



- The bridge on Burnside Street Rothes – Cllr Gordon provided a further update. There are still ongoing issues regarding ownership. It may be that there are different owners for different parts of the structure. MC engineers will provide a report detailing what needs to be done. The bridge is not part of any designated path network. Given the ownership issues, likely cost of repair/replacement and public liability issues it was decided to shelve this project for the time being.

#### Correspondence:

- Items of importance are passed on as and when received.
- Thomas Widrow – The John Muir Trust (CELT). Another request for SCC to sign a letter of support asking for a carbon tax on landowners with holdings over 1000ha. It was decided not to respond to the request.

#### Reports:

**I'm not sure that I heard this correctly. Donald can you please advise and alter the figures as appropriate.**

- Treasurer: £3036.14p  
Community Council Grant £411.64
- It was agreed to ask/appoint Louise Kelman to audit SCC accounts.
- JCC: 10/8/2023 – M.R reported back.

Inspector Meikleham described the challenges that Police Scotland are facing due to budget (savings) cuts.

Innes Community Council raised the issue of electricity pylons and cables in Moray. The JCC decided to leave this issue with ICC to pursue.

A Moray Transport Forum update was given.

M.R. asked the Chair of the JCC to write to The Community Planning Partnership. There is considerable overlap in what Area Forums and Community Councils do. This is a duplication of work for everybody

involved. There are only two operational Forums out of a possible nine.

- Moray Transport Forum – The main focus of the meeting was concerned with addressing Action Plan Priority 2 (Increase participation and representation on Moray Transport Forum). It was also decided to officially relaunch The Transport Forum with an ‘Event’ in Elgin and followed by roadshows around Moray.

#### **Police Matters:**

- CSP Report – previously sent.
- Community Speedwatch UK – much as the Police would like to support Community Speedwatch, it is unlikely due to the staffing cuts that Police Scotland is currently experiencing. 39 Officer positions have been lost in Grampian.
- MR had written to Douglas Ross MSP who has been talking to residents in Roseisle about speeding. He suggested that use of the Special Constabulary might be an option.

#### **Planning Matters:**

- Weekly Wards list previously distributed. Edinville and Aberlour requested to be included in the distribution list.
- Tiendland Windfarm – the original marketing company is no longer involved but the developer is looking to appoint a new one.
- Glen of Rothes Woodland Creation Scheme – still nothing on the Scottish Forestry EIA Register.
- Simpsons Maltings, Greens of Rothes – an application to discharge all 32 Conditions has been submitted to Moray Council and we are required to respond. A VAR (Vehicle Activated Radar) sign on the B9015 into Rothes has been proposed by Simpsons. However, there will be a very large number of HGV movements during the two year construction period.

There may be an opportunity for a community growing space.

It was decided to send the Construction Traffic Plan and the Biodiversity plan to The Environmental Right Centre for Scotland for comment.

- Cllrs Ross and Gordon have suggested to Moray Council that there should be a Master Plan for Transport through Rothes.

**Business:**

- Update on 'Flooding in Aberlour' (Jointly with ACA).  
Will Burnish (MC) sent a report on the condition of the culverts. CCTV cameras were used to inspect both the Linn Brae and main flood scheme pipes. No major defects or debris were found in the system. There is, however, some minor damage to the pipe which runs under the old road to the landfill site at Stac Pollaidh.  
MR had written to Richard Lochhead MSP and Douglas Ross MSP to enquire as to whether or not there would be any Flood Alleviation Funding coming from the Scottish Government before 2028. Still waiting for a reply from Richard Lochhead MSP.
- Flood Event at Fleming Hall – the event was well attended and we would like to thank Moray Council and all the agencies that provided valuable information and advice to residents.  
There were another 4 volunteers for the Community Resilience Group.
- D.McL and M.R have devised a 'skeleton draft' for a Community Resilience Plan. This will be taken to the Resilience Group for further development. It was decided to arrange a meeting for a future agreed date.
- Funding Application – Speyside Resilience Group has applied to SSEN Resilient Communities Fund for £13555. If successful, flood prevention resources and grab bags would be purchased for the Old Station Tearooms/Toilets.

- R2 Speyview Development – the current application is for 39 affordable units but with a possible addition of another 31 more at some time in the future.

There is no longer provision for employment land.

There is no longer a requirement for the access to Taylor Court to be established for these 39 houses.

There are ongoing issues for both planning and housing, at Moray Council, to resolve. The resolution of these matters must be for the benefit of both existing residents of Aberlour and for the new ones. SCC does not object to the housing but has serious reservations regarding safe access and egress to the site.

Planning Officers will use delegated powers to decide this application even though the total number of houses will eventually be more than 50.

Our Councillors have a meeting scheduled with the Planning Department and will report back.

- Traffic related issues –  
Rothes Council is investigating the possibility of traffic calming measures. (NB Simpsons proposal for a VAR). It is highly unlikely that a Rothes by-pass would ever be considered by Moray Council.  
Aberlour, Queens Road – parking on the double yellow lines is a frequent complaint. Not only is it hazardous it also illegal. It was decided that with a lack of Police/Traffic Warden activity it would be very difficult to address the issue. M.R to write to Nicola Moss requesting that, as a first step, the double yellow lines are repainted.
- RCW – Draft of RCW Terms of Reference. This item was discussed and approved.

**AOCB:**

**Future Programme:**

**Consultations:**

- **Moray Council**

**Next Meeting:**      Wednesday, 27 September 2023

**Meeting Closed at:**    9 pm