

Speyside Community Council

APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 27 August, 2025

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

Marion Ross, Mike Middlehurst, Donald McLean, Ian Blackhall, Neil Slessor

In Attendance:

Cllrs Gordon and Ross, C. Davis (IDCA), M. Grant (EHC), P, Shanks (EHC), S. Gouldstone (CCC), JW and KD (Members of the Public)

Apologies:

A. Bagnall (SCC), F. Dyer (SCC), Cllr Harris, JR (Member of the Public)

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone to the last meeting in the current round of Community Councils. Members were thanked for their active participation and support during the last 4 years and were urged to stand for re-election.

MR also thanked those who have attended and represented their own community organisation at SCC meetings. Their input has been invaluable and it was hoped that some of these representatives would also consider standing for election.

Following the conclusion of the open meeting, there would be a short private session.

Previous Minutes: 25 June, 2025

Proposer: D. McLean

Seconder: N. Slessor

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- Craigellachie Bridge Parapet – once again, there is still no update on the discussions between Moray Council and Transport Scotland. In fact, there

has been no response to the last email that was sent. Cllr Gordon agreed to take this up on our behalf.

- MM is dealing with the trees at A95/A941 junction. There are no further updates regarding ownership.

Correspondence:

- Previously sent.

Reports:

- **Treasurer:** *Current Account: £5477.99 in total
 - *Available to SCC - £2967.86
 - *Available to ACA - £1773.27
 - *Available to SCI - £736.86
- **SCI:** No updates
- **JCC - 14/8/25:** To be discussed under 'Business'.
- **m.connect:** Information from the Project Board Meeting held on 24 July 2025 –
 - * Some of the current zones are very large and this is causing many of the routes to be inefficient. Further work to be undertaken on this issue.
 - * 691 Speyside on demand service – changes are likely to be made but it is vitally important that rural communities are not disadvantaged.
 - * There is a possibility of matching fixed route services (ie timetabled) to on-demand services (ie connecting).
 - * The Group Booking Function is now working.
 - * Driver recruitment is still an issue.

MM asked for the statistics for usage. MR to take forward,

Police Matters: CSP Report had been previously distributed.

Planning Matters: The Weekly Wards had been previously distributed.

Planning Updates: Storegga Hydrogen Plant, Marypark

Moray Council will be holding a predetermination hearing to which the applicant and objectors are invited to state their cases before the Councillors (PRSC).

The Councillors (PRSC) will then make a decision on the

application.

This is scheduled for 8th and 9th October 2025.

Teindland Windfarm.

12 turbines plus battery storage

There have been a number of issues surrounding the consultation from the Energy Consents Unit/Applicant.

Speyside Community Council has been given an extension to 30 November, 2025.

Blackhills Windfarm

6 Turbines plus battery storage.

This proposal is adjacent to Teindland Windfarm and while there are two different developers it will, in effect, look like one windfarm.

MR has applied for an extension to the consultation period but is waiting for a reply from the ECU.

Dorenell Extension

MR read out an email from Galileo. (For information only)

Forestry Updates: To be dealt with in the Private Session.

Licensing - None

Business: Joint Community Council

*The National Strategy for 20mph in Moray

This will only affect roads with a current limit of 30mph, with premises fronting the road over a 400m to 600m length and proximity to places of worship, schools, medical facilities etc.

Public information, including maps and a 'have your say button' will be on the 'Moray Engage' website. Transport Scotland have given the funding for this work (including the signage).

Temporary traffic regulations will be drawn up and the 20mph limit will be trialled on the selected roads. Changes can be made during the first 18 months of operation. The 20mph limit will be withdrawn if it is not working.

This will not affect the Trunk Roads with a current 60mph limit.

*Consultation times for major planning applications

SCC has requested that the Chair of the JCC write to John Swinney and other appropriate MSPs requesting that the consultation period for major planning applications should be extended, as the current timescales are impossible to meet.

Finderne CC also requested that there should be no consultation requests on planning matters etc during CC election periods.

*Review of Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

This was adopted by Moray Council's Corporate Committee on 26/8/25.

*Timetable for Community Council Elections

The timetable was outlined together with information regarding completion of the nomination form.

The new term for uncontested CCs starts on 27th October 2025.

*Moray Council's proposed policy for overnight stays for campervans

Cllr Gordon requested that this item was included in the Agenda. After a lengthy discussion, the conclusion of the meeting was that this policy would likely create a problem where none currently exists. Therefore, the meeting could see no requirement for a policy that can't be enforced.

AOCB: MM provided an update on the aspirational plans for Fiddich Park, Craigellachie. These would include a visitor centre with toilets and an interactive learning environment for schools. This would be situated on the old platform.

Private Session: Further discussions regarding a recent forestry creation scheme.

Consultations: National – none
Moray Council – none

Next Meeting: Wednesday 29 October 2025

Meeting Closed at: 8.30pm

