

Speyside Community Council

Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 25 June 2025

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

Marion Ross, Donald McLean, Ian Blackhall, N. Slessor

In Attendance:

Cllr Ross, Cllr Gordon, M. Grant (ECHC), B. Ross (AVC)

Apologies:

A. Bagnall (SCC), M. Middlehurst (SCC), K. Ross (SCC), Cllr Harris

Welcome:

MR (SCC) welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

Previous Minutes: 28 May 2025

Proposer: N. Slessor

Seconder: I. Blackhall

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- Craigellachie New Bridge Parapet Height – still awaiting an update from Moray Council re discussions between itself and Transport Scotland.

Correspondence:

- Amey – the trees at Craigellachie Junction. The Boundary maps supplied by Transport Scotland show that Amey only has responsibility for the land/trees at the top of the bank. However, Amey is in discussions with Transport Scotland as it believes that the boundary should be lower down the bank and this would include the trees. Until this is resolved, nobody will cut the trees. Additionally, they would not be cut at this time of year anyway as it is the birds' nesting season.
- 2025 SURF Awards – funding for community regeneration. B. Ross asked for details to be sent to AVC.

- SSEN – Stakeholder Engagement Strategy Action Plan.
- Radio Teleswitch Service – This service will not be switched off on 30 June 2025. It will be phased out instead.
- National Telecare Campaign – Partner Toolkit. This relates to those who rely on a land line, particularly those who have telephone linked personal safety alarms.

Reports:

- **Treasurer:** *Current Account: £5487.99
 - *Available to SCC - £2977.86
 - *Available to ACA - £1773.27
 - *Available to SCI - £736.86
- **SCI:** The distillery bridge will be repaired this weekend. SCI will make an application to Berry Burn Windfarm Community Benefit Fund.
- **Resilience:** A. Bagnall has been in contact with the NHS Care Team and a meeting has been arranged

Police Matters: CSP Report – previously sent.

Planning Matters: The Weekly Wards had been previously distributed.

Planning Updates:

- 23/00709/APP: 100GW per year Anaerobic Digestion Plant, Longmorn. Notice of Appeal to Scottish Ministers

Forestry Updates:

- Leonach Burn – D. Mclean gave an update.

Business:

- **Amended Terms of Reference for SCI:** This was unanimously accepted. A third paragraph was added to the Finance Section. Starting with ‘Should’..... and ending with ‘appropriate Bank Account identified by SCI.’
- **Review of Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.** There will be no changes to the CC boundaries. Most of the alterations/additions reflect changes in legislation at national and local levels.

Elections – the term of CCs will be extended by 1 year if the end of the 4 year term comes in a year when there are Westminster or Holyrood elections.

Youth membership – an additional 2 young members, aged 16 to 18, can be elected for a 2 year period.

Clarification is required on whether or not the young membership addition alters the number required for a meeting to be quorate. MR to pursue.

- **Overnight stays for campervans/motor homes.**

There are 2 proposed sites in our CC area, Fiddich Car Park in Craigellachie and Alice Littler Car Park in Aberlour.

Fiddich Car Park – no public toilets but there is a waste water disposal facility. 3 spaces.

Alice Littler Car Park – toilets not open 24 hours a day. No waste water disposal facility. 4 spaces.

Discussion topics were wide ranging eg £7 per night is too cheap and undermines local regulated caravan sites, how can payment be collected, who will enforce the policy when Moray Council will not apply for enforcement powers, the pros and cons of height barriers across the car parks and so on.

The question was asked whether there really is a problem that requires such a policy or are we creating a problem to justify having a policy? The feeling of the meeting was that there isn't really a problem with overnight parking.

- **National Strategy for 20 mph.**

The policy was adopted by EDI, Moray Council on 17 June 2025. This will affect many, but not all, roads with a current 30 mph limit. It will not affect trunk roads.

Information will be posted on Moray Council's website where affected roads will be identified.

Community Councils will be consulted in due course. Implementation is planned for Autumn 2025.

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Future Programme: Community Council Elections

Consultations:

Moray Council – NONE

Scottish Government – NONE

Next Meeting: Wednesday 27 August 2025

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm