

# Speyside Community Council

**Approved** Minute of Meeting Held at Archiestown Village Hall

**Wednesday 25 April 2018**

## Community Council Members

Chris Garden, Tony Garden, Jean Richardson, Jane Tweedie, Marion Ross

## In Attendance

Jim Hart (Archiestown Village Council), Rev Robert Anderson

## Apologies

Frannie Shaw, Andy Cameron, Julie Sarab, Greg Sarab, Councillors Wilson, Ross and Laing

## Welcome

MR welcomed those in attendance and gave apologies for those not able to attend. Thanks were given to Archiestown Village Council for the use of the Village Hall.

## Adoption of previous minutes: 14.03.2018

Proposer: Jean Richardson

Seconder: Jim Hart

## Matters arising and not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- Attendance of Senior Pupils from Speyside High - MR has been in contact with the Head Teacher who is keen for the idea to be taken forward. It was agreed that MR would contact her again in mid-May in order to arrange a presentation at the change of timetable in June. Jane Martin has also offered her assistance in this matter.
- Attendance of local police –MR had contacted Inspector Grant McCutcheon, Community Planning Inspector and is awaiting a reply for how to take this matter forward. Police time is valuable and there must be a more efficient use of Police time than have them attend every Community Council/ Community Association/ Village Council Meeting. It was decided that the Police would only be invited if there was a serious issue that we wished to discuss with them or, indeed, there was an issue that they wished to discuss with the Community Council.

- **Moray Council Budget** – Councillor Ross had met with Stephen Cooper (Moray Council) on Wednesday 21 March to discuss the Speyside Way toilets, including those at Fiddich Park. Unfortunately, there was no success in keeping Fiddich Park or, indeed, any of the Speyside Way toilets open.

It was reported that Craigellachie Village Council have registered a Note of Interest in both sets of toilets but the annual cost of running them is likely to be in excess of £10,000. It was also reported that people are still camping at Fiddich Park and a concern was expressed regarding human waste.

- **Removal of School Crossing Patrollers** - As previously agreed, MR had written to both Rothes and Aberlour Primary Schools to offer any support that they see as appropriate in this matter. It was acknowledged that Aberlour Community Association had also written to Moray Council on this, and other, traffic matters in Aberlour.
- **Transport from School to College** – Councillor Ross had been in contact with the Head Teacher at Speyside High School. She indicated that this can be funded from within the school budget so there will be no adverse impact on pupils.

#### **Traffic – Speed Indication Devices.**

- Councillor Ross had been in contact with Ken Major re: the smiley face speed indicators. After discussion it was agreed that MR would contact Mr Major to discuss erecting temporary SIDs in locations that are not currently on the location list. However, we do not yet know which locations are currently on this list.

The Dufftown entrance to Craigellachie was discussed as was the junction of Spey Road and Victoria Street. It was also decided to contact Knockando.

MR had also looked at The Living Streets and Twenty's Plenty for Us Campaigns but this really needs to be adopted by Moray Council. Signs cost money and need permission to be erected. It was decided to ask Councillor Laing about her involvement in the 20mph through towns and villages campaign.

#### **36 Bus Timetable**

- There was a discussion around the lack of evening and Sunday services for the Elgin-Dufftown-Elgin Route. A meeting with representatives from the local bus company still has to be arranged.

The lack of a public bus service along the A95 corridor was also discussed. There is

no service between Aberlour and Grantown/Aviemore. It was agreed that this issue affects both tourists and residents alike and is something that should be pursued.

**Changes to Primary Health Care including the new GP contracts.**

- Pam Gowans (Chief Officer of the Moray Health and Social Care Partnership) will deliver a presentation at our next meeting.

**CoRDe**

- JR has written to the Manager expressing previously aired safety issues at the facility. He has offered to arrange a fact-finding visit and JR has agreed to take this matter forward.

The matter of noise and light pollution from the facility was also raised. This may be an environmental health matter but would need further investigation.

**Waste Bins at Aberlour Cemetery**

- Councillor Ross has arranged for additional bins to be provided. However, they are not at the main entrance as he requested.

**Correspondence**

- A joint letter from Speyside CC and Dufftown CC had been sent to Douglas Ross MP regarding reductions to the mobile banking service. Dufftown had been successful in getting another 1 hour slot but nothing extra for Aberlour or Rothes. Douglas Ross is still trying to arrange a meeting with Anne Brewer RBS to discuss Aberlour and Rothes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance of Account = £414

**Appointment of Secretary**

It was agreed that MR would continue to do the Minutes.

**Planning Matters**

Taken under Business – Paul's Hill Extension

**Police Matters**

None

## **Business**

- **CAT – MR gave a report on the CAT Seminar at Elgin Town Hall on 22.03.18.**

**This training was in response to the closure of halls, toilets etc, as a result of the budget cuts. The process is contained in Part 5 of The Community Empowerment Act 2015 and it's all about transferring ownership and rights and responsibilities from a relevant authority to a community transfer body.**

**However, it would appear that Moray Council will need to engage more staff to deal with the volume of work within the 3 month time scale laid down in the budget. Moray Council will give short term leases while a CAT is being processed.**

- **Clashgour Windfarm – Speyside CC is now represented on the Glashgour Community Liaison Group. This proposal for 63 turbines is still at the pre-application stage. MR attended a meeting in Dunphail. This group does not discuss community benefit nor community ownership. Details of the forthcoming exhibitions were shared.**

**JH informed the meeting that Archiestown Village Council had had a presentation from Force 9 Energy regarding community ownership.**

- **Paul's Hill Windfarm – The application has been submitted to the Energy Consents Unit and will be determined by Scottish Ministers. It was decided that the Speyside CC did not have sufficient evidence from residents to either support or object to the application.**
- **Data Protection Training – MR reported on the training that took place on 07.04.18. The focus of the training was 1) General Principles, 2) Non-domestic use of personal data 3) Community Council, Voluntary Organisations, Federation of Halls etc.**

**We must register with the Information Commissioner's Office at a cost of £40 pa.**

**We need to have a Data Protection Policy – Jane Martin is working on this.**

- **The footpath/cycle way around MacKessack Park – This is in a sorry state of repair. JR provided an estimate, from Gary Grant at Moray Council, of costs to upgrade. The total would be approx. £60,000 but this would be for Tarmac. Other, cheaper remedies will be investigated.**
- **There is to be a meeting of the Craigellachie-Rothes Spur Steering Group with officers of Moray Council to discuss options and funding applications. The Cottage at 7pm on Monday 21 May, 2018.**

- Defibrillator – Inchberry had their bid in the Money for Moray funding allocation refused. The meeting agreed to approach I.G. at Inchberry to offer our support in trying to secure funding from elsewhere.
- JCC Meeting in Elgin on Thursday 10 May. MR and JR to attend.

**AOCB**

- Other training/seminars attended – Community Empowerment, Getting in on the Act, Participation Requests.
- A393 Road Closure starts on 14.05.18 for 3 weeks.
- Speyside Community Council and Speyside Area Forum – The roles of both groups need to be clearly identified. Ian Todd and Jane Martin to be consulted.
- Pot holes in Fiddich Park Car Park – works are to be undertaken in the area and the potholes will be repaired then.

**Date of Next meeting – Wednesday 30 May, 2018. Craigellachie Tennis Pavilion at 7pm**

**Meeting closed at – 9pm**