

Speyside Community Council

APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 24 April 2024

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

M. Ross, G. Sarab, N. Slessor, D. Mclean, A. Bagnall, M. Middlehurst

In Attendance:

M. Grant (ECHC), K. Ross (RC), I. Blackhall (IDCA), A. G. (member of the public)

Apologies:

Cllrs Harris, Gordon and Ross (Cllr Ross arrived towards the end of the meeting having attended another meeting elsewhere), P. Winchester (ACA), W. Cameron (ACA), F. Dyer (SCC), Brenda Davies (SCC)

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

An overview was given on how and why Community Councils are established, who can be a member or associate member, the financial and other support received from Moray Council and the range of issues that are addressed at CC meetings.

Previous Minutes: 27 March 2024

Proposer: D. McLean

Seconder: N. Slessor

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- Cllr Harris emailed the following information –

MC contact details on grit bins – there should be a white sticker with the Council’s web address and phone number. The sticker may be on the inside of the lid rather than the outside of the bin. MC will check that these stickers are in place before next winter.

Speeding in Rothes. The latest data is from between 25/9/2023 and 4/10/2023. The survey was carried out on the High Street (approx. 50m north of Land Street Junction.

Results: Northbound – Av Speed =28.3mph

Av Volume =3637

Southbound – Av Speed =31.4mph

Av Volume = 3514

- The Resilience Group had been unable to meet.
- Cllr Gordon had emailed information regarding the bridge over the Burn of Rothes.

Given the issues over ownership and the fact that MC has not scheduled any works for some considerable amount of time it was decided to contact Lands and Parks to ascertain what the time scale might be. MC’s response seems to indicate that it has some responsibility for the bridge.

It was agreed that MR would ask MC for the works schedule/timing for any works to be carried out and any inspection reports that could be shared with SCC.

- **Correspondence:**

- *SEPA - Policy Statement - Scottish Waste from all sources 2022

- *Moray Council Grants for Arts, Culture and Heritage

- *Piping Tuition in Moray Schools – Scottish Schools’ Piping Association.
To be offered in Speyside in 2025.

- *Scottish Rural Network Newsletter -Shaping Scotland’s Future through
Inclusive Land Ownership – Free Conference -Aviemore 12/6/24

- *ACA

- *Rothes Windfarm Open Day – Sat 1/6/24 and Sun 2/6/24

- *Speyside Area Tourism – 21/5/24. 10.30 to 12.30
Glenlivet Estate Office

- *Outfit Moray First Aid Courses – AB requested further information

- *Local Place Plans – 30/4/24. 6.15 to 8pm. Elgin Library

- **Reports:**

- * **Treasurer** - £6358.57 (This includes SEN money)

- The Data Protection fee paid by Direct Debit

- *Joint Community Council meeting - 9/5/24, 7pm Supper Room,
Elgin Town Hall

- **Police Matters:** CSP report was previously distributed.

- **Planning Matters:** The Weekly Wards had been previously distributed.

- *24/00426/APP: Proposed erection of MOT building, 17 New Street, Rothes

- AB proposed and NS seconded that SCC should submit a representation requesting that the proposed cladding to the building could be 'softened' to look less industrial. All buildings along the A941 through Rothes are either residential or shop fronts.

- *24/00486/S36: Windfarm and battery storage. Kellas Drum Windfarm

- This will be determined by Scottish Ministers (Energy Consents Unit).

- **Planning Updates:**

- *21/01901/EIA – Greens of Rothes (Simpsons Malts) – all 32 conditions have been Approved by Moray Council.

- *23/02089/EIA -Heat and Power Connections – Decided

- *21/01903/EIA – Installation of a pipeline from the maltings to the R. Spey –
Awaiting a decision.

- R2 Speyview, Aberlour – Springfield lodged a Notification for Intention to Start Development on 29/4/24. However, a number of Conditions have not been met. The Planning Department at Moray Council has assured me that the appropriate documentation has been supplied. This will be reviewed by the planners and a decision will be made in due course.

Business:

- *Forestry Report – MR had identified a number of groups that were experiencing difficulties around several aspects of ‘Forestry’.
It was decided to delay any contact with these groups until after our meeting with Scottish Forestry. This will be for SCC members only.
- *Scottish Forestry – declined to attend a public meeting of SCC.
- *The Ferret – an investigative journalist had made contact. He is writing a story highlighting the lack of Environmental Impact Assessments for forestry.
- *Public Transport – issues of cost and pick up points were highlighted. The service to Aviemore was welcomed but there was confusion about the timetable.
- *Funding Application on behalf of RCW (MC’s Grants for Art, Culture, Heritage) – it was agreed that the subgroup would meet and take this forward.
- *RCW has identified a requirement for aggregate to complete some drainage work. MR to contact Breedon’s Quarry.
- *Sponsorship of Flower baskets/tubs @ £25: Proposer – MR
Secunder – DMcL
MR to contact community organisations.
- *Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland - £200 for services provided.
Proposer – DMcL
Secunder – NS

AOCB:

- *The state of the surface of the car parking area outside the Coop. Ownership is unknown. AB to check with The Littler Trust. MR to check with the Coop.
- *Succession Planning – CCLO to be contacted.
- *Today MC debated: Natural Capital Enhancement Opportunities

Draft Moray Woodland and Forestry Strategy
Biodiversity Study

These papers are available from MR/MC Committee Papers

Future Programme:

*Succession Planning

Consultations:

*Moray Council: None

*Scottish Government:

Draft Biodiversity Policy Statement: Consultation (Closes 12/6/24)

Enabling Powers for Scotland's Environmental Impact Assessment Regimes and
Habitat Regulations (Closes 13/5/24)

Next Meeting: 29 May 2024

Meeting Closed: 8.50 pm