

Innes Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held in Urquhart Hall on Tuesday

5th November 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

1. Sederunt: T. Christie (Chair), S. Anderson (Vice Ch.), DG Mackay (Secretary), C. Dunbar (Treasurer), P. Fitch, A. Fettes, J. Mackie.
2. Apologies: K. Henderson. Clrs. Ms S. Morrison, Ben Williams.
3. In attendance: T. Cattenach, Clr. M. Macrae, Ian & Chris Perkins, Ann Davidson (TSI) N. Sanderson (Speymouth West Resilience)
4. Public: Ann Davidson (Third Sector Interface), is part of TSi's team working with NESCAM to liaise with communities in order to raise awareness of Climate problems, and how communities can a) help themselves and b) and how to find support. One project which is proving to be useful in this issue are Climate Cafes. These are funded by TSI and are 'drop ins' so that residents can have coffee and discuss climate matters with skilled staff. Elgin has proven to be receptive, and TSI are happy for the idea to spread across the Moray Area. (Ann also works in Aberdeenshire with similar success.) One of the aims is to achieve nil gas or oil in communities. TC asked what the response had been like, and was told by Ann that either people have reacted positively, or don't really know what to say. JM pointed out that through SEP (and ICC) he had been approached by Ballater, Nairn and Dalwhinnie, and whilst their principal concern is flooding, it may be a path to have communities from a wider area involved. (Interesting point: Nairn is in Highland Council's remit, but on matters of flooding, TMC has responsibility).
5. Police:
6. Council: Clr. Macrae reported that TMC has received £38 M from the Scottish Government. Decisions regarding this will be made when the Scottish Government announce their interim budget on 12th December. JM made the point that TSG had announced that £170 M is to be made available for flood resilience. Clr. Macrae stated that the TMC would be presenting their Budgetary Proposals in St. Giles Kirk, Elgin shortly. In response to enquiries made by KH regarding the leylandii trees in Mosstodloch (between residential housing and Jones of Larbert's sawmill),

Clr. Macrae observed that TMC are investigating the issue, as not all the residences are social housing.

7. Minutes of last Meeting: These were proposed as a true and accurate record by : J. Mackie, seconded by : P.Fitch. (Unanimous)
8. Matters arising from # 7: A) TMC request for alterations (if any) to ICC's existing boundary. A proposal of two minor alterations has been sent a) re S.E Elgin and south of Inchberry, B) PF stated only ONE member of ICC had returned a time and cost report in the last month. He pointed out that unless ALL members respond, it is a wasted exercise. C) A recent RTA on the Mosstodloch bypass had proved the ineffectiveness of the diversion route put in place. Roads to the north and south of the Bypass were 'logjammed '.
9. Correspondence: All incoming emails (relevant) have been shared with ICC members.
10. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that the BoS will be instituting monthly and usage charges in December. This will involve a monthly service charge (£4.00) and a charge on all transactions. DM pointed out that Virgin are doing the same, but will not charge usage on less than transactions in any one calendar month. CD stated that if BoS do charge, the overall cost will be in the region of £70.00 per annum to ICC. (Non productive expense).
11. TMC - Tugnet Kingston shingle: TC reported that he and other ICC members had attended TMC's presentation of a proposal to move approx.. 700 -800tons of shingle rom Tugnet to an area of Kingston beach behind the Park and car park. The shingle would raise the Kingston beach over an area of approx. 600 yards by approx. 18". The scheme will be funded by a grant of £75K from TSG. JM explained how it is more than likely that the scheme will fail. (Tidal movement, spate, NE winds, natural erosion etc), qualifying his statement by an estimated loss of over 5000 tonnes shingle over the previous five years. It was pointed out that this is the first time in many years where TMC have consulted the public on proposals to address the flooding issue, and particularly as it is a 'physical' proposal rather than the usual computer model, which all appear to based on historic experience and are never actually based on the Spey.
12. Resilience: N. Sanderson reported that SWRG is applying for funding from TSI to buy solar panels and battery packs (For the tractor shed

and the Hub in order that there are potential charging points for the batteries, to be used in case of power outage etc.

The Group is in possession of two battery packs already. The objective being to be able to provide power for hot drinks, phone charging etc.

13. Pylons: General question ; where will the community benefit be aimed at during construction, given the volume of vehicles, access etc ?
14. Petition to TSG: The Petition having been accepted, JM has received notes of interest from Dalwhinnie, Ballater, Nairn and Deeside CCs. They have asked if they can support the Petition with submissions. These must be submitted by 13th November 2024.
15. SEP: CD observed that the Trust will need at least £500.00 per annum just to meet standard operational costs.
16. Leylandii, Stynie road: no further progress.
17. Remembrance Sunday: The wreaths have been received and were distributed amongst the nominated Members. (Lhanbryde, Urquhart, Garmouth & Kingston, Mosstodloch, Highlanders Memorial, Fl. Sgt. May)
18. Mink Traps: CD stated that the Lossie Men's Shed have made 70 mink traps, which are available to areas with a mink problem. Contact CD for details. He added that there is to be an event soon involving artisans and the River Lossie- contact him for details.
19. The Chair thanked all for attending, in particular Ann Davidson (TSI) and called the next Meeting for the 3rd December 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Library, Lhanbryde Community Centre.

DG Mackay

Secretary