

Speyside Community Council

DRAFT Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 26 June 2024

At 7pm

Inchberry Hall

Community Council Members:

M. Ross, F. Dyer, A. Bagnall, M. Middlehurst, D. McLean, N. Slessor

In Attendance:

Debra Duke (CCLO), Councillors Gordon, Harris, Ross.

Representatives from IDCA, ICC, ECHC, ACA, Archiestown Village Council, Rothes Way Association, Orton Estate, members of the public (24 in total)

- MR asked attendees to complete a contact form if they wished to be kept informed of any further developments on the proposals to be discussed at the meeting.

Apologies:

K. Ross (Rothes Council), J. Richardson. G. Sarab (Speyside Community Council)

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and introduced D. Duke (CCLO) at Moray Council and the 3 Speyside/Glenlivet Moray Councillors.

Previous Minutes: 29 May 2024

Proposer – M. Middlehurst
Secunder – D. McLean

Matters Arising and Not Overtaken on the Agenda

- MOT Building, Rothes – the appropriate amendment was made to Rothes Council Minute ie representation and not objection.

- The change of use from Bakery to Restaurant in Rothes has now been approved.
- Still no update on the ownership of the parking area outside the COOP in Aberlour.
- MR still to send out the SCC Insurance Renewal Documents.

Correspondence:

- Speyside Hydrogen – on line consultation Thursday 27 June.

Reports:

- Treasurer - £5503.72
This includes the balance of SSEN Resilience Funding

Police Matters:

- The CSP report had been previously distributed.

Planning:

- Weekly Wards lists previously forwarded.
- Update: The Pavilion, Rothes Castle. Moray Council has advised that a structural engineer should be employed to assess whether or not the building can support a slated roof. A Building Warrant and Planning permission will be required.
- To be taken under **BUSINESS:** Teindland Forest Windfarm
Blackhills Windfarm
SSEN Overhead Power Lines

Business:

MR provided background information on the windfarm and power line proposals.

Overhead Power Lines – there are 2 sets.

- 1) From Rothes III windfarm to Blackhillock Substation. This will pass to the north of Rothes and will consist of large wooden poles. No decision has yet been made. Highland Distillers have objected. Further information can be found on the Energy Consents Unit website under ECU 00004733.

- 2) Beauly to Blackhillock etc transmission reinforcement. Currently a pre-application consultation requesting a Scoping Opinion. There will be pylons with an average height of 57m plus the overhead power lines.

Further information can be found on the Energy Consents Unit website under ECU 00005165.

Windfarms with battery storage – 2 proposed developments.

- 1) Teindland Forest Windfarm. A Scoping Opinion has already been issued by the Energy Consents Unit. 17 turbines with a maximum height of 230m (756ft) together with battery storage. Onsite tracks and onsite substation.

ECU 00004556

- 2) Blackhills Windfarm. A windfarm on Brown Muir was refused by Scottish Ministers in 2015. This proposal is in almost the same location but with taller turbines (200m/656ft) together with battery storage.

ECU 00005136

These two windfarms are adjacent to each other.

The meeting was then opened up for discussion and concluded with a decision by those present to form a pressure group, independent of Speyside Community Council, to further discuss and act on the above proposals.

AOCB:

- None

Future Programme:

- Succession Planning
- Resilience Planning: Fire and Rescue Service
(together with ACA) Ambulance Service
- Fund Raising/Community engagement – Aberlour Games

Consultations:

Moray Council:

Call for Sites 2024 – Moray Local Development Plan 2027. (Closes 23/8/24)

This is an opportunity for individuals, landowners and developers to suggest sites for development over the next 10 to 15 years. (Excludes Cairngorm National Park.)

Scottish Government:

Flood Resilience Strategy: Consultation. Closes 13/8/24

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday 28 August 2024

Meeting closed at:

- 9pm