

Speyside Community Council

APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 25 May 2022

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

Marion Ross, Donald McLean, Alison Bagnall, Brenda Davies, Greg Sarab

In Attendance:

KD, RD, SZ, GG, BA, AN (Members of the Public)

Jean Richardson, Rothes Council

Cllrs Gordon, Harris and Ross

Lewis McBlane, Northern Scot

Apologies:

Amanda Marie, Fraser Dyer, Kelly Spark

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

Previous Minutes: 27 April 2022

Proposer – BD

Secunder - DMcL

Matters Arising and Not Overtaken on the Agenda

- Garages in Aberlour- Moray Council tenants have been advised that commercial use of the garages is not permitted. Further breaches will likely result in the cancellation of the rental agreement.
- Rural Islands Community Councils - MR participated in a Zoom meeting on 9 May with Sarah Quin, researcher.
- Remote, Rural and Islands Action Plan – MR participated in a Zoom meeting on 3 May.
- Request sent to CSP (Community Safety Partnership) re: positioning of mobile speed cameras vans. Still waiting for a reply.

- Bus Stop, Teenies Lane, Rothes – Public Consultation is completed. Most of the comments were about the loss of parking if the layby was used. However, parking space would be freed up in the existing bus stance. Moray Council is now minded to move the bus stop to a safer location ie the layby gives flat access to and from the pavement. Further discussions to take place with a roads' engineer.
- Hospital Homecoming Project - MR has written to Tsi Moray with the suggestions that were made at our previous meeting.
- Fiddich Park toilets – on going issues regarding the lack of toilets.

Correspondence:

- Aberlour Heritage Trail
- Moray Council -Bins
- PAS – MR contacted Planning Advice Service which offers free planning advice, training, community engagement and advice on funding opportunities re: Speyview Development
- Rothes Way Association
- Scottish Rural network news
- Moray Transport Forum - meeting to be arranged
- Rothes Council – draft minutes
- River Spey Clean Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th June 2022
- BEAR Scotland – notification of road closures in Craigellachie
- Rhoda Grant MSP – SNIB and question put to Scottish Government on 'Green Lairds'
- Moray Council – Fiddich Park toilets.
- Moray Council – request for bird proof bins and the implementation of trial period for recycling bins for Aberlour. Still awaiting a reply.

Reports:

- Treasurer - £1773.56
- JCC (12/05/22) – no Report

Police Matters:

- The CSP report had been previously distributed.

Planning:

- Weekly Wards lists previously forwarded.

Business:

- **Speyview Housing Development, Aberlour – Phase 2**

Phase 1, which includes 39 properties available for social renting, has been consented subject to a number of Conditions.

Phase 2 has raised the same concerns as Phase 1

- * Lack of safe, active travel routes to and from the village
- * Lack of capacity at the Health Centre and with other health providers
- * Lack of capacity at the sewage works
- * No turning circle for buses
- * Lack of public transport and safe access to what there is.
- * Climate change

Transport Scotland is no longer minded to support the re-alignment of the A95.

It was decided, after a lengthy and in-depth discussion, to submit an Objection, together with reasons, both to Springfield and Moray Council. A copy is available on request.

PAS: Will offer advice and support about transport and planning should a full planning application be submitted. All other matters should be covered by Moray Council's Development Plan 2020.

- **Glen of Rothes Woodland Creation Scheme**

A public drop-in session was held on 19 May 2022.

Documents from the exhibition will be available to view on-line, for 2 weeks only. The password is: Glenash24

It was felt that although there had been some changes to the original proposal, much of the detail is still unclear and the CC is unsure of the status of these current proposals.

An extensive discussion covered a number of woodland, farming, environmental, economic and social issues which are impacted by the planting of large areas of commercial forestry.

It was agreed that a sub-group of the CC would meet to formulate a response.

- **Bardon Hill Woodland Creation Scheme (Rothes Estate)**

This proposal is still at the Scoping Stage. The area covers 400 hectares but it is envisaged that only 230 of them will be planted.

MR has requested more information on the number of each species of tree to be planted.

A deer management plan has already been provided to the CC.

- **THE REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS HAVE BEEN CARRIED FORWARD TO THE NEXT MEETING**

Training:

- None

AOCB:

- None

Future Programme:

- Presentation by MC Planning department – National and Local Policy on Windfarm Planning. Date to be confirmed.
- Request a presentation by Scottish Forestry.

Consultations:

Moray Council – None

National: *The Future of National parks in Scotland – Closes 3 June 2022

*Transport Scotland A96 Consultation – closes 10 June 2022

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday 27 June, 2022

Meeting closed at:

- 9pm