

Innes Community council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday June 17th 2014

Urquhart Village Hall.

Community Councillors Present John Fettes Chairman

Peter Bush Secretary. Liz Bodman, Peter Gordon Smith, Winifred Linn,

In attendance. PCs. Margo Howe MC Douglas Ross MC

Apologies Sandy Anderson and Anne Speake.

John welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Before the meeting started Peter B mentioned that the meeting would be recorded and has anyone got any objections. None was raised.

1. Public Submissions.

None

2. Reports.

- **Police report.**

There was no police report.

- **Moray Councillors**

None

- **Treasurers report.**

Liz reported that the Balance was the same, as last month. Lhanbryde Hall had decided to waiver the late payment fee.

The cheque for Urquhart from September 2013 has not come to light, Liz will pay the current account for recent hall hires, and pay a new cheque for September 2013.

Peter G S asked if Jim Mackie been invoiced for the Admiralty Charts that went missing in Garmouth golf Club, Liz said yes she had invoiced him, but has not heard anything as yet.

- **JCC reports.**

Peter B gave a brief report on the May 8th meeting. He said they had three interesting presentations, Wendy Johnson gave a very good presentation on tele healthcare, describing a wide arrangement of equipment that can help disabled adults and persons at risk live safely and independently. Moray Resource Centre has two rooms kited out for potential users to view. Wendy is recruiting responders throughout Moray to help support vulnerable people in their community, Community Councils can help by promoting this initiative in their areas. Peter B suggested we could have Wendy do a presentation at a future meeting

Lorna Bernard gave a brief presentation on Living it up pilot, part of “delivering assisted Life style at scale”, a national scheme to support those with disabilities and health conditions, particularly those over 50s.

Jimmy Green spoke about living better with chronic conditions, including using technology, he is keen to share his experiences and help other people source bespoke solutions.

If anyone is interested in these presentations I can let you have the links to them.

Community Reports

- **Kingston and Garmouth Amenities.**

The Maggie fair comes up on the 28th of the June, Peter |B wondered if we could have a table there to promote the Community Council, as he believed they did last year. It was felt by the members that not a lot of use would come out of it, the information is going out about the ICC through the distribution of minutes.

John said the G & K Amenities were looking at a notice board and maybe the ICC could have a look at sharing this.

Peter B said there is a need for notice boards around the community, this is something we can discuss at a future meeting.

3. Community Council session.

John read out a letter from Anita Milne, regarding the May 6th meeting, John proposed that the Letter should be circulated around the members of the ICC. Peter B seconded this.

- **May 6th Meeting minutes.**

Peter Gordon Smith asked where the amendment in the minutes.

Peter B said the amendment was Anne Speake had been left off the attendees on the original Minutes.

Margo Said she had a correction on page 2 It say says Self directive, it should say self-directed support. Margo added that she managed to get a Self-directed support meeting at Lhanbryde and she did not know how much it was supported, she is waiting for Anita Milne to get back to her.

Proposed with amendments Peter GS seconded Win Linn

4. Matters arising.

- **Schools review.**

Winn Linn gave a brief report on the Parents Support meeting held at the Gordon Arms on May 14th this meeting was held to set up and Action Committee and was well attended. It was decided at the meeting to set up a petition, write letters and to put banners up over the area.

Winn also attended the Public Meeting held at the Fochabers Institute on May 19th.

It was decided that Winn would write letters out lining our objection to the closure of Milnes High School to the Council and to the Press.

Peter B would contact the Save Milnes High School action group to see what the latest position is.

5. Consultations.

- **Moray Proposed Development Plan.**

Liz had written a letter of support regarding the objections of residents in the Garmouth area to the Garmouth and Kingston Amenities.

6. Items for discussion.

- **Voice recorder.**

Peter B proposed the ICC should purchase a voice recorder to record meetings to assist with minute taking.

This was agreed by the meeting.

- **Kingston Beach.**

John asked Douglas and Margo was there any progress on the Kingston beach. Douglas said discussions between the residents and the council were ongoing.

- **Mark.**

Liz asked had we heard anything from Mark, as his 16 month's leave of absence was up now, she was only asking as she is covering the treasurer's job.

Peter B had emailed Mark just before last month's meeting, and had received a reply saying he is away working in Aberdeen. Peter B will write to mark to see what the position is.

7. Information.

- **Planning Issues.**

Liz reported that there was nothing to report on the current plans.

Douglas mentioned that the 9 houses we had objected to at Darklands had now been reduced to 4.

- **Correspondence.**

Peter B said there were two items of correspondence.

He read a letter from Docherty Consultations limited regarding the Brown Muir Wind Farm – Progress Update.

The planning application will be submitted after the Moray Council Summer holiday period.

Once the application has been submitted to the council ICC will be provided with an electronic copy on CD.

The second letter was regarding funding from the Climate Challenge Fund.

They are offering grants to Community Groups of £150,000 per project.

The CCF provides funding for community groups to run projects that reduce local carbon emissions, helping to tackle climate change and improve their community.

8. AOCB.

Liz stated her concerns about the state of the Community Council, it appears that the Council is split in two, she said that she has studied the articles of the James A Mackie memorial trust and can see there is not a lot of difference between the aims of the CC and the Trust, surely we can join together in a common cause. Liz said maybe one idea is Litter Picking, If we could act as a group and let people see us working in the community this might help. Margo thought this was a good idea and that the Moray Council supplies the picking sticks bags and can arrange pick up points for the bags.

Peter G S mentioned that there was a new manager for the Scottish Wild life Trust, he is based in Inverness. Peter also said at the moment there is no warden based in the area.

The meeting closed at 19 55

Date of next meeting August 5th Garmouth Village Hall. 1900hrs

Chair

Secretary

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