

Speyside Community Council

APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 31 January 2024

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

Marion Ross, Brenda Davies, Greg Sarab, Fraser Dyer, Neil Slessor

In Attendance:

Cllr Ross, Cllr Gordon, SW (EHC), MG (EHC), DP (RC), CP (RC), KR (RC), WC (ACA), PW (ACA), MM (CVC), IB (IDCA), KD and LG (Members of the Public)

EHC – Edinville Community Hall Council

RC – Rothes Council

ACA – Aberlour Community Association

CVC – Craigellachie Village Council

IDCA – Inchberry and District Community Association

SCC- Speyside Community Council

Apologies:

Cllr Harris, BC (CVC), AB (SCC), DMcL (SCC)

Welcome:

MR (SCC) welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open. All those in attendance, including the two new Co-Chairs of Rothes Council, were invited to introduce themselves.

Previous Minutes: November 29th November 2023

Proposer: Willie Cameron

Seconder: Keith Ross

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- A question had been asked, at the previous meeting, about the refusal for planning permission for the bakery/café and low cost housing at 9 New Street Rothes.

Refusal was on the grounds that the application did not demonstrate that there would be a safe and flood free route to and from the housing. Both SEPA and MC Flood Risk Team objected to the housing.

There was no objection to the bakery/café itself.

Moray Council Planning Ref: 23/01876/APP. Planning for the extension at the Station Hotel. There is no objection from SEPA. This application has still to be approved. Details can be found on Moray Council's Planning Portal.

- NS (SCC) gave an update on the proposed repairs/renovations to Rothes Castle and The Pavilion. This will include both Moray Council and Historic Environment Scotland.

- **Correspondence:**

MR (SCC) reported that all correspondence is forwarded appropriately. Some is for Community Council members only but there is also correspondence that is applicable to all community organisations in the area.

Moray Local Access Forum is looking for four new members. There was no register of interest at the meeting.

Douglas Gunn BSc Honours Project - survey on Scottish Rainforests.

Co-Option of New Member:

It was agreed to Co-Opt Mike Middlehurst (CVC) as a member of Speyside Community Council.

Proposer: Marion Ross

Secunder: Fraser Dyer

Reports:

***Treasurer:** Current Balance - £12,776.14

***Approval of Treasurer's Report, Annual Accounts and payment to Auditor:**

Proposer: Fraser Dyer
Secunder: Neil Slessor

***Approval of Louise Kelman to be appointed as Auditor for the current financial Year:**

Proposer: Fraser Dyer
Secunder: Marion Ross

***Moray Transport Forum:** It was decided to set up a Facebook page and to begin work on one of the Forum's identified priorities which is to map all means of transport, including active travel, throughout Moray. This will be a massive undertaking but a start will be made in and around Cullen.

***m.connect:** Initial problems with the onboard tablets seem to have been resolved. However, no group booking function is available yet. As part of the Phase 2 roll out, consultation events have been taking place in Forres, Elgin and Lossiemouth with a view to extending the service to these areas. It is planned to extend the on-demand service in Speyside and Buckie to include Saturdays. Discussions have begun on how the evening economy can be supported by m.connect. There are currently 5 electric buses in use with another one on order.

***Roths Glen Woodland Creation Scheme:** The SCC Forestry Sub-Group has submitted its response to Scottish Forestry re Scottish Woodlands' application to the Forestry Grant Scheme for Woodland Creation for grant funding. An Environmental Impact Assessment was not required. A letter has also been sent to Richard Lochhead MSP and we are waiting for a reply.

***Bardonhill Forestry:** SCC submitted a response.

***Elchies:** A member of SCC attended the exhibition which was held in Archiestown.

Police Matters: CSP Report had been previously distributed. PW (ACA) requested that she is added to the distribution list.

Planning Matters: The Weekly Wards had been previously distributed.

***R2 Speyview, Aberlour Phase 1** - Cllr Ross reported that at the Planning and Regulatory Services Committee, the application was given consent for the 39 affordable homes. However, a number of Conditions were attached and a road safety audit, including the active travel route, is to be carried out.

***R2 Speyview, Aberlour Phase 2** – MR was asked to contact MC Planning Department and request that the original ‘neighbourhood consultees’ for Phase 1 should be regarded as ‘neighbours’ for Phase 2. Phase 2 is for an additional 31 affordable homes. It was agreed that SCC would not object to the homes but would object on the grounds that there are still no controlled pedestrian crossings over the A95, the 40mph speed limit is unlikely to be reduced, limited public transport and uncertainty over the active travel route into Aberlour. Questions were also asked about the capacity for the Health Centre to accommodate patients from another 70 homes.

***Teindland Windfarm:** 17 turbines between 149m and 230m in height. Battery storage may also be included. Exhibitions are due to be arranged for the end of March. Venues are yet to be decided.

***Simpsons Maltings:** A further application was submitted regarding the fulfilling of the conditions that were attached to the Planning Permission in Principle. SCC will work with the developer to facilitate the installation of the speed indicator device on the B9015 at the entrance into Rothes.

***Rothes CoRDE:** An application has been submitted for a single storey energy hub. It will include a gas fired boiler. Further details can be found on MC Planning Portal. Ref no: 23/02238/APP.

Business:

- *RCW – The Terms of Reference have been approved by the CCLO.
Arrangements for Petty Cash have been agreed with the Treasurer.

- *R2 Speyview, Aberlour Phase 2 – dealt with under Planning Matters.

- *Community Resilience – WC and PW (ACA) gave an update on the purchase and installation of flood prevention resources for the Tea rooms. MM (SCC) requested clarification around insurance for resilience volunteers. MR to take this forward. Reference was also made to The Civil Contingency Act.

AOCB:

- *There was a request for piles of grit to be placed between the bridge and Speyburn Distillery, along the Auchinroath road. Cllr Ross to take this forward.

- *Path gritting around both Aberlour and Rothes Primary Schools was raised. It was requested that gritting takes place before 9am. Cllr Ross to take this forward.

Consultations:

Moray Council – NONE

Scottish Government – Democracy Matters (Closes 28/2/24)

Scotland’s Draft Circular Economy and Waste Route
Map to 2030 (Closes 15/3/24)

Next Meeting: 28 February 2024

Meeting Closed: 8.40pm