

Speyside Community Council
Approved Minute of Meeting Held
Room 2
Speyside Sports and Community Centre
Tuesday 29 January 2019

Community Council Members

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

In Attendance

Stuart Gouldstone (Carron Community), C. Robertson, A. Fraser, A. Ross (Aberlour Medical Practice) Thomas Gough (from 7.45pm), Cllr Ross, Pam Gowans (Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Moray)

Apologies

Jim Hart, Chris Garden, Tony Garden

Welcome

MR welcomed Pam Gowans, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Moray (Guest Speaker), Staff from Aberlour Medical Practice and members of the public.

Guest Speaker: Pam Gowans, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Moray

The planning and delivery of future services were the main themes of the presentation.

Whilst funding is always a challenge, other challenges, such as ensuring an adequate work force is in place and providing for the needs of an ageing population together with caring for people with learning difficulties – not to mention the needs of other residents-are duties that have to be met too but with a shrinking budget.

A growing demand for services and increased responsibilities require both money and the workforce – both of which are in short supply.

Long term hospital care will be replaced with 'Care Packages' to enable patients to return home more quickly. However, putting 'Care Packages' together is not always easy. There will be a reduction to in-patient care.

There is also a plan in the pipe line for a new health centre in Keith (this has been in planning for the last 15 years) but it will need Government money to build it.

It is intended that there will be public engagement across Speyside and Keith to decide which facilities should be offered in the Keith Health Centre. £555,000 has been allocated by NHS Grampian for marketing purposes.

Once proposals have been put into together SCC will be asked to comment.

It is hoped that the necessity to travel to Aberdeen for hospital appointments will be reduced if the Health Centre is able to offer an appropriate service to patients. The proposal also includes an educational facility for health professionals.

Dr Gray's Hospital – although Inspectors are pleased with progress to date there are still a number of issues to resolve. Whilst the recruitment and retention of Nurses is not a major problem, the recruitment and retention of Consultants and Junior Doctors continues to be extremely difficult. The provision of Home Care is also a recurring problem.

Community Hospitals are not a big spend but perhaps they could be used more efficiently.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

SCC will be pleased to be involved in further dialogue with Health and Social Care, Moray.

Ms Gowans was thanked for addressing the CC and will look forward to further information regarding the proposed Health Centre in Keith.

Previous Minutes – 20 November, 2019

Proposer – KS

Secunder – SG

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda

- **New bus route between Aberlour and Forres – MR had been in contact with Moray Council regarding start date and marketing strategy but had not yet received a reply. However, the bus charger is to be installed by the end of the financial year.**
- **On behalf of ACA and other affected communities, Cllr Ross has been in contact with Moray Council regarding the return of Aberlour artefacts that are currently stored at the Falconer Museum. Moray Council has been directly in contact with ACA on this matter.**

Correspondence:

***Update on the A95 through Craigellachie – MR and 2 members of Craigellachie Village Council had met with Neil MacFarlane (Transport Scotland) on 28 November 2018. Mr MacFarlane has suggested that:**

- **direction lines are painted at the junction of A941 and A95 at Craigellachie Bridge as most of the accidents at this spot involve foreign drivers**
- **no right turn from Spey Road onto Victoria Street (A95)**
- **the former railway bridge will be upgraded within the next 5 years**
- **no agreement to move the 30mph signs onto the Maggieknockitter side of the Fiddich Bridge**
- **Moray Council will be asked to improve the drainage from Spey Road onto Victoria Street.**

A week after this meeting, a van crashed into a property - demolishing part of the front wall of the house. Mr MacFarlane requested to be put in contact with the owners of the property.

Subsequently, the bank of the former railway bridge has started to collapse onto the Speyside Way. Now in communication, together with Craigellachie Village Council, to get the bridge repaired asap and also to install some sort of barrier at each end of the bridge railings.

MR to contact Mr MacFarlane for an update.

***Request from Craigellachie Village Council to Bear Scotland, Transport Scotland and Moray Council for lights at both junctions in and out of Craigellachie. Cllr Ross will take this forward at Moray Council.**

***Update on Speyside Community Transport Group – an application to Moray LEADER has now been submitted. The request is for approx. £140,000 and we are in the process of identifying and applying for other streams of funding to make up the difference. A decision will probably be made in March/April.**

***A letter from Finlay Mackintosh re: ‘Housing Developments and their hidden effects’ had been distributed electronically.**

***‘Fall ruling exposes Community Councils to legal action’. MR gave some background information to this case and will report back after the JCC as this item appears on the Agenda.**

***The Energy Consents Unit - Rothes III**

Notification was received that an application will be submitted soon. 2 digital copies of the full EIA report and a copy of the Non-Technical Summary have been requested.

***Moray West Off-Shore Windfarm – MR has tried to make contact on a number of occasions but has been unsuccessful.**

***At the request of a local group, information from www.savewildmoray.com was available.**

Reports

- **Treasurer: Amount in the Bank - £1088.54
JT agreed to be the third signatory to the account.**

Planning

- **Clash Gour Windfarm**

This is an application for approx. 48 turbines to be built around the existing Berry Burn Development.

Speyside Community Council is recognised by the Scottish Energy Consents Unit as a Consultee.

Following a discussion and a vote by those entitled to vote (by a show of hands) it was decided to:

Make no Comment.....0
Approve.....0
Object.....5
Abstentions.....2

- **Update on Land at R4 Speyview, Aberlour**
As agreed at our previous meeting a letter of objection was submitted to Moray Council. The application is scheduled to come before the Planning Committee in March.

Police Matters

- **No Community Safety Report**

Business

- **Appointment of Minutes Secretary.** It was agreed to ask around our communities for any expressions of interest. If no response, then a public advert would need to be placed. The CC can pay an Honorarium.
- **KS kindly agreed to take responsibility for the CC Facebook page.**

Guest Speakers

- **Laurie Piper (Moray Speyside Tourism) to be invited for May meeting.**

AOCB

- **MR had accepted an invitation to speak at the Rothies Ladies' Group on 19 February, 2019.**
- **KS expressed interest in attending the JCC meeting on 14 February, 2019**

Consultations

- **Moray Local Development Plan 2020 (ends 15/03/19)**

To be included in our next meeting.

Next Meeting :

Due to time constraints it was agreed to arrange the next 3 meetings electronically.

Tuesday 26 February 2019 – Craigellachie

Tuesday 26 March 2019 – Rothes

Tuesday 30 April 2019 - Archiestown

Meeting Closed at: 20.50