

**Speyside Community Council**

**APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held**

**On Wednesday 28 August 2024**

**At 7pm**

**Speyside Sports and Community Centre**

**Community Council Members:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Councillors Gordon, Harris, Ross. W. Cameron (ACA), M. Grant (E.C.H.C), P. Shanks (E.C.H.C),

**Apologies:**

C. Davis (IDCA), J. Richardson. B. Davies (SCC), B. Cooper (CVC)

**Welcome:**

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open

**Previous Minutes: 26 June 2024**

Proposer – N. Slessor  
Secunder – D. McLean

**Matters Arising and Not Overtaken on the Agenda**

- Still no update on the ownership of the parking area outside the COOP in Aberlour. MR will contact the COOP again.
- SOS – Save our Speyside Residents Group met at Inchberry Hall on 10 July 2024.  
In the absence of a Committee, MR Chaired the meeting. A Secretary was elected and will now be responsible for taking matters forward. This group is independent of SCC.
- SOS – Save our Speyside organised a Public Meeting for 23 August at Inchberry Hall.

- Cllr Ross gave a report of that meeting which had 3 politicians (1 MP and 2 MSPs) as guest speakers and was attended by approximately 100 people from both near and far.
- Cllr Harris took notes of the meeting.
- It was decided that SOS would invite Landowners and Developers to their next meeting.

#### **Correspondence:**

- Graeme Findlay – Core Paths Ranger. This was passed on to NS and RCW.
- Rhona McNicol – Resilience Funding and Annual Moray Resilience Event to be held in November.
- Other correspondence forwarded as appropriate

#### **Reports:**

- Treasurer – Current Balance: £4764.82  
 Made up of: £2617.82 reserves of SCC  
 £2147.00 reserves of ACA flood alleviation grant

The Treasurer was requested to compile a list of flood alleviation resources that have been purchased, together with the cost of each.

- Resilience Group: MR and WC had met to discuss further purchases. It was agreed to purchase a set of Walkie Talkies (in case the mobile phone network went down). We also agreed to contact Cheryl St Hilaire, NHS Grampian Care Team to see if the team would be willing to distribute some selected grab bag items eg wind up torches and lamps, hats and mittens and survival blankets to the vulnerable in our Communities. Ms St. Hilaire is keen to be involved and will make further contact when she returns from holiday.
- JCC 8/8/24 – Review of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils. A Review always takes place prior to elections for Community Councils. The next election will take place in summer 2025. Debra Duke CCLO is scheduled to attend the next SCC meeting on 25 September.  
 The Admin. Grant was also discussed at a Funding Meeting held on 21 August 2024.  
 The Annual Admin. Funding is based on a per capita allowance of £500

plus a multiplier according to population. SCC receives £500 + £323.78= £823.78.

Some of the smaller Community Councils are struggling with their allocation, particularly those who now have to pay for hiring a room for meetings.

Discussions led to no resolution of the issue. The CCLO will issue a paper with options for discussion and approval.

### **Police Matters:**

- The CSP report had been previously distributed.

### **Planning:**

- Weekly Wards lists previously forwarded.
- Update: The Pavilion, Rothes Castle. N. Slessor reported on the latest developments on this and other projects undertaken by RCW in Rothes. It appears that a structural engineers report would be required even if the roof was replaced with tin.
- Rothes III Variation – 3 x 150m turbines to be replaced with 3 x 200m turbines. It was decided that SCC would not respond to the consultation request.
- ‘The Vic’ Rothes – The ground floor renovations are almost finished. The upstairs flat is now separated from the ground floor but no renovations have taken place.

Speyside Hydrogen – A Public Consultation was held on 22 August in Glenlivet Hall. SCC’s request for an ‘event’ in Aberlour was refused. A hydrogen facility may also be built at Drumbain Farm in Rothes.

### **Business:**

#### 1) Lack of line markings on A95 and A941

White lines on our roads serve as crucial indicators. They guide and regulate traffic flow. However, many of these lines have been eroded away. At certain locations this may have contributed to a number of accidents particularly at the 2 junctions at Craigellachie.

Cllr Gordon and Cllr Ross agreed to take this matter forward to both Moray Council and Amey.

2) Scoping Report for Blackhills Wind Farm – a draft response had been previously issued. It was agreed to include AB’s observation re: Paragraph 5.6.3 Cumulative Baseline. The agreed consultation response will be submitted to the Energy Consents Unit.

3) Scoping Report for Beauly to Blackhillock etc pylons/overhead power lines – a draft response had been previously issued. It was agreed to include DMcL’s comments regarding the removal of pylons in the National Park and requesting the comparative costs of overhead and underground cables. The agreed consultation response will be submitted to the Energy Consents Unit.

P.S (EHC) requested a copy of the proposed route. MR will send.

**AOCB:**

- None

**Future Programme:**

- Succession Planning
- Resilience Planning: Fire and Rescue Service  
(together with ACA) Ambulance Service

**Consultations:**

**Moray Council:** None

**Scottish Government:**

Charging for single use beverage cups (Closes 14/11/24)

Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Offshore Marine Protected Areas (Closes 14/10/24)

**Next Meeting:**

- Wednesday 25 September 2024

**Meeting closed at:** 9pm