

Speyside Community Council

APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday, 29 January 2025

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

F. Dyer, D. McLean, I. Blackhall, M. Middlehurst, A. Bagnall, M. Ross

In Attendance:

M. Grant (E.C.H.C), P. Shanks (E.C.H.C.), P. W. (M.o.P.)
Cllrs Gordon, Harris and Ross

Apologies:

N. Slessor (SCC), B. Davies (SCC), K. Ross (R.V.C and SCC), C. Davis ((IDCA), W. Cameron (ACA), Kelly Spark (ACA),

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open

Previous Minutes: 27 November 2024

Proposer – M. Middlehurst

Seconder – D. McLean

Matters Arising and Not Overtaken on the Agenda

- **Page 1: PLANNING** – Beauly to Blackhillock etc Scoping Response. There has been no contact from SSEN for 3 months. Following on from another email from SCC a response was received. SCC will receive a fully informed response once the scope of the assessments to be included in the EIA Report are finalised with the ECU.
- **Page 2: CORRESPONDENCE** – MR still has to write to MC about changing the position of the road pollution monitoring equipment in Rothes.
- **Page 3: REPORTS** – NHS Grampian still to be contacted with regard to purchasing resilience items for the Care Team.

- **Page 4: BUSINESS** – A Sustainable Learning Estate. Another consultation/workshop on 11 February at Speyside Sports and Community Centre. 5.30pm to 9pm
- **Overnight Parking of Campervans** – MC will be consulting communities/businesses and will be writing/approving a strategy/policy on this issue.
- **The use of Glyphosate** – usage is reducing.
- **MC Transport Survey** – ends 31 January 2025

Correspondence:

- MR wrote to ERCS requesting info. on the environmental issues connected with hydrogen production, particularly the abstraction of vast quantities of water from the River Spey catchment. The organisation can only help with legal issues but has sent an advice document called 'Planning Democracy'.
- MR wrote the CSU requesting that Succession Planning was included as an Agenda item for the JCC meeting on 13 February.

Reports:

- **Treasurer** – Current Account: £6748.40 with £373.73 pending
 Money available to SCC - £3223.64
 Money available to ACA - £1773.27
 Money available to (SCI) - £1377.50
- SCI was not successful in securing funding from Moray Mental Health and Wellbeing for a cement mixer.
 Approval was given to pay an Invoice to Gammacks, Aberlour for £640.64 to be paid from SCI available funds.
- Lack of action on the part of Amey and MC regarding the white lines and directional markers at both Craigellachie Junctions.
 MR wrote to Lewis McBlane, Northern Scot, who wrote an article highlighting the dangers at both junctions. Cllr Ross informed the meeting that Amey would be starting its work in March.
- Bridge Parapet Craigellachie – still no update from MC.
 It was reported to the meeting that the road surface on the bridge is already degraded.
- Nature Networks – D. McL gave an update. A. Bagnall and F. Dyer expressed a particular interest in this item. Documentation to be sent

as requested.

Police Matters:

- The CSP – previously sent

Planning:

- Weekly Wards lists previously forwarded to members and community organisations within our area
- **Updates:** Blackhills Windfarm – 2nd round of exhibitions.

11, 12, 13 February

Speyside Storegga Hydrogen – a planning application will be submitted mid to late February.

- **Forestry:** Previously distributed. SCC decided not to respond to the Stakeholder Consultation – Forest Management carried out by Scottish Woodlands Ltd.
- **Licensing:**

Business:

1) MORAY Draft Woodland and Forestry Strategy.

SCC submitted its lengthy response on 22 Nov. 2024. We had a number of questions which we hoped would be answered but have, so far, have received no answers. Cllr Gordon agreed to take this matter forward.

It is anticipated that the Draft Strategy will be presented to MC in March.

2) m.connect Phase 2.

MR gave an update, highlighting the changes to timetabled and on-demand services on Speyside/Glenlivet from April/May 2025.

3) Resilience Planning and Ice Crews.

MR explained this NHS Initiative which will rely on volunteers to undertake preventative gritting in a clearly defined/agreed area when the road temperature is predicted to fall below freezing. NHS Grampian will provide the grit and the spreader. This is a preventative measure – it is not about clearing snow and ice.

Gritting of roads and pavements around schools. Unfortunately, they are not top priority. MR to send Appendix C and D (lists of priority routes and their status) to P.W.

Cllr Gordon to take this matter forward and also ask for the Criteria for Risk Prioritisation.

4) Joint meeting with Innes Community Council

It was decided that a joint meeting with Innes Community Council would be beneficial but not until a planning application had been submitted by Speyside Storegga Hydrogen to Moray Council.

5) Moray Community Identified Benefits Portal

This is about MC's procurement process, with the aim of building stronger relationships between businesses and communities. When large procurement contracts are being drawn up, it is possible that some sort of community benefit will be written in. Businesses can offer goods or services. Communities can submit requests for goods/services. The idea being to match businesses and communities. This does not replace developer obligations

AOCB:

- Booking Slots for Burials - This will go out for consultation again.

Future Programme:

- Blackhills Windfarm
- Outdoor Access Forum/Ranger

Consultations:

Moray Council:

National: Dual Mandates in the Scottish Parliament (Closes 23/3/25)

Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits (Closes
11/4/25)

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday 28 February 2025

Meeting closed at: 9pm