

Minutes of Meeting  
Speyside Community Council

Date: Wednesday, 11 December 2017

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Fire Station, Rothes

Chair: Marion Ross, Chairperson

Community Council Attendees: Andy Cameron, Julie Sarab, Frannie Shaw, Marion Ross, Jean Richardson,

Guest attendees: Jim Hart (Archiestown), Derek Ross Councillor

Apologies: Chris Garden, Louise Laing, Jane Martin

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Marion Ross welcomed all to the meeting and gave the apologies for those not able to attend. Thanks were given to Andy Cameron for the use of the Rothes Fire Station meeting room. Jim Hart from Archiestown and Derek Ross, Councillor were welcomed as guest attendees.

2. Minutes of previous (Inaugural) meeting

Minutes were summarized by Julie Sarab

Approved by Marion Ross, Seconded by Jean Richardson

3. Plan to increase membership/awareness of the Speyside Community Council

We will construct and send an email designed to encourage local community members to join the Speyside Community Council as either a co-opted member or as an associate. In an added effort to target teenagers as valuable potential Council members, our regular meeting, held on January 17th, will be at Speyside High School and will be advertised widely including in the Pupil Notes newsletter. Jim Hart has kindly offered to forward such an email to members of the Archiestown community.

All members agreed to send a short biography of themselves to the secretary. These will be included in the email encouraging new members thus giving a level of transparency of current membership and community affiliations and intentions among the Speyside Community Councillors.

4. Treasurer Update

Jean Richardson has worked hard with the Bank of Scotland in Elgin to set up the charity bank account for the Speyside Community Council. Barring a few more items of paperwork, the account will be fully set up by the end of this week.

## 5. Potential Community Projects to support

- Roths Spur - link to Aberlour and Craigellachie. Roths Council are considering this initiative, we intend to provide support as needed, where possible.
- Maintaining a Library in Speyside. Frannie will research similar instances involving small community library closures and learn more about community asset transfers specifically involving libraries. Derek Ross has offered to find out who owns the building that the Aberlour Library is currently situated in.
- Road crossing lights and traffic safety in Aberlour. Julie will contact Nicola Moss of Transport Scotland to discuss criteria for acquiring a traffic crossing in a small community. Julie will also contact a member of Aberlour Community Association to find out what information they already possess in regards to this project.
- Youth Cafe. Andy will contact the Roths group that is attempting to start up a Youth project in Roths. He will find out what stage their project is currently at and make them aware of our interest in supporting such projects.
- Public toilet potential closure in local communities. Jean will look into the possibility of a community asset transfer, talk to local community groups in Roths and Craigellachie and other groups who may provide support within the communities for keeping the facilities open.

## 6. Moray Council proposed Budget - initial feedback from SCC members

Marion feels there is inadequate access or time for the general public to find and use the budget response form. Frannie wishes the Council would reconsider the gritting cuts. The lack of pavements being gritted is a serious public safety issue, e.g. children going to school using Green Street (Roths), Mary Avenue, Queens Road (Aberlour) and other areas within our catchment. Jean believes that public toilet closures will affect Speyside tourism and local convenience.

Could we suggest measures to save Moray Council funds and avoid cuts? These will be discussed further at the special budget meeting. All members agreed to think on this and bring ideas to the meeting.

All members agreed we needed to convene a special meeting to solely discuss our (and the communities in our area), response to the Moray Council 2018-19 budget proposal  
Meeting details: WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> - Budget response meeting at Speyside High School - 7pm.

Julie will book a meeting room at the High School. Julie will send a request for responses to the budget proposal from as many community groups as possible. The responses will be returned by 8th January and all information will be collated at the SCC meeting on the 10th of January for submission to Moray Council by January 12th 2018.

## 7. AOB

Councillor Derek Ross has asked for SCC meeting dates be forwarded to himself, Louise Laing and Walter Wilson

Potential February meeting in Archiestown. Julie to contact Jim Hart re: Village Hall availability

Local police will be invited to attend SCC meetings. Julie will contact Jane Martin for info

Marion gave a brief summary of our attendance at the Aberlour Community Association AGM

Response to their request for our 'remit' will be forthcoming as time permits. Marion is to consult with Jane Martin in regards to a 'flow chart' of all the local community organisations and the role of the SCC within them.

8. Marion adjourned the meeting.