Innes Community Council

Notes of the meeting of Innes Community Council held on Tuesday 5^{th} March 2013 in Urquhart Parish Hall, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Sandy Anderson Vice Chair

Peter Bush Secretary

Lansana Bangura Anne Speake

John Third Treasurer

In Attendance: Cllr Margo Howe

Officer Grampian Police

Donna McClean Moray Council Emergency Planning Officer
Anita Milne Note taker

John Fensome Paul Ralph Billy Seivewright

Apologies: David Mackay Chair

James Mackie Cllr Douglas Ross

Number	Discussion	Action
1	<u>Welcome</u>	
	Peter Bush tendered the Chair's apologies. In his absence the Vice Chair, Sandy Anderson, took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2	Police Report	
, ,	The police report for the Fochabers policing area was presented to the meeting. During the period 4 February to 2 March 2013 a total of 11 crimes had been reported, relating to vandalism, assault, road traffic offences and crimes of dishonesty.	
	The new non emergency number for contacting the police was launched on 21 February 2013. The number is 101 and will replace the vast number of existing police force non emergency numbers, including Grampian Police's 0845 600 5 700 number.	
3	Comments/Concerns of the Community	
	Damage being caused to the Lein in Kingston by drivers of 4 x 4 vehicles was highlighted, particularly vehicles that are towing. Much of the damage	

is being caused on Friday and Saturday nights by vehicles coming from the Lossiemouth direction. Before the police can take action they required the numbers of the vehicles.

4. <u>Moray Council Emergency Planning Presentation</u>

Donna McClean, Emergency Planning Officer, explained her role within the Moray Council and provided a handout to those present. The Council, together with its community planning partners, such as the police, fire and rescue service and NHS Grampian, have a number of emergency plans in place to deal with major incidents within Moray, and it is hoped that communities would be interested in producing their own resilience plans to deal with emergencies that may occur within their own localities. Donna also handed out an example of such a plan drawn up by a Community Council in the Scottish Borders.

Donna could assist communities in drawing up their own risk assessments.

Residents from Kingston were particularly concerned due to coastal erosion in the area and urged Donna to go back to the Heads of the Emergency Services and ask them to sit down with the residents to tell them what arrangements were in place for emergency evacuation procedures.

There being no further comments or questions, the Acting Chair thanked Donna for her presentation.

5. Moray Councillors' Reports

Cllr Margo Howe reported that the Council was awaiting a report on the options available for work on Kingston Beach and this should be available for the Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 12 March 2013. Peter Bush advised that a Sub Committee of ICC had been formed in respect of this matter.

The details of the Moray Council's Administration's budget had been widely publicised, and Cllr Howe reported that the Chair of Economic Development and Infrastructure had confirmed that despite the reduction in funding for bus subsidies no bus routes will be stopped until a suitable alternative was put in place.

This ended the public session of the meeting.

Community Council Session

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th February 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2013, having been

previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Lansana Bangura and seconded by Anne Speake.

2. <u>Matters Arising:</u>

Treasurer/Banking Forms

Peter advised that as yet he had not been able to get to the bank to obtain the forms necessary to amend the details of the Treasurer.

Moray Rural Bus

Concern was expressed that no consultation had taken place during the information giving/workshops on the Council's budget concerning the reduction in bus subsidies, and this could particularly affect rural communities. 2014 is the Year of Tourism in Scotland and the lack of public transport to the rural communities could have a major impact on the economic recovery within Moray.

John Third reported on his attendance at the latest Moray Forum Transport Working Group's Passenger Forum which had concentrated on patient transport for medical appointments, particularly hospital appointments. The speakers were from the Scottish Ambulance Service, the recently launched Transport for Hospital Appointments Information Centre and the Red Cross.

Anita Milne, having been given permission to speak by the Acting Chair, advised that Age Scotland were currently undertaking a campaign on transport, particularly for older people in rural areas. Age Scotland have been canvassing their membership to see if they would object to the age of obtaining a bus pass rising from 60 to 65 – apparently the amount saved could make a considerable difference if invested in community transport schemes. Age Scotland were also asking if people would mind making a small contribution say £1.00 or 50p for each journey they made, or alternatively made an up-front payment for their concessionary pass.

Kingston – Beach Road – Drainage

Anne Speake advised that as there had been less rain of late the problem with the drainage had not been so prevalent. However, the situation still needed resolving.

Spey Bridge

Lansana Bangura agreed to contact Ken Kennedy about the problem with the bridge.

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	NHS Grampian	
	No report.	
3.	<u>Kingston Beach</u>	
	As mentioned earlier, a Sub Committee had been formed and Peter Bush advised that the first meeting was scheduled for 20 March 2013.	
4.	Brown Muir Sub Committee	
	It was agreed to leave this item to the next meeting.	
5.	Community Safety	
	The issue of poor parking in Lhanbryde was raised and John Third agreed to send photographs he had taken to Cllr Margo Howe, as this issue had also been raised with her by another local community organisation.	
6.	<u>Correspondence</u>	
	Peter detailed the correspondence that had been received.	
7.	Other Business	
	ICC Website – Lansana Bangura and John Third still had to meet to look at	LB/JT
	this issue.	
	Next Meeting	
	2 nd April 2013 in Urquhart Parish Hall.	