarding of the grant money will be done by members of the public on the 3rd December. AM asked for as many people to attend this event to support local groups who had applied.</p> <p>Money for Moray had been awarded £60,000.00 from the Scottish Government Communities Fund to run another event in early 2018. The theme was Health and wellbeing. Asked that as many groups be informed about that upcoming project in order that they had sufficient time to consider and submit application. Details of all events could be found at www.moneyformoray.org.</p> <p>Lhanbryde Community Challenge had purchased the former BT phone Box outside the Tennant Arms in Lhanbryde. David Morrison of the Post Office had offered to assist cost of moving it to the garden in front of the chemists shop. Once moved a public defibrillator will be installed within it. However Planning Consent</p> | |

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| | <p>will be required before it is moved across the street.</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chair thanked everybody for attending and participating before closing the meeting at 9 pm. Next meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, 5th December, 2017, within Lhanbryde Community Centre.</p> | |
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