

Speyside Community Council

APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 30 October 2024

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

M. Ross, M. Middlehurst, D. McLean, N. Slessor,

In Attendance:

Councillors Gordon, Ross, M. Grant (E.C.H.C), P. Shanks (E.C.H.C), C. Davis (IDCA), I. Blackhall (IDCA), B. Ross (AVC), Keith Ross (RC),

Apologies:

Cllr Harris, B. Davies (SCC), W. Cameron (ACA), Greg Sarab (SCC), A. Bagnall (SCC), F. Dyer (SCC)

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open

Previous Minutes: 25 September 2024

Subject to 3 amendments being made, the Draft Minutes were approved.

Proposer – D. McLean

Seconder – N. Slessor

Matters Arising and Not Overtaken on the Agenda

- **Page 2 – CSP Report.** MR has passed the decision of SCC to Police Inspector Neil Morrison, Police Scotland and advised that M. Middlehurst will be SCC's representative.
- **Page 6 – CC Co-option forms** have been sent out.
- **Removal of Member** - It was decided to remove a member from the SCC, in accordance with the provisions contained within the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils. A letter had been sent by MR

with an expression of thanks for all the work previously undertaken by this member.

Proposer: M. Ross

Seconder: D. McLean

Correspondence:

- Moray Council Learning Estates Team – Sustainable Learning Estate Review. Speyside High. 6 November 7pm
- HIE: Our Place Our Prosperity – survey. Distributed to village councils and associations.
- SSEN: Networking for Net Zero Stakeholder, Autumn Newsletter
- Moray Council/m.connect – Transport in Moray Survey

Reports:

- **Treasurer** – The Annual Accounts were presented and approved. It was also agreed to retain the existing Auditor at the same fee (£30).

Proposer: D. McLean

Seconder: M. Ross

- **Moray Transport Forum** – A well-attended meeting was held on 29th October. As a representative from Stagecoach was in attendance it was possible to air many of the issues that have been raised at the Forum for many months eg the use of X to inform passengers of schedule updates, out of date timetable information and anti-social behaviour at Elgin Bus Station.
There was also an update on Phase 2 of the Bus revolution – m.connect and a request that members of the Forum urge residents to complete the Bus Survey.
The review of Community Transport provision is ongoing.

Police Matters:

- The CSP - none

Planning:

- Weekly Wards lists previously forwarded.

- **Updates:**

- Beauly to Blackhillock OHL – The Energy Consents Unit has now issued a Scoping Opinion. The Community Council has been advised that our questions will be answered in due course.
- Blackhills Windfarm – 3 public events were held last week with 3 more to be held next year. Following which, a planning application will be made to the Energy Consents Unit. Unless the number of turbines is reduced, Moray Council will only be a Consultee and not the decider of any application.
- Storegga Hydrogen – another event will be held in the Fleming Hall, Aberlour on 28 November, noon to 7pm.
- Proposed MOT Building in Rothes – the design has been altered. SCC decided to make no further comment.
- **Forestry** – Rothes Estate, new woodlands, Leonoch Burn.
MR to inform Heldon CC that we may submit a response.
- **Licensing** – 24-02067-PRETEM-Glen Grant Distillery.
No response to be submitted.

Business:

1) Road safety issues A95/A941

There has been no date from Amey re: the refresh of the white lines and direction arrows at the two junctions at Craigellachie ie A95 towards Mulben and A95/A941 towards Dufftown.

Moray Council has indicated that this is the responsibility of Amey and not Moray Council.

In the absence of any real engagement from Amey, Cllr Ross has contacted Tim Eagle MSP, who has written to Amey on our behalf.

2) Moray Council Budget Consultation/Workshop

Tuesday 12 November, St Giles Church, Elgin. 2 sessions – 2-5pm and 6-9pm. Places need to be booked.

MR registered her concern with the Leader of the Council and the Communities Department that many people would be unable to access this location at either of these times. I was assured that there would be 'pop-up' sessions, at a later date, in more rural areas.

3) Moray Draft Woodland and Forestry Strategy

It was agreed that a subgroup would meet, at a date to be agreed, to formulate a response.

4) Review of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils – Boundary Changes.

Members have proposed a number of boundary changes and these have been submitted to the CCLO for further consideration.

5) Highland Council's 'Social Value Charter for Renewable Investment'. What does this mean for Moray?

The Charter would enable communities and Highland Council to have more control over investments from renewables developers.

Community benefit would be made legally binding at £5000 per mgw and, additionally, £7500 per mgw would go Highland Council for infrastructure, affordable housing etc.

Moray Council was involved in the original study and is currently working on something similar to Highland. However, there are no details, as yet.

A paper will be going to Moray Council in April and, if approved, will go out for public consultation.

Koehler (Blackhills Windfarm) stated that they would not sign up to something like this.

AOCB:

- RCW indicated a change of name to Speyside Community Initiative. To be formerly approved at the next meeting.
- Cllr Ross informed the meeting that he intended to submit a motion to Moray Council requesting that all renewable developments (consented, built and in planning,) renewables infrastructure eg pylons, battery storage etc should be mapped onto one template, thus ensuring that the full extent and impact of these developments across Moray can be seen.
Highland Council has already agreed to do this.

Future Programme:

- Moray Outdoor Access Forum and Ranger Service
- Succession Planning
- Resilience Planning: Fire and Rescue Service
(together with ACA) Ambulance Service
- Fund Raising

Consultations:

Moray Council:

Draft Woodland and Forestry Strategy for Moray (Closes 22/11/24)

Scottish Government:

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

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday 27 November, 2024

Meeting closed at: 9pm