

Speyside Community Council

DRAFT Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 27 November, 2024

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

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

In Attendance:

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

Apologies:

I. Blackhall (SCC), F. Dyer (SCC), A. Bagnall (SCC), B. Davies (SCC) B. Ross (AVC)

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open

Previous Minutes: 30 October 2024

Proposer – N. Slessor

Secunder – D. McLean

Matters Arising and Not Overtaken on the Agenda

- **PLANNING** – There are still no answers to our questions re: Beauly to Blackhillock overhead power lines. MR to pursue.
- **BUSINESS** – Responsibility for the white ‘Give Way’ lines at the A941/A95 Dufftown to Craigellachie Junction are the responsibility of Moray Council. This is confirmation that the previous information from the Council was incorrect.
- **MR** had written to Moray Council on 5 November 2024, outlining safety concerns regarding the height of the bridge parapet at Craigellachie – A95 when turning right towards Rothes. Craigellachie Village Council also posted a warning on its facebook page.

As no reply had been received, MR wrote again and copied the Acting Chief Executive into that email.

The Head of Service responded and informed the Community Council that she is waiting on information from the team on whether or not the visibility splay has been altered. She will respond with a more substantive answer by next Wednesday.

A95 - still no action from Amey despite Time Eagle MSP writing on our behalf. It was suggested that the Press are contacted.

Correspondence:

- Carron Community Council – request for help with new heating system.
- Scottish Water – MR took part in a telephone survey. During this survey it became apparent that we are very lucky to have a local contact who organises repairs promptly when contacted. The burst pipe in Rothes was repaired within days of it being reported.

MR to send contact details of local Scottish Water Operative to M. Grant.

- Roadside Pollution Monitoring – Moray Council monitor roadside pollution on an annual basis. There are no issues needing to be addressed. The Rothes reading is taken at the roundabout in North Street. MR will write to the Council requesting that the monitoring location be moved to an area near the traffic lights/Kirk, where there is often a bottleneck.
- Rothes Way Association – request to use Speyside Community Council's name on a planning application.

Reports:

- **Treasurer** – Current Account: £5366.50
- ERCS (Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland) – D. McLean reported on a session that he had attended in Edinburgh.
- RCW/SCI – funding and name change. Formal approval was given to change the name of Rothes Community Workforce to Speyside

Community Initiative. The Terms of Reference were amended accordingly.

Proposer: D. McLean

Secunder: M.Ross

An application, for £1000, to the Moray Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund had been submitted.

SCI had received £1000 from Rothes Windfarm Community Benefit Fund.

- Aberlour Resilience Plan – an updated version has been completed by W. Cameron (ACA) and submitted to the Communities Department at Moray Council for comment and approval.
A few more contacts were added and a volunteer with the correct certification for chainsaw use was also added.

There may be some additional funding coming to ACA as a result of this update.

- NHS Grampian Care Team – A . Bagnall (SCC) has agreed to take this forward. Cheryl St Hilaire will discuss the matter with her team and also make suggestions for resources.
- Resilience Event – Inchberry Hall, 7 November 2024. Both MR and WC attended and found the day very informative. The installation of a generator at the Fleming Hall could be considered.
- Rothes Council has indicated that it wants to draw up a resilience plan.
- Alice Littler Park/No Camping/Moray Strategy – Cllr Ross had been asked to take this forward. He provided a response from the Head of Service who stated that a Strategy/Policy will be written.
- Aberlour Play Park – a new sub-committee of ACA has been formed. It is fund raising, with a number of events planned for 2025.

Police Matters:

- The CSP – previously sent

Planning:

- Weekly Wards lists previously forwarded.
- **Updates:** Teindland Windfarm - Public Exhibitions, 26 and 27 Nov.

Storegga Hydrogen – 28 November, Fleming Hall
- **Forestry:** SCC's response to Moray's Draft Woodland and Forestry Strategy was previously distributed and also submitted to Moray Council.
Speyside Community Council would like to thank **Spence Braithwaite** for his time and input. Huge thanks also to D. McLean for putting the response together. Another monumental piece of work.
- **Licensing:**

Business:

- 1) The Future of Library Services in Moray.** A briefing paper from Moray Council was distributed.
It is proposed to enhance the hours at Aberlour Library at the expense of Tomintoul and Dufftown. Individuals, but not organisations, can complete an online survey. It was agreed that MR would submit a written response condemning closures of any sort on Speyside
- 2) A Sustainable Learning Estate – Speyside ASG –** another online survey. After further discussion it was agreed that MR would send a written response.
- 3) Moray Council Transport Survey –** paper copies were available for those at the meeting. It was emphasised that this survey is not just about m.connect but all bus services in Moray.
- 4) Winter Weather/Roads –** how can we help ourselves and each other?

AOCB:

- **Snow and ice clearing of footpaths** – People walking on the roads because the pavements were too icy. Why can't pavements be treated?

Future Programme:

- Moray Outdoor Access Forum and Ranger Service
- Succession Planning

Consultations:

Moray Council:

Scottish Government:

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday 29 January, 2025

Meeting closed at: 9pm