

# Speyside Community Council

## APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 25 October 2023

At 7pm

### Speyside Sports and Community Centre

#### Community Council Members:

Marion Ross, Brenda Davies, Greg Sarab, Fraser Dyer, Donald McLean

#### In Attendance:

Cllr Ross, Cllr Gordon, MG (E.C.H.C.), SW (E.C.H.C.) KR (Rothes Council), CD (IDCA), PW (ACA), SB, KD, RK, JR, PD (Members of the Public)

#### Apologies:

Cllr Harris, AB (SCC), NS (SCC), IB (IDCA)

#### Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.  
Attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

#### Previous Minutes: 27 September 2023

Proposer: Greg Sarab

Secunder: Keith Ross

#### Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- Rothes Castle – Historic Scotland have been to investigate and some minor restoration works are required. HES has requested a meeting, at the site, with ourselves and Moray Council. HES can provide 50% of the cost of the works.
- Pavilion at Rothes Castle – pictures and a proposal have been sent off to HES. Still waiting for a response.
- Street sweeping in Rothes/Potholes – Cllr Gordon to take this forward and provide contact details for KR and RCW.
- Our sponsored edition of The Rothesian has been published. The invoice for £200 was passed to the Treasurer.

• **Correspondence:** \*Historic Scotland re damage caused to the Castle.

\* Kirsty O'Brien: Teindland Windfarm – to be dealt with under Planning.

\*The Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland – to be dealt with under Planning.

\*The Moray Flag Raising Ceremony - Glent Grant Distillery, Rothes. Sat. 28 October 1.45 to 2.15  
The Community Council expressed its thanks to Fraser Dyer for arranging attendance by members of the Aberlour Pipe Band.

KR asked that an advertisement be posted on Rothes and Roon Aboot. MR will action this.

\*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Community Councils – celebratory event Saturday 28 October, Elgin Library. 1 - 4 pm

\*MR had contacted Innes Community Council re: Teindland Windfarm. They are very busy with resilience planning but wish to be kept informed of any future developments and are keen to be jointly involved alongside SCC.

\*River Fiddich Pollution Incident – MR to request further updates.

\*tsiMoray – Meet the funders: 16/11/23  
9.30 to 3pm  
Elgin Town Hall

Writing Funding Applications  
22/11/23 – 6-8pm  
23/11/23 – 10.30-12.30  
ZOOM – need to book a place

- **Reports**

Treasurer: £2976.14

It was agreed that MR would contact the CCLO to clarify if there would be a conflict of interest for the auditor of our accounts.

Bridge/Pavilion in Rothes – dealt with under Matters Arising.

Sand and Silt, Rothes – dealt with under Matters Arising.

Joint Community Council – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023. 7pm  
Venue TBC.

Local Place Plans – MR had attended the online event. Copies of the presentation are available.

Moray Growth Deal: Bus Revolution Project – Meeting cancelled.

- **Police Matters:** CSP Report – previously distributed.

- **Planning Matters:** Weekly Wards previously forwarded to members and community organisations within our area.

Updates: Teindland Windfarm – a meeting with Kirsty O’Brien has been arranged for 2/11/23 in Rothes Kirk Hall.

The Proposal: up to 17 turbines between 149m and 230m plus associated infrastructure. Battery storage may be included.

R2 Speyview: another consultation request has been received. There is now, no continuous footpath along the A95. Two uncontrolled pedestrian crossings to give access to bus stops on the A95. It was agreed that MR would contact the Planning Officer for further information.

Simpsons Maltings, Greens of Rothes – SCC submitted two

responses. The first welcomed the provision of a radar activated speeding device on the B9015 but we are concerned about the number of HGV movements during the construction phase. (13,208 plus vans and cars) The Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland advised that The Biodiversity Management Plan appears to meet the requirements of NPF4. ERCS advised that there should be assessments of air quality arising from the additional traffic emissions. MC Transport has now objected as there is no longer a plan for a continuous footpath to the site from Rothes along the B9015.

- **Licencing:** Cardhu Distillery Premises Licence – no objection.

- **Business:** \*Commercial Forestry  
Bardonhill - Our request for a one week extension to the consultation period has been granted. It was decided to have a meeting of a sub-group to prepare SCC's response. D.McL to take this forward.

Glen of Rothes Woodland Creation Scheme – Gresham House/Scottish Woodlands have submitted an application for grant funding. Scottish Forestry has decided that no Environment Impact Assessment is required. We have been asked to comment on the funding application but there is no documentation on the SF Register upon which to comment. We have asked for further information from SF. A sub-group will take this forward under the direction of D.McL.

Moray Woodland and Forestry Strategy deferred to the next meeting.

Remembrance Sunday – it was decided who would be laying the wreaths and where.

Resilience Planning and access to funding – SCC/ACA under the banner of Speyside Resilience have been awarded £10,000 from the SSEN Community Resilience

Fund for flood prevention resources for the Tea Rooms. It was agreed that MR would write on behalf of SCC/ACA to thank Rhona McNicol at Moray Council Communities Department for the help that she gave with this application.

ACA is working on a draft community resilience plan. A liaison meeting is to be arranged.

- **AOCB:** It was agreed that MR would write to Highland Defenders.

- **Consultations:**

**Moray Council:** Moray Council (Pavement Parking Exemption) Order 2023 (Closes 10/11/23)

**National:** Healthcare Improvement Scotland: Independent Healthcare fees consultation (Closes 16/12/23)

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 29 November 2023

**Meeting Closed at:** 9pm