

**Speyside Community Council**

**Minute of Meeting Held**

**On Wednesday 30 March 2022**

**At 7pm**

**Speyside Sports and Community Centre**

**Community Council Members:**

Amanda Marie, Fraser Dyer, Alison Bagnall, Brenda Davies, Marion Ross, Donald McLean

**In Attendance:**

Nicola Moss, Transportation Manager at Moray Council

**Apologies:**

Greg Sarab, Kelly Spark, Cllr Ross

**Welcome:**

MR welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Nicola Moss who stepped in at the last minute to present 'The Moray Growth Deal – Bus Revolution'.

**Previous Minutes:**

Proposer – AB

Secunder - AM

**Bus Revolution:**

Nicola Moss gave a very comprehensive and informative overview of how the proposed Bus Revolution (mConnect) is likely to be implemented. This service will enable many more rural communities to be connected by public transport as well as increasing the number of days and hours that the buses will run. As service users it will be up to us to use it if we wish the service to continue beyond its 10 year funding timescale.

**Matters Arising and Not Ovetaken on the Agenda**

- Glen of Rothes Woodland Creation Scheme – BBC Alba have recorded a programme.
- Glen of Rothes Woodland Creation Scheme – The Northern Scot will run a story.

- Speakers from Political Parties – MR sought advice from the CCLO. We cannot invite individuals but must send out invitations to all political representatives. They must be invited but may choose not to attend.
- Draft Aberlour Town Centre Improvement Plan – SCC's submission has been received by Moray Council. The main issue is the parking situation outside the Co-Op. Whilst this needs to be addressed, the parking must not be removed.
- Resilience Planning – it was agreed that MR, AB and FD would work on this.

### **Correspondence:**

- Drain Covers in Rothes – MR had received complaints about the cover in North Street and the one outside the Station Hotel. It was agreed to contact Scottish Water for an update on the timescales for the works to be carried out.
- Aberlour Heritage Trail Funding Request – to be discussed under **Business**.
- Craigellachie Village Council and Archiestown Village Council – Resilience Planning – external generators.
- Fire damaged property in Breich Street, Rothes – work was supposed to have started in January but still nothing has been done. MR in contact with Moray Council on this matter.
- The Minister for Environment and Land Reform – standard letter of response received regarding The Glen of Rothes Woodland Creation Scheme.
- Connecting Scotland – the scheme for giving digitally excluded vulnerable residents an iPad and internet connection has been extending for another year. SCC was successful in being able to access equipment for 2 households.

### **Reports:**

- Treasurer - £1808 (Not sure if heard this correctly)
- Hospital Homecoming Project – MR and DMc had attended a ZOOM meeting with Gill Bird from Tsi Moray (15/3/22). This project is about being a good neighbour. It is not about being a volunteer carer. MR agreed to contact other local community organisations to alert them of the project as they are best placed to know who might need help.

Personal alarms are available, after an assessment, from Moray Lifeline and Telecare Service. There is a charge for some of the equipment that is available. Personal alarms can also be bought/hired from Age UK.

- National Planning Framework 4 – MR attended a Zoom meeting on 22/3/22. This was a consultation request for communities to input into the Draft National Planning Framework. It seems that the Scottish Government will set out Planning Policy and local authorities will have to try to adapt this for local circumstances.  
Bothe urban and rural communities seem to experience the same problem – a decision is taken locally to object to a planning application but, on appeal, is overturned by the Scottish Reporter at Government level.
- Scottish Land Commission Virtual Public Meeting (16/3/22) – MR attended. The focus of the meeting was ‘Making more of Scotland’s land for the benefit of all’. One of the priority areas is ‘Reforming land markets to encourage a more diverse pattern of land ownership’. The Commission is also looking at the impact of concentrated land ownership ie Land Monopolies.  
The Land Commission has no control over tax or tax avoidance schemes.  
The Commission is also looking at how communities can buy small plots of land for community use. See ‘Vacant and Derelict Community Route Map’.
- Moray Transport Forum - BD and MR attended (19/3/22). Interesting discussions with other representatives from the Speyside Glenlivet area. It was difficult to identify much that was good with the public transport provision in the area. Of great concern was the substitution of low level buses with coaches as these pose severe restrictions on service users with mobility difficulties.

**Police Matters:**

The CSP report had been previously distributed.

**Planning:**

- PAN for Phase 2 of a residential development in Aberlour.

This is to be presented to the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee at Moray Council next week. Concerns from the community can be raised by Councillors at this stage.

- PAN for warehousing in Rothes.
- Simpsons' Maltings – Speyside CC's submission has been acknowledged by Moray Council.
- The Weekly Wards lists have been previously distributed.

**Business:**

- Resilience Planning – it was decided that sub-group would take this forward.
- Aberlour Heritage Trail (Community Engagement) – it was decided to grant £200 to Aberlour Heritage Trail. Proposer: DMc  
Seconded: AB
- Co-option of new members. We have spaces for 2 members. We would welcome applications from the younger members of our community. Minimum age is 16 years.
- Bus Stop in Rothes – A Survey Monkey has been prepared, ready for publication onto Rothes and Roon Aboot.
- 20s Plenty – KOA
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee – it was decided not to organise an event ourselves but to offer help to any organisation that proposes such an undertaking.

**Training:**

Training for Community Councils was advertised in the Scottish Community Council Newsletter that had been previously distributed.

**AOCB:**

- Review of Community Council Policies and Procedures.

- Garages, use of, in Allardyce Crescent -MR to inquire.
- Recycling Bins – MR to inquire.

**Future Programme:**

- Presentation by MC Planning department – National and Local Policy on Windfarm Planning. 25 May 2022

**Consultations:**

\*Active Travel Strategy 2022-2027 (ends 3 April, 2022) Moray Council

\*Draft Housing Land Audit 2022 (ends 20 April) Moray Council

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 27 April 2022

**Meeting Closed:**

8.55pm