

Innes Community Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting held in
Urquhart Village Hall on
Tuesday 1st April 2025.

1. Sederunt: T.Christie (Chair), S.Anderson (Vice Chair) DG Mackay (Sec), J. Mackie, K. Henderson, A.Fettes.
2. In Attendance: Clr. Ben Williams.,
3. Apologies: Clr. S. Morrison, Clr. M. Macrae, C. Dunbar (ICC Tres.)
4. Public Session - Nil.
5. Police Report: Comment was made that there have been no Reports on Community Crime for quite some time. DG Mackay advised that the email addresses held on record do not seem to function. New addresses had been given to J. Mackie. Neither worked. JM contacted Police Scotland Information. (They 'thought' that Elgin might be the local main office, if not, try Buckie). JM will continue enquiries. All agreed good interaction with PS is vital to safer communities.

Clr. Wiliams reported that TMC's Woodland Strategy is now available on line. He also said that the debate about mobile phones within educational establishments is on going.

6. Acceptance of (4.03.2025) Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record, Proposed by: A.Fettes, Seconded by : S. Anderson. (Unanimous)
7. Matters Arising from #4.03. 2025: Two typo. Errors, amended.
8. Treasurer's Report: As 4.3.2025. Sec. to ask Treasurer for £30.00 payment to G & K Golf club for use of premises.
9. Correspondence: As given by email.
10. Marypark Hydrogen App: JM gave a concise and condensed report on all he had discovered. All members of ICC have received copies of his correspondence on the subject. Fishing Groups have shown interest, but only within the confines of their own areas. The principal concern appears to be 'cause and effect' on the River Spey and it's environs. This includes the potential for heated outflow water entering the Spey, which is already vulnerable to rising heat levels due to the extraction of water,

falling mean levels and the amount of shingle now remaining in the river, instead of being washed out to sea. Rising water temperatures can affect many aspects of natural life, both animal and mineral, within the river. JM also reported that T.C., A.F, DM, Himself and others had attended a presentation by the Applicants in G & K Golf Club House. (at the behest of ICC). It was apparent that the Applicants had not considered effect beyond the immediate geographic area of the proposed site. They did not, it appeared, have seriously considered the impact of twenty four H.G.V's impact on the stretch of the A95, which is the most notoriously 'bottleneck section of the road. JM concluded that he is monitoring the situation.

11. ICC proposed that a Letter of Observation be submitted to , setting out the concerns of ICC. Proposed: DG Mackay, Seconded : A. Fettes. (Unanimous). JM observed that the Speymouth Environmental Partnership (ICC has members on it's Board.) would be (adopting a similar procedure. It was noted that the time allowed for submissions was inadequate for 'observers' to gather required information. TMC to be approached for an extension. (Addendum: Granted 7 days.)
12. Tiendland: Nothing to Report.
13. Pylons: Ditto. It is reported that the developer has started making boreholes on the proposed track sites,
14. VE Day, 8th May, The Treasurer has purchased three lamp post signs and two flags (Marking the occasion) to be shared amongst the larger settlements with War Memorials prior to the event. There is a ceremony in Elgin, but no other local events are noted.
15. Community Benefit: JM reported on his findings regarding how a Community 'Cooperative', would require interest from local groups, outwith ICC's area, but within the radius of green energy schemes to be involved. JM and DM agreed to 'sound out' potential partners. The greater the involvement, with proposals, would enhance a submission to Scottish Land Bank (for example) for funding.
16. The Chair thanked all for attending, and called the next Meeting for the 6th May 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in Urquhart Village Hall.

DG Mackay

Secretary.