

INSHES & MILTON OF LEYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 12 October 2020 at 7pm by Zoom

PRESENT: COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS – Norman Cordiner, David Finlayson, Elizabeth Jane MacKinnon, John Macrae, Bob Roberts, Gordon Whittet,

COUNCILLORS: Cllr Carolyn Caddick and Cllr Ken Gowans

A warm welcome to all was given by the Interim Chair.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Duncan MacPherson, Cllr Andrew Jarvie and Jean-Paul Kowaliski

Appointment of Chair

It was noted that Norman Cordiner was officially nominated as Chair. Gordon Whittet ceased being the Interim Chair to become Vice Chair. This was seconded by Bob Roberts.

It was also stated that Bob Roberts continues to be Planning Secretary and primary point of contact until The Highland Council receive David Finlayson's appointment. Cllr Caddick informed members that she has emailed the Highland Council and is awaiting an update.

Community Policeman's Report

As circulated to members and read aloud on Zoom. It was noted that police attendance with the previous Community Council was appreciated and should continue with Inshes and Milton of Leys.

It was noted that 'boy racers' on Stevenson Road are becoming an issue for residents in the area and a letter should be drafted to the police expressing our concerns.

A member of the public highlighted that children are playing 'chicken' on the road and has witnessed this first hand. Cllr Caddick suggested that Inshes and Milton of Leys Community Council contact the local schools regarding this matter.

Minutes of Last Meeting – Bob Roberts

Seconded – Gordon Whittet

Matters Arising

- **Adoption of the Constitution and Standing Orders** - Members have adopted the constitution
- **Associate Membership** – It was highlighted that for anyone wanting to be an associated member to Inshes and Milton of Leys Community Council, the proposal is made by the community council and then at the following meeting the proposed member(s) are then adopted.

Chair Report

The Chair voiced that he was proud to be part of Inshes and Milton of Leys Community Council and hopes that the other members feel involved with the council and its various responsibilities.

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He highlighted that he hopes that the council enhances the area we live in and looks forward to working with the other members.

Secretary Report

It was noted that a Facebook page has been created and asked if anyone wanted to be an Admin for the page. A Zoom Pro account has been set up for virtual meetings and a generic email address has been generated. The Secretary highlighted that she had been in touch with Lorraine Farquharson regarding the email address and adding it to the main Highland Council contact page. It was also suggested that a new website page is required since the domain name has changed. The Secretary will look into this.

Planning Report

- **Golf course** – Not discussed, will await full consultation.
- **Lodges at the Golf Course/20/03309/FUL** - Complaints have been submitted. Will investigate if there are any past objections
- **Castleview Apartments** – Tenant has made an application to change the orientation of the building to insert French windows to the building.

Cllr Gowans highlighted that planning application objections have been raised to eight for an application to be submitted for the appeals process and forwarded to Inverness South for contesting.

David Finlayson updated members on work being undertaken on the old golf course. He has been in touch with Scottish Forestry who has provided him with interactive maps concerning the area. The maps have highlighted several areas which had been the subject of woodland grants for restocking and new planting. Included in these were several areas designated as "walkers welcome". The grants also had "community woodland contributions" applied and David is trying to find out the significance of these and the walkers welcome areas with regard to future planning applications.

The Chair added that Inshes and Milton of Leys Community Council should acknowledge the work undertaken for the nine-hole course. The greens are at a better standard than previous and the upgrading of the restaurant is encouraging and positive for the local area.

Treasurer Report

The account balance stands at £3910.88 as it was on the 31st December 2019. No withdrawals or deposits have been made since that date.

The delay with changing the account mandate to establish new signatories has been due to difficulty with the online HSBC forms and a subsequent failure of communication from the bank. Progress is now hopefully being made as a result of e-mail contact with the local branch. It is not possible to change the name of the account until there is written confirmation from the Highland Council who continue to refer to the Community Council as "Inverness South". The treasurer has emailed the Ward Manager Liz Cowie three weeks ago to request written confirmation from the

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Highland Council of the name change but as yet have not received any communication from either her or the Highland Council.

The insurance firm Zurich previously provided indemnity insurance for the Inverness South Community Council and the policy lapsed at the end of March pending the change of Community Council name. The policy cannot be renewed until there is confirmation of the name change from the Highland Council. The annual premium for the policy was £86 and was paid directly from the account by cheque rather than direct debit.

Cllr Caddick agreed to email Liz Cowie to chase the written confirmation of the name change to Inshes and Milton of Leys. No further progress can be made until that is forthcoming. Bob Roberts was also going to investigate if the Zurich policy was arranged directly by the Highland Council on behalf of the individual Community Councils.

The treasurer also noted the Secretary will need to be reimbursed for the Zoom account and digital banking will be required to be set up.

Greenbelt update

It was discussed and noted but there is still no clear understanding of the residents' legal rights. Solicitors are reluctant to get involved and as a result, they are no further forward in resolving this matter. It was also noted that the factor charge is being increased by £19 per year.

Cllr Caddick regretted to say that this issue may not be for the Community Council to get involved in.

Residents Association

It was asked why this subject is required for the minutes. It was noted that it is a standard item as a representative can attend a meeting and provide updates.

AOCB

It was agreed to schedule the next formal meeting via Zoom for Monday 9 November, 7 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.