

Innes Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Lhanbryde Community Centre on

1st August 2023 at 7.30pm

1. Sederunt: T. Christie (Chair), S. Anderson (V. Chair), DG Mackay (Secretary), C. Dunbar (Treas.), P. Fitch, J. Mackie, A. Fettes, K. Henderson.
2. In Attendance: Cllr. Shona Morrison, (TMC), T. Cattenach
3. Apologies: Cllrs. M. Macrae, B. Williams.
4. Police Report : No PS presence, no recent CS report.
5. Council Report: Cllr. Morrison reported that Councillors are on Summer break and Committees will resume in mid August.
6. Minutes of Last Meeting: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2023 were held to be an accurate true Record; Proposed: K. Henderson, Second: S. Anderson. (Unanimous).
7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: a) (C. Dunbar) The JCC Carbon Group have been County wide on an awareness programme. They are also looking for a site to locate a Community Solar Farm. If successful, this would provide energy for the Community, with the surplus being sold to the Grid. A JCC Meeting will determine the exact status of the ZCG within the JCC portfolio. B) Jim Mackie has been in conversation with Alaister Kennedy (Chair JCC) concerning the proposed 'giant' pylon track through Moray. AK stated that JCC will be discussing this matter at their next Meeting.
8. Treasurer's Report: ICC has a balance of £1671.12 on account with the BoS. The Treasurer was informed that the cost of replacing the 'removed' Memorial flagpole (Merchant Navy) and ensign will be in the region of £140.00. The cost was approved, and the purchase proposed by K. Henderson, Second: J. Mackie. (unanimous). The Treasurer also agreed to the purchase of five Poppy wreaths, and a small cross (Fl.Sgt. May) for Remembrance Sunday .(Cost to be determined). Proposed: DG Mackay, Second : C Dunbar.
9. Correspondance: a) MDirect are holding a Meeting re Community energy, more info on TMC Web site. B) All other relevant mail previously circulated.
10. Planning Matters: None relevant to this Ward.
11. River: T. Christie report a 'recon.' Meeting with CES, Spey Salmon Fisheries Board, Nature Scotland and others in respect of what needs to be done, and what can be done concerning the area of the Spey from Newton to the mouth. There was general discussion, some input being less than welcome, and Members of the Speyside Environmental Partnership were disappointed with the lack of a direction towards an outcome. However, another Meeting proposal was not rejected. TC suggested that a further Meeting should have more 'firepower' in order to move forward.

JM reported that SEPA had shown a hesitant approval of Dr. Hamish Moir's proposals for works on the Spey at Essil. He has also studied thirty years worth of Moray Council papers on the River Spey, and discovered that the only official commissioned Report was by Royal Husquona in 2007. JM had also enquired about the need for planning permission, if Dr' Moir's plan were to be operational. His request was passed to the Planning Department for consideration. JM responded that this was not the point of the exercise, he was merely looking for a) Will planning permission be needed and b) if so, what will the cost factor be ? The response was "In the region of £10,000". As a direct result of this, JM has taken all the relevant headings from his research, and is looking for ICC and SEP to meet with the three elected Members for the Ward to have a discussion, after the Summer break. Clr. Morrison stated she was sure something could be arranged. JM also observed that it is the opinion of ICC/SEP that elected Members are not receiving the full information concerning the flood problems from their Officers. It was agreed that JM & DM should write to Nicola Moss, the Manager concerned, stating the fears and concerns of the two groups.

12. Mosstodloch 2040: TMC hosted a presentation in Speymouth Hall, to display a proposal for 500 homes, community facilities and small industrial units in the Village. Also a new spine road from Cowfords junction to the Garmouth Road. There is a closing date on representations of 28th August, DM said he would endeavour to organise a Meeting of the Community in Speymouth Hall in order that ICC could judge and make an assessment of concerns or approvals, in order to be able to present an informed representation to TMC. The 22nd August was suggested as a possible date.
13. Resilience: All current information about the forthcoming Meeting in Elgin has been circulated to Members.
14. TMC presentation on Kingston Beach (Speymouth Hall): Several ICC Members had attended this less than informative presentation. It was felt that the Consultant had not been given enough information except for Desk top history for his company to form any sort of accurate proposals. He appeared to unaware of the benefit to the Beach of forming a new river mouth, or of the vast amount of valuable local information available. ICC to comment to TMC on this.
15. AOCB: Despite earlier assurances that the Stynie road south of Newton would be made safe, it was noted that apart from the appearance of some cones, no work appears to have done in the area of Leylandi Hedge. Clr. Morrison assured ICC that she would make enquiries.
16. There being no further business, the Chair thanked Clr. Morrison for her attendance, and called for the next Meeting to be held in Urquhart Village Hall on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

David Mackay

Secretary