

Speyside Community Council
Minute of Meeting Held
at Speyside Sports and Community Centre
Tuesday 25 June 2019

Community Council Members

Marion Ross, Stuart Gouldstone, Jean Richardson, Greg Sarab

In Attendance

Cllr Ross

Apologies

Ann Higgins SCC, Jim Hart (Archiestown), Jane Tweedie SCC, Kelly Spark SCC

Welcome

MR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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It was agreed to take the item of Business re: resignations and co-option as the first item.

Two members have sadly resigned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Chris and Tony for their support of the Community Council and to wish them well in the future.

Stuart Gouldstone was co-opted onto the Community Council.

Proposer – MR

Secunder - JR

Previous Minutes – 28 May 2019

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Secunder – SG

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda

- A95 through Craigellachie: Despite several requests to Transport Scotland (BEAR) to paint the give way lines at the junctions of the A95 at the Craigellachie Bridge and the A941 Dufftown road, they have still not been done. Transport Scotland has requested that the work is carried out in the interest of road safety but BEAR has not done the work.

Cllr Ross gave an update - Ken Major at Moray Council had also contacted Transport Scotland (BEAR) as it's a road safety issue, but, so far, he has had no response.

- There is still no response from OPEN REACH on the exposed cabling in Archiestown and Aberlour Gardens. MR was given permission to contact them again.

Correspondence:

- Self- Build Loan Fund (SBLF) – updated terms and conditions.
- Use our Loos National Community Toilet Scheme – sponsored by The British Toilet Association and Domestos. MR had circulated this to community groups in the Speyside CC Area.

Reports

- Treasurer: Amount in the Bank - £1038.54
- Electric Car Charger – (Low Carbon Hub). Following on from discussions with Ken Major at Moray Council, Rothies could be getting a new charger. Locations are being investigated but an area behind 92-93 New Street appears to be the best option.
- Route 39 – Bus from Elgin to Aviemore – Stagecoach have launched a new bus route. 2 services per day in each direction, with a connecting change at Tormore, are planned. There is no evening, Sunday or Bank Holiday Service.
The service starts on 8 July and ends on 26 October.
Through tickets can be purchased for those passengers travelling on the Megabus etc which connect in Aviemore.
- Grass cutting update – a revised grass cutting regime has been posted on MC's website. However, there are still issues to be resolved eg cemeteries, sight lines at junctions in rural areas etc. MC is to issue guidance for communities who are cutting grass previously cut by the Council. If grass cutting were to be re-instated then there would have to be cuts elsewhere.
- Bees – a resident contacted SCC concerned about the large number of dead bees that she had come across and was concerned that this was as the result of pesticide poisoning. Correspondence with SNH had confirmed that this was not the case.

However, as bee populations are in decline SNH would welcome any concerns such as this one.

Planning Matters

- Outline planning permission has been submitted for a house on land opposite Dowans Wood, Dowans Road, Aberlour.
19/00658/PPP

Police Matters: CSP Report

- 1 abandoned vehicle, 3 noise issues and 1 other. One person arrested in Aberlour for possession of herbal cannabis. 1 under age child reported to the Youth Justice Unit for damaging a fence at Rothies Primary School.
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Business

- Resignations and co-options – This item was taken at the beginning of the meeting.
- Application to upgrade a small section of footpath ie the flood bund at Mackessack Park. JR reported that the application for £3000 of funding has been sent to Paths for All. She has also liaised with the Primary School and applied for some small indigenous trees from The Woodland Trust which will be planted by the children at selected sites in the park and village.
MR agreed to investigate other sources of funding.
- Scottish Ambulance Service – New Critical Response Model. Concerns were expressed regarding a number of issues eg pregnant women having to go to Aberdeen to give birth and being transported both ways by ambulance, call centres outwith the local area and lack of geographical knowledge by call handlers, ambulances being diverted away from Moray, lack of information regarding some response times. It was acknowledged that ambulance crews provide very good medical assistance, often under very difficult conditions.

Future Programme

- It was agreed that there would be no meeting in July and that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 27 August, at Speyside Sports and Community Centre.

AOCB

- Rothies III Planning Application. The Planning Dept. at MC has recommended that the Council objects and debate takes place today (25 June).
- Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership Frontline Forum – Wed. 28 August,
The Gallery, Elgin Library 12.30 to 2pm

Consultations

- **Review of Teindland Forest Land Management Plan – Closes 8 July 2019**
- **NHS: Remote and rural community groups – looking for volunteers**

Moray Council: Consultation Survey for Assignations Policy – Closes 12 July 2019

National

Meeting Closed at: 8.15pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 27 August, 2019

Venue: Speyside Sports and Community Centre