

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
THE JOINT COMMUNITY COUNCILS OF MORAY
HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2009**

Present

Forres CC	Colin Lipscombe Bob Hellyer
Findhorn & Kinloss CC	Les Morgan
Elgin CC	Alex McMillan Harry Torry Alan Bell
Dyke Landward	Kathleen Masson Karen Hamilton
Burghead & Cummington	Alastair Mackenzie
Strathisla CC	Rhona Patterson
Keith CC	Jane Martin

In Attendance:

Tracey Rae, Community Council Liaison; Officer, Hilary Mott, (taking the Minutes);
Marc Macrae, Parliamentary Assistant; Councillor Allan Wright.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Alastair Kennedy and Portknockie C C.

The group as welcomed by Rhona who congratulated those who had been re-elected and welcomed the new members. Lennox CC's inaugural meeting is still to be held.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Matters arising – Retention of meetings should read “Retention of Minutes”.
The welcoming road sign for Strathisla actually reads “Keith”

The minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings with these amendments.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Rail Upgrade

A letter had been received from Richard Lochhead regarding the rail upgrades. This was read by Rhona. Elgin CC expressed disappointment as the letter did not agree an hourly service to and from Elgin as they were hoping the service would be extended. The Moray Council could promote through HITRANS for a half hourly service. The link from Forres to Granton-on-Spey was also not going ahead

Elections/Scottish Government Pilot Scheme

The campaign had been successful. There were still some second round elections to be held and any monies were to be used for this purpose first. Keith & Strathisla had a leaflet for general use by the Community Council.

Consultations on Financial Resources for Community Councils

Alastair Kennedy had a meeting with John Ferguson regarding the production of new financial proposals, which are still to be produced. The consultation period is to be extended.

6. LEADER UPDATE

There was an opportunity for LEADER to be involved with the Community Councils, but their procedures were very stringent. Alastair is investigating the process. There were issues regarding funding for laptops/website. However the investigations are continuing. It was suggested that Alastair speak with Bob Hellier regarding the supply of laptops.

Action – AK

4. REPORTS

(a) Community Planning Update – (Attached to Agenda)

Alastair attended a Community Engagement Group meeting where Moray Firth Radio offered to publicize CC events. Contact via website or e-mail. New software will soon be available for help with budgets analysis and different affects and impacts. The rest of the update was about the Community Planning Board activities.

(b) ASCC

A Scottish Government letter had been received asking all Community Councils on feedback on the Scottish Government Pilot. All CCs are asked to report. This can be done on-line. Les asked that secretaries produce hard copies for non e-mail Councillors. ASCC Annual conference is to be held on Saturday when all office bearers will be elected.

(c) CCLO

Tracey had been welcomed to 13 inaugural meetings, the last of which would be Lennox on the 18th..

Grant pro formas had been sent out.

There was an offer of training for e-planning. The CCs should consider the event regarding dates/time/evening/weekend, and what type of event (the format to be used). This may be wider than just e-planning, to cover the local appeals process. Grant Wilson may attend this event to discuss waste/re-cycling/cleansing issues. He would like to attend a future JCC meeting to do a presentation.

There was a possibility of training for treasurers if required, so as to standardize records for a yearly check.

(d) Treasurers Report

The current balance was £121.88p. Copies of checked financial accounts were available. Approval was sought for funding for the next financial year.

(e) Licensing Forum

There were issues regarding an e-mail concerning BYOB in August. There was a feeling of not wanting personal licenses. Comments/Feedback is required from CCs to be fed back to the Licensing Forum. Gambling laws were also questioned when concerning small local events. The presence of a Legal Officer was requested. A

paper will be prepared for the next meeting. Minutes from the next Licensing Forum would also be passed on.

5. OFFICE BEARERS

It was proposed the Chair and Treasurer remain as current (ie Alastair Kennedy – Chair, and Colin Lipscome – Treasurer). The Vice Chair is open for debate as Rhona announced that she did not want to be considered for the position as she was taking up a full time post with the Community Support Unit. It was decided to postpone this debate until next meeting, leaving the post vacant in the meantime.

7. MORAY COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATIONS