

Innes Community council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2013
Lhanbryde Community Centre.

Community Councillors Present: Sandy Anderson Chair,
Mark McClelland-Jones, James Mackie, John Fettes, Peter Gordon Smith,
Winifred Linn Liz Bodman, Lansana Bangura, Anne Speake.
In Attendance Peter Bush act Secretary, Pc Mike Harvey, Margo Howe TMC,
Douglas Ross TMC.

Apologies None.

Sandy opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the first meeting.

1. Police report.

For the period 23 September 2013 to 26 October 2013, a total of 21 crimes were recorded in the Fochabers Policing Section.

These crimes related to Assault, Thefts, Road Traffic Offences, Vandalisms and anti-social behaviour offences. To date the offenders have been identified in 14 of these crimes. Of the remaining 7 crimes, 5 have positive lines of enquiry.

Over the above period there have been a further three vandalisms in the Lhanbryde area which are suspected to have been committed by local youths. In view of this efforts are being put in place to have regular mobile and foot patrols in the areas in an attempt to deter any further incidents. Anyone who has had any similar issues are urged to report the matter to Police Scotland.

During the months of September and October there has been an increase in the number of rural thefts. This has included tools and farm equipment. Police Scotland are urging members of the public to secure their property, where possible, and to report any suspicious persons or vehicles seen in the area.

Police Scotland investigated two fires on farmland on the Lhanbryde to Garmouth road near to Muir of Lochs. On both occasions there were fires which damaged a large number of straw / hay bales and on the second occasion included a large storage shed.

Anyone with any information on the crimes mentioned above and any crimes in the Fochabers Policing Area should contact the Police Scotland on 101, Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 or call in person at the Fochabers Police Office.

PARKING PROBLEMS IN LHANBRYDE

Letter received from Innes Community Council via Moray Council regarding parking issues in Lhanbryde. All local officers have been made aware of the reports and will afford attention to the area when duties permit. This situation will be monitored over the coming months.

During October a number of persons were warned regarding their inconsiderate parking in the area around St Andrews Road. Enforcement action will follow if the warnings are not heeded.

2. Public Submissions.

None

3. Moray Councillors Reports.

Douglas Ross raised the Garmouth speed limit of 20mph, he had proposed at the Economic and Development and Infrastructure Committees last meeting. The proposal was lost 7 to 4. The ED and I Committee felt that due to the nature of the Garmouth roads no speed limit was required. Lansana replied that where he lives, the traffic using the Garmouth to Lhanbryde road was a danger for youngsters crossing the road.

Margo Howe mentioned that the licensing fees are to be reviewed in December.

4. Community Council Session.

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Prop James Mackie Seconder Mark McClelland-Jones.

5. Matters Arising.

Item 5 Youth representation. Mark raised the question of youth representation. Anne mentioned a name who was very good at a public meeting a young lady, who spoke up and gave her views, would be a good candidate. Douglas Ross said he knew of the young lady in question and would get back to the secretary. The secretary said he would contact the girl and ask her if she would be interested. PB to Action

Item 11. Anne raised the matter about the Muslim Community referring to letters of support to help the CAT process. Lansana replied 1 or 2.

6. Co-option of Peter Bush to Innes Community Council

Peter B was asked to leave the room whilst a discussion took place. Peter B was co-opted onto the Community Council.

Proposed by Sandy Anderson Seconded by Anne Speake.

7. Items for Discussion.

a) Lhanbryde Newsletter, Liz told the meeting that Lhanbryde had a newsletter and it would be a good idea if the community council had a mention in it.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that Liz would write a brief mention of the CC mentioning Office bearers and also the dates of the next 6 meetings.

b) Venues for future Meetings. December 3rd 2013 Lhanbryde. February 2014 Lhanbryde.

March 2014 to June 2014 Urquhart Village Hall.

August 2014 to November 2014 Garmouth Village Hall. Sec to book.

c) Review of Subgroups. Kingston Beach.

The secretary opened the discussion for a review of the Kingston Beach Subgroup, stating that as there had been no meetings since April and that there had been no minutes from that meeting since March that the subgroup should be shut down.

James asked the Chairman's permission to give a give a brief outline of what has been happening recently to the beach. James passed around a précis and pictures on coastal erosion/flooding, and opened his remarks that fish stocks of the Lien had been destroyed. He was interrupted by Peter Gordon Smith describing that statement as "utter rubbish" in view of the large number of sea birds and divers that could be seen feeding throughout the year.

At this point the Chairman warned Mr Gordon Smith about his behaviour and Mr Gordon Smith accordingly deferred to the authority of the chair.

Winifred referred to some notes she had taken at the last Sub group meeting which had been well attended making reference to the fact that there was a major argument between the facilitator and a member of the subgroup.

Douglas Ross asked the chair if he could make a suggestion, he said that it might be a good idea for the Sub group to be closed and the Kingston beach be a fixed agenda within the Community Council.

The Meeting agreed that the Sub Group be closed and that Kingston beach be put on the Agenda as a fixed item.

This was proposed by Peter Gordon Smith Seconded by Liz Bodman.

Mark suggested that the Kingston Beach be renamed Coastal Matters.

d) Brown Muir.

It was agreed that Brown Muir wind farm, although there was no planning application on this matter yet, it should be placed on the agenda as a fixed item.

e) Letters written on behalf of Community Council and sub groups protocol and formulae.

The Secretary raised the issue of Letters being written on behalf of the Community Council and subgroups on Community Council headed note paper without authorisation of the CC.

An Agreement was reached whereas all letters written by Community Councillors and sub groups must be authorised by the Full CC.

8. JCC Representatives

The secretary raised the need for two named representatives to attend JCC meetings. It was felt by the meeting that any one from the CC can attend the JCC meetings. It was agreed that the Secretary and Mark would attend the next meeting to be held on November the 14th.

9. Adoption of a Constitution.

The Model Constitution was adopted by the meeting.

10. Planning issues.

Liz stated that she had received 3 weeks of planning applications; Douglas Ross mentioned that this also happened with the Moray Councillors.

Mark raised the point that would it not be better if the weekly planning notices were sent out to all CCs. Liz said that she looked at each planning application and any that need further investigation would be sent out to the CCs.

Mark suggested a folder with the planning applications be made available and put on the table at each meeting.

This was agreed.

11. Joint Community Council of Moray.

The Secretary had circulated the JCC minutes, there were no matters discussed.

12. Treasurers report.

Mark stated that with the new Council Grant received there was £

Mark asked who should the Signatories be and how many? The meeting agreed that the Office bearers should be the Signatories.

Mark asked what format the report be, the meeting stated a simple statement would be fine.

13. Correspondence.

The Secretary had two items of correspondence that had been received today;

Scottish Veterans fund, and a letter about Lhanbryde car Parking. Both were noted and filed. All other correspondence had been circulated.

14. AOCB

The Secretary raised the issue vehicles driving over the green recreation area that is situated in the Spey Walk area. Paving slabs are getting broken up.

Mark gave a brief out line of tsiMoray, and stated it might be a good idea for The Innes Community Council to be a member of the Organisation. Mark said the shop window can be used free for advertising. After a brief discussion it was agreed by all that the ICC should join.

Date and Time of the next meeting. December 3rd 1900 Ian Baxter room
Lhanbryde Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 2032.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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