

Innes Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th December, 2017 held in Lhanbryde Community Centre

In Attendance:

Mr A Anderson	Chairman
Mr J Mackie	Secretary
Mr C Dunbar	Treasurer
Mrs A Speake	
Mr J Chambers	
Mr N Taylor	
Anita Milne,	Minute Secretary

Cllr D Bremner	Moray Council
Cllr S Morrison	Moray Council
Cllr M Macrae	Moray Council
Peter Fitch	
Mrs G Stewart	
David Dalziel	
Alastair Kennedy	Chair JCC/Elgin CC
PC L Ritchie	Police Scotland
PC A Kerr,	Police Scotland
Mr R Robertson	GKAA
Mr A Clarke	GKAA

Apologies:
None

Minute	Discussion	Action
1	<p>The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Noted as above.</p>	
2	<p>Police Report</p> <p>PC Kerr gave short report to supplement Community Planning Partnership report that had been sent out earlier. No crimes in ICC area but thefts in neighbouring areas. Said that due to lack of manpower unable in the meantime to carryout speed checks within the area. PC Kerr and Ritchie then left the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>Moray Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Councillor Macrae reported that a public consultation in January for Local Planning identification of suitable development areas. AM reported that LCC, MAF and ICC had agreed to hold a joint</p>	

	<p>public consultation meeting. Date to be confirmed.</p> <p>Councillor Bremner reported back on discussion with roads re flooding in Beach Road, Kingston. Reported back that not possible to run a drain down the lane as too many other utilities underground.</p> <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 permit still with legal department and would be out for public consultation in January, 2018.</p> <p>Planning permission given for Milltown solar panel farm.</p> <p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on 7th November, 2017, were agreed as a correct record, Proposed by As and seconded by NT.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Point no. 3, Community Benefits from wind farms, Sec suggested that maybe JCC should take the lead and invite all wind farm developers/operators to a meeting to discuss distribution of community benefits from each farm. Suggested that at the moment available community benefits controlled/distributed by different groups organisations, money not distributed evenly across the whole of Moray. Many groups losing out just because they were wrong side of lines for current schemes. More important now as more wind farm development. AK suggested that Sec write to JCC raising the suggestion.</p> <p>Point 16 RR of GKAA reported back positive response from GKAA meeting at which ICC Chair and Sec attended on 28th November, 2017.</p> <p>RR gave brief update on activities of GKAA. Had managed to get community benefit from developer of electric cable from Caithness to Blackhill Transformer. Working on sensory garden in Garmouth</p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>CD gave update. Had now received inspected accounts. Balance on account was £866.74. CD and AA now to arrange to complete forms with the B of S as signatories. Sec reported that the previous treasurer had been having problems with the B of S trying to activate the Innes Heritage Account. Banks system kept</p>	<p>JAM</p>
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	refusing to accept the activation codes sent to the previous treasurer. CD to discuss with bank when next in.	CD/AA
9	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>Tenant Arms discussed as above.</p> <p>Noted that Co-op had put out a press release indicating that the new shop would be opening Summer, 2018. Discussion around the table and agreed that a response from ICC would be sent to the local papers. Letter as below is a minute of the discussions.</p> <p>In general discussion the following points were made and/or raised.</p>	
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11	<p>The whole community is extremely upset that despite request from various organisations within Lhanbryde and area, the Co-op has refused point blank to have a local consultation to discuss the major issues over the application with the community. The main objection to the current application is road safety issues. St Andrews Road Lhanbryde is a major road way serving a number of communities and road safety has been a major issue long before the plans were lodged for the current application. As part of its ethic policy, the Co-op states very clearly that it will always consult with the community and Co-op members before considering any development. The Co-op has ignored one of its main ethics. Until very recently the Co-op management has said it cannot interfere with the current proposed development as it does not own the site. Questioned as to why the Co-op have now issued this statement.</p>	
12	<p>The developer although given outline planning consent has failed to complete all the studies and submissions required of him by Moray Council. The Council legal team are currently reviewing an application for road management works during the development. That will not be completed until early 2018, before going out to a public consultation. No work can be done until Moray Council Planning Department have consented to all the conditions put on the application. Even if full planning consent is granted for the project to go ahead it will take many months if not more than a year for works to be completed in order to meet the conditions.</p>	
13	<p>The meeting felt that the statement was not called for and has caused great anxiety within the community. Questions were asked if this was a deliberate act by the Co-op management to</p>	

