## Innes Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on $2^{nd}$ September 2025 In G & K Golf Club House at 7.30 p.m.

- 1, Present: T. Christie (Chair), S. Anderson (V. Chair) DG Mackay (Sec.) C. Dunbar (Treas.), A. Fettes, P. Fitch, J. Mackie.
- 2. In Attendance: T. Cattenach, N. Sanderson (G K C A Resilience), Ian & Glam Proctor, D. Metcalf.
- 3. Apologies: Clrs: S. Morrison, M. Macrae, B. Williams, K. Henderson (ICC).
- 4. TMC Matters: No Councillors present.
- 5. Public Session; Nil
- 6. Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025. Proposed: J.M., seconded: P.F. (Unanimous)
- 7. Matters Arising from #6; a) Has there been a response from Police Scotland? Yes, Insp. Neil Morrison had responded, further contact to be made. B) Any information on Essil road closure? Yes, Clr. Macrae intimated, after consultation with TMC officers, no action until early 2026. (Maybe.) c) The SG have made a submission in connection with Petition 2159. ICC submission in response in progress. D) Loch Oire: Chris has had a response from TMC, with interest shown by R. Lochhead MSP. Not progress, but a step forward.
- 8. Correspondence: ICC Members had been kept abridged of correspondence by email. Recent post has included info. Pertaining to grants available for changing rooms/ toilets etc.

- 9. Treasurer; The Treasurer presented ICC with accounts balanced up to July 31<sup>st</sup>. (One cheque et be presented). Members pointed out that ICC use Excel for accounts, whereas TMC appears to use word, this causes problems in print presentation. The Treasurer agreed that he would have a full presentation of the ICC accounts for the October Meeting, being the last sitting of this ICC until after the CC Elections. Present accounts were accepted and proposed by DM, Seconded; TC.
- 10. The completed submission to TSG was presented to Members, it was agreed as being a good response, proposed for submission by : DM, Seconded by ; JM
- 11. Tiendland: JM has attended a meeting in Inchberry Hall, hosted by Clr .Ross of Speyside. Clr. Ross had explained that it was not a protest meeting, but he would like to help residents with concerns about the windfarm, and how to deal with letters of objection they might want to send TMC, Planning Dept. JM observed that TSG has no proscribed policy on procedure of applications by windfarm developers. All agreed that current Planning Application research procedures are inadequate, do not involve communities enough, and can be open to abuse or 'sharp practice'. ICC also expressed concern at the lack of 'follow on' procedures ,re windfarms, as to acceptable restoration of land, removal of 'defunct' equipment et al.
- 12. Water Shortage: Quality of grain yield, reduced available groundwater, low river water causing fungal infection of salmon stocks. Greatly increased hazard of wild fires.
- 13. Merchant Navy Memorial; It was suggested that a small memorial plaque be sited near the flagpole explaining the 'raison d'etre.' Al. Monkman has offered to have an acquaintance engrave slat F.O.C., PF

offered good quality slate and CD offered to source Moraystone for a base. (Agreed by all.).

14. AOCB: a) NS reported that he is hopeful of a grant application for solar panels. (To be installed in Garmouth Park to charge the emergency batteries). B) CD noted that Police Scotland has an officer who liaises directly with TMC co-ordination group. C) In answer to the question about 'the lonely beaver' sited at the Spey Viaduct, it would appear that the male beastie had made the long journey from the colony in Speyside, possibly during a spate, and was on his own. D) JM informed the Meeting that it his understanding that TMC intends to lower speed limits on all roads by 10 m.p.h. (except where existing reduced limits are in place), including trunk roads. The entire meeting agreed that there is no advantage to this action, except possibly in places such as Alves, or Fogwatt. All agreed that commercially this would be a back word move, slowing down delivery times, creating greater tail backs on trunk roads than already exist, and result in greater fuel consumption because of great gear useage.

15. Before the Chair closed the Meeting, DM observed that the CC elections are held at the end of October, he advised all those who wish to stand again to fill in the application forms before the end of September. On that basis, it was suggested that the October Meeting be brought forward to 30<sup>th</sup> September. This would allow the Secretary and Treasurer to close off the current ICC, in such a way that the new ICC can continue with prepared accounts and a workable AGENDA .16. The Chair then thanked all for attending, and called the next Meeting for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30p. m. in G & K Golf Club House. (Confirmed - Sec.)

DG Mackay, Secretary.