

Speyside Community Council

APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 22 February, 2023

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

Neil Slessor, Fraser Dyer, Donald McLean, Brenda Davies, Marion Ross

In Attendance:

Ian Blackhall (IDCA), Mike Middlehurst (Craigellachie Village Council) R. K. (Member of the Public), Cllr Ross, Cllr Harris

Apologies:

AM (SCC), KS (SCC), AB (SCC), GS (SCC)

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

Previous Minutes: **Proposer** – Donald McLean
 Seconder - Marion Ross

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- Community Engagement Options:

To sponsor an edition of the Rothesian costs £200. You get the front page and half of the second, if required.

It was agreed to pursue this option. MR to contact The Rothesian.

Royal Mail Leaflet Drop – will only deliver to whole post codes. The minimum number of leaflets is too great for our requirements.

Articles for the Kirk News – Rothes/Knockando and Aberlour/Craigellachie.

Ask and pay Scout groups/Cadets to deliver postcards highlighting specific issues etc. However, there are safeguarding issues involved with this approach. It was agreed to look at this again.

Correspondence:

- Moray Council – removal of burnt out car on A941. This has now been removed from the layby.
- Cooper Park Active Travel Hub - 4th March 2023, 12 to 3pm.
- It's your neighbourhood Initiative (Britain in Bloom Campaign).
- Visit Moray Speyside Network – minutes are available from MR.
- Moray Community Planning Partnership – 8th March, 12.30 to 16.00, Eventbrite.
- The Big Lunch – The King's Coronation. Information from the Lord Lieutenant about resources/funding for community events.
- The Bus Revolution – Part of the Moray Growth Deal. Will be launched in May and be part timetabled and part Uber-style service. Speyside will be included in the initial roll-out.

Police Matters: CSP Report – previously sent.

Planning Matters: Weekly Wards lists previously forwarded to members.

- **Simpsons Maltings, Rothes** – This application for PPP was approved, with 31 Conditions. The biomass plant has been removed by the addition of Condition 32.
MR contacted the Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland. They have agreed to look at the decision and give us advice on the Conditions that relate to the environment.
- **Glen of Rothes Woodland Creation Scheme** – it was agreed the DMcL would write to Scottish Forestry requesting an update on the EIA process.

- **Ardcanny Maturation Warehousing, Rothes** – This is still awaiting consideration by Moray Council. The Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland have asked for a copy of this EIA. MR will forward it.
- **Hazardous Substance Consent – Ardcanny Warehousing**
- **Celtic Renewables Biorefinery, Rothes** – no further information since the on-line public consultation 2 to 9 December 2022.
- **Acorn Bioenergy, Biodigester, Longmorn** – no application, as yet.
- **Macallan, solar panel array** – MR was instructed to write to Macallan to enquire why the solar panels could not be put onto the warehouse roofs. This had been the first option but it transpired that the roof structures were not strong enough.
- **Teindland Windfarm** - no further information.

Business:

- **Speyside High School** – MR and GS had met with the Pupil Senate. All that was asked for was somewhere for them to meet, something like The Loft in Keith. MR to contact MC Youth Workers in the Community Learning and Development Department and The Loft. GS followed up by getting information on the geographical areas where the school buses drop off their pupils.
- **'The Vic', Rothes** – Fred Olsen Renewables are the owners. Planning permission has been granted to separate the downstairs Bar from the upstairs flat. One possible use for the downstairs could be a Community Hub. The air space above the property is required to 'sweep' turbine components over the building on their way to Paul's Hill Windfarm extension. MR to request an update as to when the renovation works would start.
- **Community Resilience Planning Meeting** – Thursday, 2nd March. 6.30 to 9 pm, Speyside Sports and Community Centre. Organised by Moray Council Emergency Planning Offer, Community Support Unit and the JCC.

