

**Speyside Community Council**  
**Approved Minute of Meeting Held**  
**At Speyside High School**  
**Tuesday 20 November, 2018**

**Community Council Members**

Kelly Spark, Ann Higgins, Jean Richardson, Greg Sarab, Jane Tweedie, Marion Ross

**In Attendance**

Stuart Gouldstone (Carron Community), Hugh Fraser (ACA), George MacKenzie (ACA), Kathleen Davies, Stevie Robertson (Dial M for Moray, Moray Council), Cllr Ross

**Apologies**

Jim Hart, Frannie Shaw, Chris Garden, Tony Garden

**Welcome**

MR welcomed Stevie Robertson, Guest Speaker and also extended a warm welcome to members of other community associations and members of the public.

**Guest Speaker:**

Stevie Robertson from The School and Community Transport Department at Moray Council delivered a very informative and interesting presentation on the Dial M for Moray bus service within Speyside.

This is an accessible door to door bus service which is available to everyone regardless of age. However, it only runs on public roads and does not duplicate any route wholly covered by a national/local bus operator.

Prospective users of the service, both individuals and groups, must be registered before they can book journeys.

Each journey has to be booked at least 24 hours in advance but can be booked up to one month in advance.

**BOOKINGS** can be made by phoning 03001234565 between 08:45 and 17:00 Mondays to Fridays. There are, however, no evening or weekend services nor any services during the times of the school runs' schedule.

All drivers are trained and are sympathetic to individual travellers' needs.

The meeting was also informed of an innovative new bus route proposed for Aberlour to Forres. The electric bus is currently undergoing trials and the service is due to commence 21 January, 2019. It is hoped that the service will be used for commuting to and from work.

Mr Robertson requested that those present spread the word regarding the transport services provided by The School and Community Transport Department at Moray Council as there is no advertising budget.

MR will contact Moray Council for information for its marketing strategy for the above bus services.

#### **Previous Minutes**

Proposer – AH

Secunder – JR

#### **Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda**

- Moray Council Draft Housing Allocations Policy – assurance has been received that a flexible approach will be taken when allocating properties to tenants who have periodic contact with children etc.
- SCC's Facebook page needs to be updated and a website created. This will be taken forward to the next Agenda.

## Correspondence

- On-line survey from The Rural and Connectivity Committee on 'The Restricted Roads (20mph Speed Limit)(Scotland) Bill. This is a Member's Bill submitted by Mark Ruskell MSP.
- A95 through Craigellachie – a meeting has been arranged with Neil MacFarlane from Transport Scotland for Wednesday 28 November 2018. Craigellachie Village Council has also been invited to attend.
- Letter from Dufftown Community Council requesting support for a joint letter to The Chief Executive of Moray Council regarding the attendance record of one of the Speyside/Glenlivet Councillors. After discussion, it was decided that whilst we may not agree with current requirements for Councillors to attend meetings, the said Councillor has not breached any Code of Conduct.

## Reports

- Treasurer: Amount in the Bank is £673  
A third signatory to the Bank Account needs to be determined.
- Joint Community Council (JCC) 8.11.18 – MR reported that The Chief Executive of Moray Council had given a presentation on Moray Council's budget and the position that the Council finds itself in. It is inevitable that more cuts will have to be made.  
Community Ownership of windfarms and, in particular Glashgour, was discussed. The possibility of a peer learning visit to Orkney was also suggested.
- Money 4 Moray Conference 9.11.18 – MR reported on this conference regarding Participatory Budgeting. This is a mechanism by which local people have a direct say in where a percentage of public funds are spent. The Scottish Government has allocated 6.5 million pounds to support participatory budgeting and it is expected that 1% of local government budgets should be allocated to this.  
HF informed the meeting that Moray is the only Scottish Local Authority that does not employ people to administer this fund. It is run by a dedicated and hard-working group of 15 volunteers drawn from community organisations in Moray.
- Speyside Community Transport Group – the Group has been invited to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the application process.

Letters of support have been requested from MPs, MSPs, distilleries, hotels and visitor attractions etc.

### **Planning Matters**

- Land at R4 Speyview, Aberlour: Planning Reference Number:-18/01373/APP

There was an in depth discussion on this application for 44 houses. It was decided that whilst we welcomed the addition of much needed housing in Aberlour there were too many outstanding issues that need to be resolved. The decision was to OBJECT. The full document that was submitted by Speyside Community Council to Moray Council can be found on the Moray Council Website under Planning Applications and quoting the above reference number.

### **Police Matters** (carried forward from 24/10/2018)

- 6 abandoned vehicles, 1 incident of noise and 1 of rowdy behaviour.
- Staff lockers had been broken into at an Aberlour factory. The culprit has been arrested.
- Livestock worth £45,000 was stolen from a Speyside farm.
- A drink driver was arrested in Aberlour.
- Alerts issued regarding scam telephone calls – please alert the elderly and vulnerable who are often the targets for this type of crime.

### **Business**

- Clashgour Windfarm – MR reported that the final meeting of the Community Liaison Group would be in early December and the planning application will be submitted to the Energy Consents Unit before Christmas.  
Moray Council is a statutory consultee but the final decision is made by Scottish Ministers.  
Community Ownership: a peer learning visit is no longer likely to take place in Orkney but to a community closer to Moray. The JCC is still investigating this possibility.  
  
For information: Berry Burn windfarm has applied for a scoping opinion for a 10 turbine extension to its existing operation.

- **Appointment of a Minutes' Secretary – this matter to be carried forward to the next meeting and decided upon as a matter of urgency. The post may benefit from an honorarium.**

#### **Guest Speakers**

**There are requests from:**

- **Pam Gowans, Chief Officer Health and Social Care, Moray – this has been arranged for our next meeting on Tuesday 29 January 2019**
- **Moray Offshore Windfarm – MR to contact**
- **SCC agreed, at a previous meeting, to invite Laurie Piper from Moray Speyside Tourism.**

#### **AOCB**

- **HF (ACA) requested assistance in trying to facilitate the return of Aberlour artefacts that are currently stored at the Falconer Museum in Forres.  
There are concerns that some of the items may be auctioned off in order to raise funds for the Moray Council. It is the wish of ACA that Aberlour related items are returned and that all other communities should be able to access anything that they have stored in the Museum.**
- **Tsi Moray have requested use of the Aberlour Visitor Centre for an out-reach worker.  
However, for a number of reasons, this request was refused.**
- **Mackessack Park- it was agreed to submit an application for windfarm community benefit for the upgrade of a small section of footpath.**

**Consultations: Moray Council Housing Allocations Policy – see Matters Arising  
Special Landscape Area Consultation – ends 2 November, 2018  
Gambling – ends 30 November, 2018**

**Meeting Closed at: 20:25**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 29 January 2019  
Speyside High School**