

Innes Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in G & K Golf Clubhouse.

1. Sederunt: T. Christie, (Chair), S. Anderson (Vice Chair), DG Mackay (Sec.) C. Dunbar (Treas.), P. Fitch, A. Fettes, J. Mackie.
2. In Attendance: Clr. M. Macrae, Mrs. F. Mackie, N. Sanderson, Mrs. A. Dunbar, Two m.o.p.
3. Apologies: Clr. Shona Morrison.
4. Police Report: None available.
5. Council Report: J. Mackie thanked Clr. Macrae for his prompt attention in having blocked surface water drains cleared by the roads department.
6. Public Session: nothing noted.
7. Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024. (This Meeting was not quorate, so the notes taken at the time were accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.) Proposed: P Fitch, Seconder: T.Christie. (Unanimous after explanation).
8. Matters arising; The Meeting accepted the proposal of a donation of £300.00 to the Speyside West Resilience Group for 'set up' funds. T. Christie recused himself from any discussion on the proposed Tiendland Windfarm project as he has a Conflict of interest. It was noted that there several Public Meetings occurring due to this proposal.
9. Correspondance; a) Guidance on Legacy Fundraising. b) TMC: Call for identification of rural sites for development. c) SPIF, International trends and developments re Public Access and Information. d) SSEN: Community Benefits programme. d) TMC: Pop Up public libraries: Suggestions for premises suitable for occasional book lending facilities. (Individual responses recommended re donation).
10. Treasurer's Report: No details to hand.
11. "Super Pylons": (Electrical grid pylons of 200 metres plus in height) no response to ICC queries. A general flyer had been received, and it is known that there are protest meetings being held in Strathspey.

12. Resilience: (See #8) Nigel Sanderson reported that he had been in contact with Portgordon Resilience Group. They will lend WSRG a 'resilience kit' for display purposes at the Maggie Fair. G & K Heritage Trust are giving WSRG space in their marquee for promotional purposes.

13. AOCB: J. Mackie explained that he has asked SEPA through an FOI for details on how they achieve the information that is the basis of their PVAs (Potentially Vulnerable Areas). Speyside Environmental Partnership are extremely concerned that the information gathered is purely a 'desk top' exercise, with no real foundation and the actual facts of any particular situation, and therefore any advice given by SEPA is flawed and unreliable. He is awaiting replies, which include questions about the severe damage to Kingston Shingle beach during the last notable storm.

Mrs. A Dunbar expressed concern to the ICC about the motocross track at Calcots, north of Elgin. Mrs. Dunbar cited noise pollution far in excess of legal limits, also the effect of mufflers being removed (to create more speed) therefore increasing the amount of fumes probably in excess of the legal limits. Cllr. Macrae responded that the site has permission, but would make enquiries. A suggestion was made to ask the RAF for 'unofficial help' as they regularly monitor the decibel levels at the camp. Mrs. Dunbar added that there are new housing developments in the immediate area, and she is sure that the 'weekend noise fest' would not be conducive to a domestic environment.

C. Dunbar informed the ICC about Nature Networks; these are pathways between areas of ecological interest. The basis is essentially a map of wildlife trails that may be affected by development, and should be part of consideration in the Planning Process.

C. Dunbar also informed the ICC that The Lossie Assoc. District Salmon Board is having problems raising funds, and is not hopeful for guaranteed fund funding in the future.

K. Henderson reported to ICC that James Jone & Sons, Sawmill, Mosstodloch appear to be creating more noise pollution, which will be greater as their development programme progresses. They do monitor the decibel levels, but does seem to have any audible effect.

There was a comment of Leylandi Hedges on Council property, and roadside, potentially threatening SSEN electric poles. Suggested that SSEN be contacted directly. (NB: Response from SSEN that possible/probable

problems are checked annually and remedial action taken. Planning permission is not required, only notification to the landowner.

14. There being no further business the Chair thanked all for attending, and their input. He reminded everyone that there is no meeting in July, and that the next Meeting will be held in the G & K Golf Clubhouse at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

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Secretary

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