

Speyside Community Council
APPROVED Minute of Zoom Meeting Held
On Tuesday 25 May 2021

Community Council Members:

Kelly Spark, Marion Ross, Ken Fraser, John Bond, Jean Richardson, Greg Sarab

In Attendance:

Elizabeth Rose-McBain, Cllr Wilson

Apologies:

Cllr Ross, Cllr Laing, Jane Tweedie, Emily Reid

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

Previous Minutes: - 27 April, 2021

Proposer - J. Richardson

Seconder - J.Bond

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- Stopover Sites for Campervans – the site at Fiddich Park will have a disability access toilet in addition to one of the usual type.

Correspondence:

- 1) Royal Mail - Post Box in Craigellachie. The new post box with a larger aperture has been installed.
- 2) Moray Council – Electric car charger for Rothes. This has been installed and is operational.
- 3) Elgin Parklets - Unfortunately, Craigellachie was unsuccessful in its bid.
- 4) Drain covers Aberlour High Street and junction of A941 and A95. Repairs have now been carried out.
- 5) Aberlour Distillery - damaged wall. BEAR had visited the site in March and the work was planned for May. However, there has been a further delay. MR will follow this up.
- 6) Fire damaged property in Breich Street, Rothes – MR had requested an update from Moray Council but had received no reply. Cllr Wilson will

take this forward on our behalf.

- 7) Letter to the Bank re: Support for Rothes Way Association to access funds in a dormant account.
- 8) Wildflower Areas – a requested was submitted on behalf of Craigellachie Village Council
- 9) Speeding in Communities JCC Working Group.

Reports:

- Treasurer - SCC: £1778.02 Path: £425.14 TOTAL: £2203.16
- HSCM – MR had previously circulated a report on the meeting held on 27 April 2021.
- Joint Community Council (13 May 2021)

Topics discussed – Resilience Plans

Community Council Elections

Stopover Sites for Motor Homes – there is potential to enhance the 5 sites but that would have to go back to Committee and Moray Council.

- Aberlour Nursery Parking – there had been a number of objections concerning the parking/drop off arrangements in what is already a busy and congested area. Cllr Ross had met with Robin Patterson (Early Years Child Care) to discuss the matter.
- E. R-McB reported that the Fair Trade group would not be meeting until September.

Police Matters: CSP Report

- 1 case of assault
- Salmon Poaching on the Spey. Central Belt offenders traced and arrested.
- 1 report of dangerous driving.

Planning Matters:

- Proposed new maltings for Rothes. This is not yet a full planning application. However, there has been a considerable amount of discussion on Rothes and Roon About.

Business:

- 100 Steps – Craigellachie. MR had contacted the Heritage Centre in Elgin which has sent links to resources which might help to find the owner. KF gave further information on the most recently known owner of the whole

feu and also British Telecom who owned the telephone exchange.
Appointments are required to access resources at the Heritage Centre.

Mackessack Path Sign - GS to liaise with Rothes Community Workforce who will erect the sign.

MR had contacted Moray Council to request that MC ground staff do not drive large vehicles over the upgraded path.

- **Careers Project – This hasn't progressed very far but MR now has more contacts who would be able to assist in this. Current rules and regulations are making it difficult.**

AOCB:

- **It was reported that there was an abandoned car outside the tea rooms in Aberlour.**
- **Concerns had been expressed in the community that the toilets in Aberlour remain closed. These are privately owned facilities and not operated by Moray Council.**
- **Concern expressed about the hut that had been erected by the previous tenant outside the Old Church in Rothes and whether it needed planning permission/or the new tenant might wish to remove it.**
- **The two households that received iPads from Connecting Scotland will get another year's free internet access paid for by the funders.**
- **Members expressed a desire to return to meetings in person. MR will research appropriate venues and safety requirements.**

Consultations:

- **Elgin City Centre Draft Master Plan – closes 14 June 2021**
www.moray.gov.uk/ECCMP

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 8pm

It was subsequently agreed to hold the next meeting on 27 July 2021.

Meeting Closed:

8.40pm