14	<p>cause more stress in both the community and adjacent business (especially the chemist) that will see severe and major disruption during any construction phase.</p> <p>Was noted that for the original planning application, the Co-op said that at least 24 jobs would be created. The press releases states that there will only be 15 new jobs. The community no longer has any faith in comments/press releases from the Co-op over this development. Many community residents have said that because of the behaviour and attitude of the developer and the Co-op towards the community, they will boycott the business if it ever does go ahead.</p>	AA/JAM
15	<p>Adding to the concerns of the community is the long period of time it took to develop and open the new Co-op shop in Fochabers that saw the pavement and part of the road way shut off for over 15 months. For that to happen in Lhanbryde would force the closure of existing business and cause major traffic problems affecting buses, commercial traffic and the general public. Generally the community do not believe or trust the Co-op over their lack of consultation and dictatorial attitude.</p>	
16	<p>Planning notifications</p> <p>Secretary had circulated weekly lists and nothing of major nature identified.</p>	
17	<p>A 96 issues</p> <p>CD reported that landowners had received notifications from consultants for the proposed dualling of the A96. Was a general notification from the Joint Venture who were to investigate environmental impact along proposed routes. Idea was to over serve as wide an area as possible.</p>	
18	<p>JC reported that the “Belts Road” between Calcots and the A96 close to the cycle route between Lhanbryde and Elgin now flooded more often in the past. Not sure if as a result of the Elgin Flood Alleviation scheme or if burns and ditches in that area were no longer maintained. Also flooding on the Sheriffston/Inchbroom road. Agreed Sec would write to Moray Council on the issue.</p>	
19	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>All correspondence had been circulated around the members by the Secretary.</p> <p>A letter had been sent to the Chair from St Andrews Parish Church, Lhanbryde indicating that the Congregation wished to become more involved in the community. Said that they wished to employ</p>	JM

	<p>a community worker to liaise with local organisations. Was agreed that was a good proposal and asked Chair to contact Alastair Rossetter to advise that ICC would be happy to join a discussion between the Church and other local groups</p>	
20	<p>Remembrance Sunday events</p> <p>Chair enquired if it would be possible to have a road closure at the Memorial at Mosstodloch at the time of the wreath laying. ICC to</p>	
21	<p>make application for road closure notice for 2018 event. Garmouth and Kingston Amenities Association do have a road closure for their wreath laying service.</p>	
	<p>JCC report</p>	
22	<p>AK as Chair of the JCC gave a report on the November, 2017, meeting, the first following the September, 2017, elections. Event was held in Elgin Town Hall and was attended by approximately 70 Community Councillors. Presentation given by the recently appointed Chief Inspector for Moray by Police Scotland, Maggie Miller. Commented that the best part of the meeting was the amount of networking that took place between new members, old and from across the whole fo Moray. Next JCC meeting would be in Council Chambers.</p>	
	<p>AOCB</p>	
23	<p>Paths for All Grant Money</p>	
	<p>Following the previous meeting the Sec had circulated information about a grant scheme promoted by Paths For All to apply for up to £3000.00 for communities to upgrade/improve/open path ways for better communication between communities and for a healthier life style. CD and NT had identified two paths which may be suitable for the grant funding. Both path routes crossed boundaries with Elgin CC. AK joined the discussion. Agreed that further research would be required to ascertain ownership of the paths and what work would be required to do. Agree that AK would ask a member of Elgin CC to liaise with ICC on the subject.</p>	
	<p>Petition to the Scottish Parliament on invasive non native salmon</p>	
24	<p>Sec explained that rivers in Scotland were no seeing large numbers of the Pacific Pink Salmon entering them and spawning. Explained that he had done some research and had submitted a draft Petition to the Scottish parliament asking for research to be done in to the problem. Said that the draft Petition had been returned for some additional information. Asked if ICC were</p>	

25	<p>happy for the Petition to be resubmitted in the name of ICC as we had two salmon river running through our area. Was agreed and Sec to circulate draft of final Petition before sub mission.</p> <p>Money for Moray</p> <p>AM and AK gave a brief summary of the Money for Moray event held in Lhanbryde Community Centre on Sunday, 3rd December, 2017. Of the 21 successful applicants, 18 received the full amount that they had applied for and one group received the balance of the fund. Over 130 members of the public attended the event to listen to each applicants two minute presentation and Q and A session. Councillor John Cowe, Convener of the Moray Council Economic Committee announced the winners.</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 6th February, 2018, within Lhanbryde Community Centre.</p>	
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Note: - Copies of previous Innes Community Council Meetings can be found on Moray Council website at http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_60780.html