

# Innes Community council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday May 6th 2014

Urquhart Village Hall.

Community Councillors Present John Fettes Chairman

Peter Bush Secretary. Liz Bodman, Peter Gordon Smith, Winifred Linn, Lansana Bangura, James Mackie, Sandy Anderson.

In attendance. PCs. Anita Milne, Michael Reid, Lennox CC. Paul Ralph, Margo Howe MC Douglas Ross MC

Apologies Mark McClelland-Jones.

John welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 1. Public Submissions.

Nicky McKay from NESCU. Gave an informative talk on the benefits of Credit Unions and the work of Nescu in the Grampian area as well as Moray. They have a Collection point in Elgin. She mentioned the help they gave for purchasing white goods carpeting and budgeting. A short question and answer session followed.

## 2. Reports.

- **Police report.**

There was no police report two Pcs from the Lossiemouth Police area attended briefly and asked was there any concerns that needed to be mentioned.

Anne Speake was concerned about speeding in the Kingston and Garmouth area. This would be reported back and looked into.

- **Moray Councillors**

Douglas Ross gave a brief report from the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee that was held today regarding the Proposed Consolidation of Speed limits in Garmouth and Kingston. The new recommendation is 40mph coming down to 30mph, Douglas said that he

mentioned the 20mph limit that was raised a few months back. He has asked for this to be looked at again.

Margo Howe. Mentioned she had received some information about Self Directive that is going to be spread out across Moray, except for ward 4 which is the Lhanbryde – Fochabers ward. Margo said she will find out more.

- **Treasurers report.**

Liz reported the Moray Administration grant of £481 had been received and the total in the bank was now £1933. 80p.

Liz mentioned there was an outstanding cheque dated September 2013 to Urquhart that had not been cashed, Liz asked the meeting if it was ok for her to resolve this with Urquhart Village hall, this was agreed.

- **Community Reports**

- Kingston and Garmouth Amenities. None
- Milnes Neighbourhood Forum. None
- Lhanbryde Challenge. None
- James Mackie Memorial Trust. Jim pointed out that the proper title to this organisation was The James A Mackie Memorial Trust. This was noted.

- **JCC reports.**

Nothing to report.

### **3. Community Council session.**

Peter B had received an email from Anita Milne saying she would be attending the meeting, but was unable to take any minutes due to her arm still being in a sling. Peter B said that as he had taken the minutes since February, he did not see the need for a minute secretary and that he would be willing to carry on taking minutes. This was agreed by the majority of the meeting.

Peter B also pointed out that during the Community Council session, observers could stay but not participate in the session.

- **April 1st Minutes.**

- *PGS read out a letter from Mr. Roddy Burns (CEO Moray Council) forwarded to all Kingston residents by Mr. Angus Robertson MP. In his letter Mr. Burns refuted in detail the claims made by Mr. JM Mackie in a letter to the "Northern Scot" that "Kingston was cut off for three hours, and emergency vehicles were unable to get there". Mr. Burns stated categorically that the emergency services had the vehicles, equipment, personnel & training to reach Kingston had the situation demanded it.*  
Liz pointed out that on Page 4 Brown Muir there was a mistake which should have read: - Liz disagreed with Jim's comment as regardless of a mandate we are statutory consultees and are entitled to look at the planning issues raised by the application. Obviously public opinion would be a great help in determining our overall opinion.

#### 4. Matters arising.

- **Schools review.**

Peter B and Winn Linn gave a brief report on the Schools review held at Milnes High School on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Peter B mentioned there was a Parents support meeting to be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Gordon Arms.

PB said he could make the 14<sup>th</sup> Winn Linn said she would like to attend the meeting with PB.

This was agreed by the meeting. Anne Speake said she would like to play a part in the consultation, but could not make the May 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting. This was also agreed by the meeting.

- **Moray Proposed Development Plan**

Peter B and John attended a Development Plan exhibition at the Fochabers Institute on the 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Peter B said, he was disappointed that the Plan had not been developed around schools and medical practices. Douglas said he agreed with these views. Douglas said that the original plan was basically set up around schools etc., but with the schools review running over time, the plan had to be got out.

- **Outside Interests.**

Peter B thanked everyone who had sent in outside interests, he had not received any from Anne or Lansana, Anne gave hers, and Lansana said he had none.

Douglas stated that this was an unusual action by a Community Council, if anyone had a conflict of interest they normally would declare it.

Liz asked if Councillors on the Community Council would receive a copy of the list, Jim said no it was agreed at the last meeting the list would be held by the Secretary.

Peter B said he was concerned that a member of the Community Council had attended Lennox Community Council as a representative of Innes to promote another organisation, Jim had attended a Lennox CC meeting on Jan 29<sup>th</sup> to promote The James A Mackie Memorial trust. After a discussion, Jim stated there had been an error and that he would sort it out.

Peter GS asked the meeting if he could read out a list of directors of the James A Mackie Memorial Trust, Jim stated that this was of no concern of the Community council and was a private matter.

## 5. Consultations.

- **Moray Proposed Development Plan.**

Anne asked if it were possible for her to have a look at the folder being circulated by the CC.

John said that there were concerns with the plan as regarding Garmouth and that the Amenities had received objections about the plan, and would appreciate a letter of support from the ICC, this was agreed.

## 6. Items for discussion.

- **Statement from the ICC regarding a Letter from the James A Mackie Memorial Trust that is circulating around the Communities.**

Peter B suggested this item should be withdrawn from the agenda as there had been so much controversy during the meeting so far. Jim opposed this. Peter B read out the statement. Jim once again said this was a private matter, this was challenged as other organisations had received the letter addressed to a councillor.

After a very verbal debate. It was decided to move to the next item on the Agenda.

- **Community Council Assets.**

Peter B raised the matter of charts that were purchased by the old Innes Community Council on behalf of the Kingston Beach sub group in May 2013, as the Sub group had closed it was felt that the Charts were the property of the New Innes Community Council and should be returned as suggested by Para 15 of the Constitution.

Jim stated that the Charts went missing at the Garmouth Golf Club at a meeting, Jim said he would pay for the charts.

As the meeting had overran its designated time and it was decided to close the meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> as Peter B was away on holiday, and as there was no meeting in July this would break the 2 months into equal parts.

The meeting closed at 2103.

Date of next meeting June 17<sup>th</sup> Urquhart Village Hall. 1900hrs

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Chair

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Secretary

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