

Speyside Community Council

DRAFT Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 29 May 2024

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

G. Sarab, M. Ross, B. Davies, D. McLean, M. Middlehurst

In Attendance:

M. Grant (EHC), S. Willox (EHC), K. Ross (RC), C. Davis (IDCA), S. Jones (AVC/ACA), P. Winchester (Fleming Hall), K. Spark ACA, A. G. and P. D. (members of the public), Cllrs Gordon, Harris and Ross, Inspector Neil Morrison

Apologies:

N. Slessor (SCC), F. Dyer (SCC), A. Bagnall (SCC), I. Blackhall (IDCA), W. Cameron (ACA), J. Richardson

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

MR proposed that the Planning items be taken after the Business section. This was approved.

Guest Speaker: Inspector Neil Morrison

This was the first time that Police attendance had been possible at a meeting of Speyside Community Council. We hope that it will be the first of many.

Inspector Morrison, Police Scotland provided an overview of Police Scotland's day to day operations within Moray. Lack of resourcing leading to cuts in police and civilian numbers was highlighted and discussed by those present.

Speeding in our communities was raised and Inspector Morrison explained the reasons why Police Scotland will not support Community Speedwatch initiatives.

Some personal experiences of engaging with the Police were discussed and Inspector Morrison's advice was both supportive and constructive. The issue of

keeping Fleming Hall intruder free, during opening times, was discussed. The Crime Reduction Officer will be contacted to conduct a survey of the building and make suggestions as to how to make it safe. This was welcomed by those responsible for managing Fleming Hall.

Inspector Morrison was thanked for his input.

Police Matters:

The CSP Report had been previously distributed.

Previous Minutes: 24 April, 2024

Proposer: G. Sarab

Secunder: D. McLean

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

Roths: Speeding data – southbound – average speed is 31.4mph. As this is the average speed, some vehicles must be going considerably faster. Speeding is a police matter.

MR still has to contact Land and Parks re: schedule for maintenance to the bridge over the Burn of Roth's.

Planning Matters –

24/00426/APP: MOT Building, Roth's. SCC submitted a representation requesting a change of cladding to make the building look less industrial. Request to be made to Roth's Council to amend its Minute to remove the word 'Objection' and substitute 'Representation'.

Greens of Roth's: 21/01903/EIA Installation of a pipeline to the R.Spey. This application has been withdrawn as it has been superseded by 23/02089. The waste water will now discharge into the burn rather than the R.Spey.

Aberlour: R2 Speyview: no new developments. However, the speed/volume of traffic strips are in place at the top of Dowan's Brae.

Correspondence:

- *AMEY – Speeding and vehicle count on A95, Aberlour
- *COOP – Ownership of car parking area
- *m.connect – Service updates
- *Moray Council – Digital infrastructure project (WiFi)
- *The Northern Scot – R2 Speyview, Aberlour
- *Connecting Scotland – top up devices for the digitally disadvantaged
- *Basic Life Support Training with AED – for Resilience Group members only
- *Pop up Libraries
- *SCC Insurance Renewal Documents – to be sent out to members of SCC.

● **Reports:**

***Treasurer – £5503.72 (includes approx. £2800 SSEN)**

*Flower Sponsorship £25 per community: Applications received from Rothes, Craigellachie, Archiestown, Edinville, Carron and ACA.

*Flood resilience resources: update on recent purchases.

*Joint Community Council – Draft Minutes. Moray Local Development Plan 2027 being drawn up.

*tsi Moray – Community Transport. Detailed list of providers within Moray to be published.

*Elgin Town Board – transport and connectivity. A number of projects have been submitted for scrutiny/decision.

● **Business:**

*Forestry – D. McLean gave a report on the meeting with Scottish Forestry.

Contact has been established with the residents affected by the Wester Leochel Farm Forest Creation Scheme.

The Ferret – concerns about lack of EIAs for forest creation schemes.

*The industrialisation of Speyside – Windfarms, Green Energy, Whisky related Developments, transmission lines, HGVs etc. Cumulative effects.

*RCW – Breedons have agreed to donate 10 tonnes of aggregate for on-going Works in Rothes.

The Castle Pavilion – a pre-planning application request has been submitted to Moray Council.

● **Planning Matters: Cllr Gordon left the meeting**

*Teindland Windfarm Exhibitions: 5 June 2024 – Grant Hall, Rothes
6 June 2024 – Fochabers Institute

*Dorenell Extension – 30 May 2024 – Mortlach Hall

*24/00458/SCN: Speyside Hydrogen. Hydrogen production plant on land opposite Georgetown Farm, Ballindalloch

*24/00045/APP: no further submissions to show the plan for the visibility splay onto the Auchinroath Road

*24/00725/APP: Change of use from Bakery to hot food takeaway/restaurant, Rothes.

*24/00754/APP: Erect Pavilion at Dowans Football Ground

*24/00775/APP: Aberlour Distillery. Maturation warehouse/car par/new pedestrian footbridge

*24/00682/APP: Glass house and associated works at Glen Grant Distillery

*24/00491/APP: 3 glamping pods, reception facility and associated infrastructure on land beside Hillside House, Rothes

AOCB:

*A member of the public raised concerns about the potholes along Elchies Road.

*The Penny Bridge – MR had undertaken some initially research into ownership. The Heritage Centre at Elgin Library is the first port of call but ownership may be very difficult to determine.

Future Programme:

*Succession Planning

*Resilience Planning: Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service

*Fund raising: Aberlour Highland Games

Consultations:

*Moray Council: None

*Scottish Government: Flood Resilience Strategy – Consultation
Closes 13/8/24

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 26 June 2024

Meeting Closed: 9pm