

**Speyside Community Council**  
**Draft Minute of Meeting Held at**  
**Craigellachie Tennis Pavilion**  
**Tuesday 26 February 2019**

**Community Council Members**

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

**In Attendance**

Jim Hart (Archiestown), Cllr. Ross

**Apologies**

Greg Sarab, Cllr. Laing

**Welcome**

MR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Previous Minutes – 29 January 2019**

Proposer – AH

Seconder – JT

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

- Bus between Aberlour and Forres – according to the Transport Manager at Moray Council there had been a ‘soft launch’. Teething problems regarding charging requirements have been identified and due the nature of the ‘soft launch’ there have been few passengers. It is understood that the route is currently serviced by a diesel vehicle. The bus leaves Aberlour at 7.20 am and returns from Forres, leaving at 5.10 pm.  
Cllr Ross was asked to find out how many people are using the service.
- There had been no further up-date regarding the issues surrounding the A95

through Craigellachie. MR will contact Transport Scotland for an update.

#### Correspondence:

- **Roths III – notification of the drop-in sessions were received.**
- **Berry Burn – MR invited to an initial meeting, the purpose of which was, to identify community groups around the proposed Berry Burn Extension. Public exhibitions will begin in March. 10 turbines, each one just under 150m high.**
- **Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust – an organisation that helps with loans for self-builders.**

#### Reports

- **Treasurer: Amount in the Bank - £1088.54**
- **Joint Community Council – Both MR and KS attended. There was a presentation on the ‘Armed Forces Covenant Fund’, followed by an update on ‘Fall Ruling Exposes Community Councils to Legal Action’.**  
**Contact details of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund were distributed.**  
**A sub-group of the JCC is to be set up to look at ways of minimizing the effects of the budget cuts on communities. The first meeting is scheduled for the 4 March.**
- **Roths Ladies’ Group – MR gave a presentation on the role of Speyside Community Council. Two issues were highlighted and MR agreed to take these forward on behalf of the Roths Ladies.**
  - 1) **Accessibility of some Stagecoach 36 bus service vehicles when low-floor buses are replaced with coaches. (Stagecoach)**
  - 2) **Difficulties experienced in trying to cross the main A941 through Roths. (Moray Council)**

#### Planning

- **Moray Local Development Plan 2020**  
**It was agreed to submit a response that highlighted the need for energy efficient housing and heating systems, broadband speeds that are appropriate for the 21st**

century, improvements in public transport and safe walking and cycling routes.

- **Roths III – MR distributed memory sticks, provided by Fred Olsen Renewables, containing information on the proposed extension. A paper copy of the Non-Technical Summary was also available.**

#### **Police Matters**

- **No Community Safety Report**

#### **Business**

- **It was agreed to advertise for a Minutes' Secretary with an Honorarium attached.**
- **Mackessack Park (small section of footpath previously identified for an up-grade.) Although we already have permission to do this via an e-mail, with the 'Falls' ruling in mind, it was agreed that MR should write to Moray Council, as owners, outlining the project and confirming that this was a one-off repair and that the CC could not undertake responsibility for future repairs or upgrades. If this is agreed, 3 quotes would be obtained and in consultation with MC the best option would be chosen. Meanwhile funding streams will need to be explored.**

#### **Guest Speakers**

- **Gary Templeton, Head of Planning and Policy at Moray Council for Tuesday 26 March.**
- **JR agreed to contact 'Contact the Elderly' for our April meeting in Archiestown.**

#### **AOCB**

- **Moray Council Budget proposal to remove Community Council grants for 1 year.**
- **Speyside CC Facebook page is now up and running.**
- **MR agreed to progress concerns about exposed BT cabling in Archiestown and Aberlour Gardens.**

**Moray Council Consultations**

- Local Housing Strategy 2019 – 2024
- Short Scottish Secure Tenancy (SSST) Policy
- Evictions Policy
- Neighbour disputes and Anti-Social Behaviour Policy
- Proposed disposal of the Clock Tower, Dufftown

**Meeting closed at 8.10pm**

**Next Meeting :**

**Tuesday, 26 March 2019 – Rothes Fire Station at 7pm**

**Gary Templeton – National and Local Policy on Windfarm  
Planning**