

Invergordon Community Council

Monthly Meeting – Minutes of Meeting (Draft)

7th April 2021 7pm
(Teams Virtual Meeting)

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

Joining the meeting at 8:10pm: Cllr Maxine Smith (MS).

1- Welcome and Apologies:

Apologies – None Received.

Action: Draft of Meeting Minutes will now be published as a 'draft' prior to the approval on meeting, to allow people to have a more updated and relevant info.

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

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record by John Kennedy and seconded by Mhairi Stirling.

- Anderson Center – ICC is still waiting for Highland Council (HC) to confirm the lease surrender. Meantime bills are still coming in, as follows: gas certificate due 21/5/21. Liability insurance due 1/4/21 at £296.92. ICC received total of £1500 discretionary budget towards costs for Anderson Centre, which consists of £312 towards solicitors fees and £1188 for ongoing upkeep till HC take centre back. **Action:** SN will request HR and HC legal department an update on the process.
- Strathrory catch-up meeting with Energie Kontor taking place on the 13th of April. A doodle pool was sent to all the community councils for the next meeting. 4 replies were submitted so far. Letter of support to be sent to Strathrory Windfarm.
- Gulls: nesting season, with threats to public safety and non-hygienic situations happening. **Action:** HC poster to our website. Cllr MS commented saying that a project will be carried out on the next two years to address this issue.
- Christmas Lights: Saltburn meeting set up to discuss future options.

3- Police Report:

Received by email and forwarded to ICC members. The report was read out at the meeting. The report included the 'Visitor Strategy Management post Covid-19 restrictions' with the aim to "To support partner agencies to welcome and facilitate tourists to Scotland to encourage economic growth and community rehabilitation".

4- Treasurer's Report:

Current account balance is of £3770.82.

LA requested HC to tally up ICC costs related to Anderson Centre. However, no reply was yet received. **Action:** Cllr Munro advised she would follow up on Centre lease being rescinded at March ICC meeting. No update received at April meeting. Cllr Smith to follow-up.

5- Beinn Tharsuinn Application:

Email to be sent to all beneficiaries of the funds to date to provide receipts and/or further information on how the funds were used to keep traceability.

6- Highland Councillors Business:

CLLr Maxine Smith updates:

- Christmas motifs – Saltburn – meeting dates to be sent out to May 2021 to discuss what can be done with Christmas lights and funds available.
- Park Primary School – no updates. Investigations are still ongoing.
- Crown Estate coastal communities fund: Easter Ross and Tain have been allocated £50,000 each. Applications received from Ross and sutherland rugby club £30,000 for a balcony to their new rugby club, £5000 to Evanton and £15,000 to Saltburn Community Council for a project in Saltburn. LA requested details of above fund and criteria for applications from either CLLr Morley-Smith or Helen Ross (ward manager).
- Benches on the shore have been refurbished – Environmental group. School to receive broken benches.

7- Planning & Licensing:

No new applications were received. No comments were raised.

8- Correspondence:

- Community Resilience Group: **Action**: updates will be shared in FB and in the ICC website.
- Scottish Community Council Newsletter: **Action**: ICC to engage with this network and related activities.
- Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan – Publication of Main Issues Report - Consultation - Starts 29 January 2021 – extended until 30th of April: www.highland.gov.uk/imf
- Port of Cromarty Firth (PoCF) Community Meeting: next meeting still to be confirmed. Meetings will now take place after 17h30, so more people can attend.

A.O.B.

- 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. Send info to CLLr. Maxine Smith.
- Drugs: ICC is aware of this issue in Invergordon and aims to raise awareness.
- Website: ICC received invoices from Digital Routes on previous invoices. A breakdown of this invoice will be requested.
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 21h00.

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

Date of the next ICC meeting: 05/05/2021 @ 7 pm