

Speyside Community Council

Approved Minute of Meeting held at Rothes Fire Station

Wednesday 14 March, 2018 at 7pm

Community Council members:

Marion Ross (Chair), Jean Richardson (Treasurer), Andy Cameron (Planning), Chris Garden

In attendance:

Greg Sarab (prospective associate member), Jim Hart (Archiestown Village Council), Ken Fraser (Craigellachie Village Council), Chris Davis, Marion Sneddon, Paula Herron, Sheena Kalra, Tony Garden (prospective member)

Guest attendees:

Councillor Ross

Apologies:

Frannie Shaw, Jane Tweedie, Councillor Laing

Welcome:

Marion Ross welcomed all to the meeting and gave apologies for those not able to attend. Thanks given to Andy for the use of the Fire Station.

Previous Minutes from 11.12.17

As the previous meeting was inquorate this was the first opportunity to adopt the above minutes.

Proposer: Andy Cameron

Seconder: Jim Hart

Matters arising and not covered on the agenda:

- **The possibility of having senior pupils attend meetings still has to be addressed. Marion Ross will take this forward**
- **The development of a Youth Café in Rothes has stalled.**
- **Local police need to be invited to attend. Marion Ross will take this forward.**

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Although inquorate , it was agreed that the Chair would contact Dufftown Community Council with a view to having a joint meeting.

Co-option of new members

It was agreed to co-opt Jane Tweedie and Tony Garden as full members and to approve Greg Sarab's associate membership.

Correspondence

The Chair advised that Speyside CC is now included on the list of consultees for Rothies III and Paul's Hill windfarm extension. It is also registered with the Scottish Energy Consents Unit as a consultee.

The Chair reported on the correspondence that had been received.

The details of the insurance renewal had not been checked. Marion Ross will do this.

General Data Protection Training 07.04.18 – Jean Richardson and Marion Ross to attend.

The Chair also advised members to sign up for any meetings/training that interested them and not to wait for the next CC meeting, especially if there is a short registration time.

Treasurer's Report

A Bank account has been opened with the Bank of Scotland in Elgin.

The current balance is £414.03

Planning Matters

None

A copy of The Main Issues Report – Moray Local Development Plan 2020 and a copy of Policies –Moray Local Development Plan 2020 were given to Andy.

Police Matters

It was reported that there had been thefts of oil and diesel in the area. The advice was to be on the look-out for any strange vehicles in the area.

There had also been thefts of forestry machinery in Forres and Llanbryde.

Telephone fraud – callers were pretending to be BT engineers and wanting access to computers.

Andy reported that his father had been contacted by one of these fraudsters and that the

fraudster even knew his BT password.

It was agreed that Marion Ross would pass on any telephone messages from the police to the Village Councils/Community Associations and also to post such messages on the Speyside Community Council Facebook Page.

Business: Moray Council Budget:

Toilets Update: It was reported that Rothes and Craigellachie toilets are to remain open but the toilets at Fiddich Park are due to close.

Councillor Ross was due to meet with Steven Cooper (Moray Council) on Wednesday 21 March to discuss the Speyside Way Toilets, including those at Fiddich Park. He will report back at the next meeting.

Lunchtime School Crossing Patrollers: It was agreed that Marion Ross would write to the Parent Councils of both Rothes and Aberlour Primary schools and also to Aberlour Community Association.

Transport from School to College: It was agreed that Councillor Ross would look into this further to see what this cut means to schools/pupils and report back.

School librarians: No action

Cuts to ASN/School Budgets: Noted

Cuts to Social Care Budget: The discussion centred around the difficulties of accessing community care in a rural location. Issues relating to isolation of the elderly and vulnerable are among the priorities in The Local Improvement Plan.

Traffic: Speed throughout the area. Marion Ross reported that this issue had been discussed at every Village Council/Community Association meeting that she had attended.

However, there needs to be demonstrable evidence that there really is a problem. Moray Council holds speed data which could be accessed.

It was decided to look into the possibility of having 'Smiley Faces' in more locations. Marion Ross will investigate the Twenty's Plenty Campaign.

She also reported that Transport Scotland and Bear are due to review the situation in Aberlour, again, in early 2018.

36 Bus Timetable: Changes to the bus timetable were noted. It was decided to contact the local bus company to discuss timetabling, bus routes, connectivity etc on Speyside.

It was also decided to find out more about the Garmouth/Speybay Community bus.

Roths Gala: It was noted that the organisers carry out excellent work in organising the Gala and it is something that the people of Roths and those further afield appreciate very much indeed. Speyside Community Council would like to offer its support to the Gala organisers when and if they require it.
New GP Contracts: Marion Ross contacted Fiona McPherson, The Public Involvement Officer in Elgin to come and talk to us about changes to Primary Health Care. At this point in time she has had no reply but will phone again.
Clashgour Windfarm: Steven Park, on behalf of Force 9, wants to set up a Community Liaison Group. The first meeting is on 27 March at 7pm at Edinkille Hall, Dunphail. There were no volunteers to attend.
Guest Speakers: The following were suggested ; Nicola Moss at Moray Council with regard to perceived speeding and the Twenty's Plenty Campaign Stagecoach RAF Lossiemouth It was agreed that each speaker would be given a brief outline of what we would want to discuss.
Election of Secretary: Noted and taken forward to the next meeting
AOCB: It was highlighted that there is no Catastrophic Incident Plan in place for CoRDe in Roths. The steam generator sometimes trips out and the build-up of steam has to vent. In the worst case scenario there could be an explosion. There is no local operating procedure for the Fire and Rescue Service. It is believed that Councillor Laing is dealing with this. Aberlour Graveyard: The existing waste bin is not large enough for all the rubbish and a larger one is required. Councillor Ross will take this forward.
Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 25 April 2018 at Archiestown Village Hall
Meeting closed at 8.45pm
