

Innes Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Garmouth & Kingston Golf Club on

1st March 2023 @ 19.00hrs.

1. Sederunt: T. Christie (Chair), DG Mackay (secretary), C. Dunbar (Treasurer), J. Mackie, P. Fitch, A. Fettes, S. Anderson.
2. In Attendance: Clr. Marc Macrae (TMC), T. Cattenach, Nigel Sanderson (G & K Flood Warden), M. Cattenach, Ms. Carolyn Milne.
3. Apologies: None noted
4. Council Report: Clr. Macrae reported :
 - a. TMC Budget has been set. He does not believe that it will be popular. Council Tax will increase by 5 per centum, however he noted that TMC housing rents are the cheapest in Scotland, at the moment.
 - b. The Community Centre, Trinity Road, Elgin is still under threat of closure. TMC are waiting for one tenant to find alternative accommodation. He was not certain as to the building's future.
 - c. He supported ICC about an email to Police Scotland regarding safety on the highway at Belts Corner.
5. Minutes of Meeting held on 1.2.2. 23: Proposed as a true and accurate record by : P. Fitch, Seconded by : J. Mackie. (Unanimous)
6. Matters arising from # 5;
 - a. JM observed on Planning Awareness (1.2.23 #8) that the Church of Scotland are proposing to sell St. Andrew's Church in Lhanbryde, and building new premises near the Lhanbryde Challenge complex.
 - b. CD noted that TMC appeared to have drifted from the Local Plan by leaving out proposals for Portessie. Not ICC area, but relevant to policy of continuity)
7. Flood Prevention: It was noted that TMC have declared in their flood resilience plan that there is no identifiable structure in Garmouth & Kingston. By this statement they are not required to accept statements from residents, and will not accept reports not commissioned by TMC. Given previous years support, professional input and the relationship between the Roads Department and the Communities, this statement was regarded as inaccuracy verging on arrogance.
8. Treasurer's Report; The Treasurer apologised that he had not had time to compile an up to date report, but will do at the next meeting. He was asked if there were sufficient funds to provide an up to date, dedicated,

laptop for the Secretary, he confirmed that there is, and the meeting agreed that the Secretary and the Treasurer should discuss and execute. The subject of insurance for the ICC "drone" was discussed, and the Treasurer confirmed that it is covered by our overall generic policy. DM asked if that included it falling out of the sky and injuring an MoP. The Treasurer will check.

9. Correspondance;
 - a. Awareness of Firework Control protocols.
 - b. The "drone" operators licence is due to be renewed.
 - c. A pamphlet from AMEY, A96 maintenance, on how wonderful they are.
10. Planning: Secretary to prepare flier for posting in Mosstodloch regarding the Jones Sawmill extension and CES proposals for development to the west of the Community. The ICC feel that although both the aforementioned have held very poorly attended consultations at the Speymouth Hall, that the Community is not fully aware of the actual impact on both the Community and the Infrastructure. Particularly in light of a traffic survey being held on the Garmouth Road being taken when the Sawmill was in a state of much reduced intake. If the result of the survey is accepted as being a 'random' record, the ICC feel that this will not genuinely display the actual volume of HGVs, school traffic et al. at any Planning Committee meeting, and therefore and confirmation of applications will be seriously flawed.
11. River Spey, flood prevention: JM reported that he had received a communication from CES, that claimed vague admission work done by CES many years ago, may possibly have some unfortunate side effects. JM, AF, TC have responded to the communication with a detailed report of the 'allegedly' (CES) damaged area and the loss of 175 acres of workable farmland, trees and riverbank. (Inc G & K Golf Club course). In reference to the SEP proposal, JM confirmed that Beverly Smith, Head of Planning at TMC, would be treated as a new application, with appropriate costs. If SEP were to find 90% of funding costs (grants, donations etc) then CES might fund the balance of 10%.
12. AOCB:
 - a. Essil road: The leylandi hedge (south of Greylag) was severely damaged in storm Otto. TMC response appears to be some cones to warn motorists of the loss of edging at the roadside. The road is severely potholed and corrugated (because of roots) and where the hedge has blown down the supporting roadside has eroded. Question

asked is "who has responsibility for making the Hedge safe? TMC, CES or the tenant?. Clr. M. Macrae will enquire.

b. CD enquired if any of Moray was without power for more than 24hrs as a result of the Storm.CD made the ICC aware of an "unorthodox" group of volunteers offering hospitality training available through the medium of short courses.

13. There being no further business the Chair thanked all for attending and called the for next meeting to be held on 5th April 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in G & K Clubhouse.

DG Mackay

Secretary.