

Speyside Community Council

Minute of Meeting Held

At Edinville Hall

Tuesday, 28 August 2018

Community Council Members

Chris Garden, Tony Garden, Jane Tweedie, Marion Ross, Greg Sarab, Frannie Shaw

In Attendance

Cllr Ross, Jim Hart, Andrea Fuller, Ann Higgins

Apologies

Jean Richardson, Andy Cameron, Cllr Laing, Kelly Spark

Welcome

MR welcomed those in attendance, particularly AH, and submitted apologies on behalf of those unable to attend. Thanks were also given to AF for the use of Edinville Hall.

Previous Minutes

It was not possible to accept the draft minutes of the meeting at Inchberry Hall. These will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda

- A new date still has to be arranged for the meeting with Speyside High School Pupils. MR will take this forward.
- Speyside Low Carbon Expansion of electric car and bike sharing in Moray – 70% of the money requested has been allocated to this application.
- Moray Council applied for funding from the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund and this has been approved. Part of this application is to upgrade the Speyside Way between Craigellachie and Aberlour plus electric bus and car chargers.
- Moray Council has arranged a meeting in Fleming Hall for Wednesday 29th August to explain the proposal in more depth and also to consult with communities. JH, Archiestown, reported that some communities had received no notification of this meeting.
- Cllr Laing to be asked to report back, at our next meeting, on the outcome of the

meeting with Maggie Miller (Police) after her visit to Rothes to observe the traffic situation.

Correspondence

- Clashgour Windfarm – Community Liaison Group. There will be no more meetings under just before a planning application is submitted – probably in November. The Joint Community Council (JCC) is looking into the possibility and the desirability of Community Ownership.
- A96 Dualling – Hardmuir to Fochabers Scheme. MR gave an update. Speyside Community Council decided to make no comment.
- Letter from Richard Lochhead MSP acknowledging my letter about traffic through Craigellachie. He has written to the Chief Executive of Transport Scotland and is awaiting a reply.
- Douglas Ross MP had written to the Director of Trunk Road and Bus Operations regarding the A95 junction with Spey Road, Craigellachie.
- GHN Johnston Building Consultants Ltd had been in contact regarding land at Tombain Farm, identified in the The Moray Local Development Plan 2020 as not suitable for housing. After discussion, it was decided that Speyside Community Council were unable to support the re-designation of Tombain Farm as suitable for housing.

It was agreed that MR would send details to Aberlour Community Association and Edinville, having first gained permission from GHN Johnston Building Consultants Ltd.

- Springfield Properties – notification of the proposed development of Speyview in Aberlour. The first phase would consist of approx. 49 houses both private and affordable but no social housing. This would be followed over the next 20-25 years by more housing and commercial facilities. Consultation will take place with communities at a date to be confirmed.

Reports

- Treasurer – amount in the bank is £723.79
- Meeting with RBS/Mobile Branches – this meeting had been arranged by Douglas Ross MP. Originally, Dufftown Community Council was involved but as their service wasn't ultimately affected they decided to withdraw from any meetings with the Bank.

We met with the Manager in Elgin on 14/08/18.

It was highlighted that a 20 minute stop in Rothes was not adequate, there is no privacy once inside the 'van' with people tending to wait outside. Umbrellas can be provided in wet weather and RBS is currently trialling an awning that can be

attached to the side of the van in order to provide shelter.

Accessibility issues have been addressed with the provision of an 'Accessible Bank Card' and cheque signature templates for those with impaired vision, portable induction loops for those with impaired hearing and an electronic fob that will alert staff when a customer with mobility issues is waiting outside.

Apart from the induction loop, all other accessibility aids need to be ordered from the Bank/branch in person or by telephoning 03457242424.

An assurance was given that the Bank would consult with communities prior to the next timetable change.

- MR has written an article, detailing the above, for The Rothesian and also circulated this information to other groups.
- Update on Mackessack Park and Funding - Thanks were given to JR who has done most of the work on this. We are waiting for a decision.
- Speyside Transport Group – Thanks were given to JH who devised the questionnaire that was used at the Aberlour Games and the Grantown Show. Contact has been made with Aviemore and District Community Council as well as Cromdale and District Council. A meeting has also taken place with Badenoch and Strathspey Community Transport Co. Moray Council is assisting with the information on costings for an electric bus etc. An initial application for funding has to be for the A95 corridor between Aberlour and Aviemore. However, if we are successful, other routes can be established but we must not compromise existing commercial routes. Speyside Transport Group would be looking to franchise the service to Stagecoach. FS requested information about bus subsidies and the fares structures for Stagecoach. MS will carry this forward.
- Joint Community Council (JCC) 9 August 2018 – MR reported back on the meeting which was dominated by the closure of public toilets. Minutes of this meeting can be found on the Moray Council website.

Planning Matters

- Craigellachie Filling Station – it was agreed to support the application for the installation of an electric car rapid charger.
- The PAN for development of housing in Speyview, Aberlour was taken under correspondence.

Police Matters

- There were 2 incidents involving neighbours and 1 incident involving noise.
- In July a drugs' search warrant was executed in Rothes and one person has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Business

- It was agreed to co-op AH as a member and co-opt KS as an Associate member.
- A number of Fund Raising possibilities were discussed. It was agreed to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.
- It was agreed that MR would send 'Flyers' to Craigellachie Village Council, Archiestown Village Council, Inchberry and the Scout Hall, Aberlour for display in their notice boards.
- It was also suggested that The Northern Scot's Town and County page could be used.

Guest Speakers

- The Moray School Bank had been contacted and a date was to be arranged by MR.
- It was agreed that Dial M and Speyside Tourism Board would be invited to subsequent meetings.

AOCB

- It was agreed to change the day and date of meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- It was agreed to investigate the possibility of electric car chargers for Archiestown and Rothes. It was hoped that these would be joint projects with Archiestown Village Council and Rothes Council.
- It was agreed to nominate the Speyside Car Share Scheme for a Grampian Volunteer Transport Award.
- Following discussions about speeding in the area, GS offered to speak about 'Community Speed Watch' at our next meeting. This offer was readily accepted.
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Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 24 October 2018 at The Cottage in Rothes at 7pm.

Meeting Closed at: 8.45pm