

Invergordon Community Council

Monthly Meeting – Minutes of Meeting

3rd March 2021 7pm

(Teams Virtual Meeting)

Present: Sally Northern (SN), Mhairi Stirling (MS) (Vice - Chair), Lesley Alexander (LA) (Treasurer), John Kennedy (JK) (Secretary), James Collier (JC) and Sandra Craveiro (SC).

Also in attendance: Cllr Mike Finlayson (MF) and Cllr Pauline Munro (PM)

Members of the public: Chris Grant (AbilityNet)

1- Welcome and Apologies:

Helen Ross (HR) – Senior Ward Manager for the Highland Council, Cllr Maxine Smith (MS), Cllr Carolyn Wilson (CW) and Adam Jones (AJ).

2- Minutes of last Meeting (3rd of February 2021):

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by John Kennedy and seconded by James Collier.

3- Police Report:

Received by email and forwarded to ICC members. The report was read out at the meeting.

4- Treasurer's Report:

Current account balance is of £2929.47.

LA requested HC to tally up ICC costs related to Anderson Centre. However, no reply was yet received. **Action:** Cllr Pauline to request info to HC.

5- Beinn Tharsuinn Application:

Application from Abilitynet was discussed and the applicant Chris Grant answered several questions from ICC members. More details about the application were requested. **Note:** Chris Grant, short after the meeting, communicated by email the wish to not continue with his application to the fund.

6- Highland Councillors Business:

Communication from Cllr Smith as follows:

- Need to consider how to raise money for new Xmas motifs.
- New electric car charging point going into council car park beside Church of Scotland.
- Park Primary School no other update yet. Awaiting structural engineer going on site maybe end of week. Bell tower had to be made safe.
- We have council budget on Thursday full day on council virtual meeting. Hoping for some funding award to deprived areas to assist post Covid.
- I'm working on getting a lunch club two days a week for the elderly at social club. We had one years ago but money ended. I'll keep you informed.
- Still working on upgrading playparks in our ward. Saltburn which is nearby. Replacing the net in Caberfeidh park. On hold due to Covid.

7- Planning & Licensing:

Three new applications were received. No comments were raised.

8- Correspondence:

- Community Resilience Group: updates from NHS, Food support and some helpful links shared.
- Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan – Publication of Main Issues Report - Consultation - Starts 29 January 2021 – until 1st of April: www.highland.gov.uk/imf
- Port of Cromarty Firth (PoCF) Community Meeting: next due to happen in April or May. Meetings will now take place after 17h30, so more people can attend.
- Scotland's Town's Partnership: Funding – newly added funds with deadlines approaching.

A.O.B.

- Update about Anderson Centre: Confirmation from HC is still awaited. Action: Cllr Pauline will seek information from HC.
- Strathroy WindFarm
ICC took part in a roundtable meeting on the 24th of February with Energiekontor, Strathroy Windfarm Project. It was suggested a meeting between Community Councils to discuss an agreement on the distribution of the community fund.
- Gulls nesting issues: gull nursery reduction scheme is dependent on funding, expected to be implement in 2022. Locals are being asked to not feed the gulls and to report related problems to Cllr MS and/or directly to HC. **Action:** ICC to help finding support and raise awareness about the importance of not feeding gulls.
- Community Groups: ICC is looking to build links to community groups and keep a two ways communication on projects, such as updates and potential ways to overcome any related challenges. **Action:** ICC will be contacting community groups going forward.
- Dog fouling: several concerns were raised about related incidents. These should be reported to HC. **Action:** ICC to raise awareness and seek among community.
- Youth Development: contacts are still ongoing with their officer.
- Website: ICC is looking to ways of renewing the website. This will be reviewed in a few months' time with the potential to cancel.

Meeting finished at 20h30.

Any matters needing to be raised please contact: ccinvergordon2019@gmail.com

Date of the next ICC meeting: 07/04/2021 @ 7 pm