

Speyside Community Council
Minute of Meeting Held
at Speyside Sports and Community Centre
Tuesday 29 October 2019

Community Council Members

Marion Ross, Stuart Gouldstone, Jean Richardson, Jane Tweedie, Kelly Spark

In Attendance

Jim Hart (AVC), Elizabeth McBain

Apologies

Ann Higgins SCC, Brenda Cooper (CVC), Greg Sarab SCC, Cllr Ross

Welcome

MR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes – 27 August 2019

Proposer – JT

Seconder – SG

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda

- None

Correspondence:

- Thanks were received from Craigellachie Village Council. The wire and post fence has finally been replaced with a more substantial wooden fence along the A95 through the village and the 'Give Way' lines at the two junctions have been repainted.
- R4 Speyview, Springfield – further information and clarification regarding the re-alignment of the A95 had been received.
- Clashgour Windfarm – supplementary information has been sent to the Scottish Energy Consents Unit. The height of 20 turbines is to be increased from 176m to 180m. Further representations must be sent by 25 November 2019.
- Carron – The Old Station. Communications had been received from a local resident regarding a proposal for possible future use.
- Information Commissioner - Data Protection and Brexit.
- Berry Burn Windfarm Extension – An update on the project was received. This

included an item on helping communities develop better broadband services.
MR will send a copy to JH (AVC).

- An application form for grant funding had been received from the Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation.
- A96 Dualling – Hardmuir to Fochabers. Latest round of exhibitions in Forres, Elgin and Mosstodloch.

Reports

- Treasurer: Amount in the Bank - £4278.55
- Moray Council Fundraising Forum – JR reported back on her attendance at this event.
- Global Eco Village Network (GEN) - MR and JR reported on the event that they had attended at the Grant Hall in Rothes. MR has applied for the 'Upgrade of the footpath from Bairns' Brig to Mackessack Park' to be considered as a showcase project for this Moray LEADER supported initiative. If successful, support will be given as part of the 'Building Sustainable Communities Project'. No cash funding is involved but MR has requested IT support, branding, marketing and advice on how to write funding applications. We await the decision.

Planning Matters

- Berry Burn Windfarm Extension – CLG meeting was postponed
- Clash Gour and Rothes III will be subject to Public Enquiries. The Reporter has indicated that these applications may be considered at just one Public Enquiry. MR has written to the Scottish Consents Unit objecting to this proposal.

Police Matters: CSP Report

- August to September: There were 3 abandoned vehicles, 3 Environmental Issues, 4 incidents involving neighbours and 4 'Other' in the Speyside Community Council area. The CSP Report is now in its new format.

Business

- Mackessack Park – upgrade to a small section of footpath. As well as the £3000 from Paths for All we have received £1000 each from The Forsyth Foundation and Rothes Corde. We are extremely delighted that two local businesses have shown their support for this project and thank them wholeheartedly for their generosity.
- The quotes for the works were examined and a preferred contractor was selected. JR will notify those who were both successful and unsuccessful with their quotes.

- Coffee morning – fundraising for the footpath upgrade. Saturday 14 December, Rothes Church Hall at 10am. The Rothes Ladies’ group have very kindly offered to help on the day. A big thank you to the Ladies and also to people making ‘Home Bakes’.
- Next Joint Community Council Meeting (14 November). A draft ‘Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy’ will be on the Agenda. This has come about due to the requirement of some grant funders requiring applicants to have such a policy in place. This was the case with our application to Paths for All and Jane Martin, Community Council Liaison Officer, provided us with a policy document.

Future Programme

- Further funding applications for the path upgrade to be made and also another fund raising event to take place in February 2020.

AOCB

- Victory in Europe 75th Anniversary, 3pm on May 8 2020. It was agreed to defer this matter until a later date.
- Concerns regarding the road surface in Breich Street, Rothes were raised. Cllr Ross will report this to the Roads Department at Moray Council.
- MR will contact Transport Scotland/BEAR Scotland regarding the loose/noisy drain covers on Aberlour High Street.
- Clarification was requested on the supply of brown bins for community grass cutting. MR will take this forward.
- It was requested that the figure for the amount of money saved by Moray Council by not cutting grass be identified. MR will take this forward.
- JH asked for information on what Community Councils, Village Councils and Village Associations are doing about grass cutting. MR will contact Lossiemouth CC for further information.

Training: Staying Alive - Preventing Drug Related Deaths, 6 November, 9.30 to 4.30
Elgin Youth Café. morayadp@moray.gov.uk

Moray Council Consultations: 1. Local Development Plan – Compensatory Planting (ends November 29)
2. Draft Moray Food Growing Strategy (ends November 29)
3. Polling District and Polling Place Review 2019 (ends 11 November)

Other Consultations: 1. Crown Estates Scotland – Draft 2020 to 2023 Corporate Plan (ends 25 November)
2. BEAR/Transport Scotland – Aberlour Pedestrian Crossing in the

High Street. After much discussion it was decided that there were advantages and disadvantages to both options. As ACA has been campaigning for a crossing for a number of years it was decided ACA was best placed to decide on location and that Speyside Community Council would support its decision. MR to contact ACA informing it of the outcome of our discussions.

3. A96 Duelling – Hardmuir to Mosstodloch. 29/30/31 October. Forres, Elgin, Mosstodloch.

4. Police Scotland – Youth Engagement Feedback (ends 1 December)

Meeting Closed at: 8.30pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 26 November 2019

Venue: Speyside Sports and Community Centre