

Speyside Community Council
Approved Minute of Meeting Held
At The Cottage, Rothes
Wednesday, 24 October 2018

Community Council Members

Jean Richardson, Greg Sarab, Ann Higgins, Kelly Spark, Frannie Shaw, Marion Ross

In Attendance

Cllr Laing, Debi Weir

Apologies

Jane Tweedie, Brenda Cooper, Jim Hart, Andy Cameron, Chris Garden, Tony Garden, Cllr Ross, Cllr Wilson

Welcome

MR welcomed two new members to the Community Council and a warm welcome was extended to Debi Weir, our guest speaker, from the Moray School Bank.

Guest Speaker: Debi Weir, The Moray School Bank

Despite there being a perception that there is no poverty in Moray, The Moray School Bank has been established in an attempt to address the very real difficulties that some families experience in purchasing school uniforms etc. It operates according to the same principles as the Food Bank and referrals come from various agencies as well as schools themselves.

In its first eighteen months of existence some 225 children have been helped and it is anticipated that 300 children will be supported this current school year.

The philosophy of the School Bank is progressive, forward looking, inclusive and puts the child firmly at the centre. Children and their families are actively involved in the selection of uniform, shoes etc.

Particularly important is the fact that the children have their feet measured by shop staff and buy from a selection of good quality footwear. Additionally, shop staff will visit any child who cannot get into Elgin for their shoes.

The average spend per child is approx. £150 but there is a flexible limit to this figure.

The identity of clients and their families is closely guarded.

There is a development programme for children and young people to volunteer and also

a plan to work with schools. This is an inspirational organisation and the CC agreed to support it in any way it can.

For further information contact: 07884036803

info@morayschoolbank.org

Previous Minutes

26 June, 2018: Proposer – FS

Secunder – JR

28 August: Proposer – FS

Secunder - AH

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda

- Cllr Laing reported that there had been no further contact with Maggie Millar (Police) following her visit to Rothes to observe the traffic situation.
- A new date still has to be arranged for the meeting with Speyside High School Pupils. MR will take this forward.

Correspondence

- A95 through Craigellachie - Richard Lochhead MSP has received a reply from the Chief Executive of Transport Scotland. Neil MacFarlane (Area Manager for the A95) is awaiting the results of assessments and will be in contact with any proposals. Craigellachie Village Council thanked us for taking this forward on their behalf.
- Money 4 Moray Conference 9/11/18
- Paulo Bessa -LEADER application. This arrived too late for discussion prior to the closing date for applications for funding.
- Speyside Community Car Scheme has been invited to attend the Grampian Volunteer Transport Awards in Aberdeen.
The Car Scheme is looking for new volunteer drivers. If you can help, or know of someone who might help, please contact Irene Shaw on 01340 832350.
- Due to commitments elsewhere, Andy Cameron has resigned from the Community Council. We thank Andy for his work with the CC and wish him well in the future.

Community Speed Watch

GS reported back on the research that he had undertaken on this national initiative whereby active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. After lengthy discussion it was decided that the Community Council did not have the capacity to take this on. However, Mark Ruskell MSP is introducing a Members' Bill to the Scottish Parliament – Restricted Roads (20mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill. We await the result.

Reports

- **Treasurer: Amount in the Bank is £693**

It was decided to take the next Community Council grant as we will need to employ a Minutes Secretary for the future.

- **Update on Mackessack Park and Funding** - Thanks were given to JR who has done most of the work on this funding application. Unfortunately, Paths for All has indicated that our application arrived after the deadline. However, the preparatory work has been done and it was agreed that we continue to look for funding.
- **Speyside Transport Group** – It has now been established that the maximum grant available from LEADER is £179,000 and this is not enough to purchase an electric bus. However, a diesel bus is now our option. There are also restrictions due to ‘state aid’ status which could result in unfair competition with a commercial operator.
Cairngorm LEADER has no money left and so a collaborative project is no longer possible, at the moment. The bus will have to operate within Moray until at least 2020. An Expression of Interest has been submitted.
- **Stagecoach.** MR reported that the operator receives no subsidies from Moray Council. She also highlighted the fare structures for various categories of passenger.

Planning Matters

- **Craigellachie Filling Station** – the application for an electric car charger has been approved.
- **Netherglen Quarry, Glen of Rothes** - has applied for an extension for a further 25 years of extraction.
- **Paul’s Hill Windfarm** – Moray Council applied for and received additional time in which to respond to the Energy Consents Unit.
- **No further update on the Speyview development by Springfield.**

Police Matters

- **To be carried forward to the next meeting**

Business

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Guest Speakers

There are requests from:

- Pam Gowans, Chief Officer Health and Social Care, Moray.
- Moray Offshore Windfarm

AOCB (unable to overtake this due to time constraints)

Consultations: Moray Council Housing Allocations Policy

Special Landscape Area Consultation – ends 2 November, 2018

Gambling – ends 30 November, 2018

Meeting Closed at: 9pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 20 November, 2018

Speyside High School