

Speyside Community Council
APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held
at Speyside Sports and Community Centre
Tuesday 26 November 2019

Community Council Members

Marion Ross, Jane Tweedie, Greg Sarab, Jean Richardson

In Attendance

Cllr. Ross

Apologies

Jim Hart (AVC), Kelly Spark (SCC), Frannie Shaw(SCC), Ann Higgins (SCC), Stuart Gouldstone (SCC), Elizabeth McBain

Welcome

MR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Previous Minutes – 29 October 2019

Proposer – JT

Secunder – JR

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda

- Estimated savings arising from reduction in grass cutting by Moray Council –
 - Cemeteries with no burials for 10 years £32,000
 - Rural paths..... £20,000
 - Cease ground maintenance of privately owned land ... £19,000
 - Total estimated saving.....£71,000

Communities are entitled to free brown collections only if they are cutting grass on land owned by Moray Council.
- Still awaiting a reply from Lossiemouth CC re: paying Moray Council to cut privately owned grass.
- According to Ken Kennedy, (Land and Parks Officer), Moray Council may look favourably on a number of Community Groups coming together under one umbrella to request quotes for grass cutting. However, Moray Council would be unable to consider individual applications.
- Pot holes in Breich Street – Cllr Ross agreed to take this issue forward for the second time.
- The issue of the sunken/noisy drain covers along Aberlour High Street has been reported to Bear Scotland.
- MR reported that she is to have a meeting with Kevin Price, (Senior Roads Engineer), Moray Council on 27/11/19 to discuss the installation of an electric car charger in

Roths. Money is available – just need to find a suitable location. It could be installed as early as April.

Correspondence:

- Pedestrian Crossing in Aberlour – response sent to Transport Scotland/BEAR with a copy to Aberlour Community Association.
- Carron Village Hall – application for new windows made in the name of the SCC will result in reduced planning application fees. There is no cost to SCC. MR has asked MC Planning Department for further information on this scheme.
- Low Carbon Hub Speyside Way upgrade opening, 30/11/19, 10 am to 1.30pm.
- Robin Road Better Communications and Engagement – an app. that costs £150 to set up. It was decided to do nothing on this item.
- Scottish Energy Consents Unit – further updates on the windfarm applications for Clashgour and Roths III.
- Quarriers News Letter
- Letter of thanks to the Speyside Strength and Balance Group for their donation to the path upgrade.

Reports

- Treasurer: Amount in the Bank - £4650
- You Choose 4 (Tsi Moray) (Participatory Budgeting) – JR reported on a meeting that she had attended.
- MR/JR gave updates on a meeting with a representative from the Adams Family Foundation and on the drop-in session to meet the Trustees of the Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation.

Planning Matters

- Roths III Project update and Community Investment.

Police Matters: CSP Report

- 1 abandoned vehicle and 2 noise incidents.
- Speed checks will continue in Speyside after 1 driver was charged with speeding through Aberlour High Street and 12 others were advised on appropriate driving.

Business

- There was an update on the current situation regarding the Fleming and Stephen Hospitals. Another meeting, with Pam Dudek, is scheduled for February/March.
- Mackessack Park – Funding update – this currently stands at £5400.
Decisions are awaited on the applications to Roths Windfarm Community Benefit and from The Adams Family Foundation.
A Coffee morning is also planned for 14 December in Roths Kirk Hall.
The saplings from the Woodland Trust have arrived. JR has arranged with Roths Estates to receive a few, somewhat larger, saplings in due course.

- **Building Sustainable Communities Project (Global Eco Village Network– GEN) Our ‘Path Project’ has been chosen as one of the showcase projects in Moray. The other two are REAP, a charitable organisation based in Keith and Cullen’s food growing initiative. This is a one year mentoring programme. SCC requested support with IT, website creation, marketing, branding, graphics, logo design and assistance with writing funding applications.**
MR attended an initial meeting at Tsi Moray HQ in Elgin where the nature of each of the projects was shared.

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.**
- **Requests received from residents interested in joining the Community Council.**
- **Cllr Ross was asked to report back to MC on the poor state of the car parking surface at Rothies Cemetery. He was also asked to check on ownership of the road sign outside the Co-Op in Aberlour.**

Training:

- **Planning Training. Elgin Town Hal 30/11/19. 11.00 to 2.30**

Moray Council Consultations: 1. Local Development Plan – Compensatory Planting (ends November 29)

2. Draft Moray Food Growing Strategy (ends November 29)

3. Draft Moray Corporate Plan

Other Consultations: 1. Police Scotland – Youth Engagement Feedback (ends 1 December)

Meeting Closed at: 7.45pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 28 January 2020

Venue: Speyside Sports and Community Centre