

# **Speyside Community Council**

## **DRAFT Minute of Meeting Held**

**On Wednesday 28 May, 2025**

**At 7pm**

## **Speyside Sports and Community Centre**

### **Community Council Members:**

Marion Ross, Mike Middlehurst, Donald McLean, Keith Ross, Ian Blackhall, N. Slessor

### **In Attendance:**

Cllr Ross, Cllr Gordon, Cllr Harris, C. Davis (IDCA), M. Grant (EHC), P. Shanks (EHC), S. Gouldstone (CCHC), B. Ross (AVC)

### **Apologies:**

A. Bagnall (SCC), F. Dyer (SCC)

### **Welcome:**

MR (SCC) welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

**Previous Minutes:**                      **30 April 2025**

**Proposer:** K. Ross

**Seconder:** D. McLean

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

- A volunteer from SCC worked at the Tea Rooms during the VE Day celebrations. This was a very successful fund raiser for the Aberlour Playpark Project.
- The following communities have accepted the offer of a £30 donation towards village flowers:  
Aberlour, Archiestown, Carron, Craigellachie, Edinville, Inchberry and Rothes. There was no response from Knockando.

### **Correspondence:**

- Zurich Insurance – paid by Moray Council.
- Climate Engagement Fund – 29 May or 9 June online

Just Transition Information Sessions.

Contact: [louise@tsimoray.org.uk](mailto:louise@tsimoray.org.uk)

- Trees at A95/A941 Craigellachie Junction – these are the responsibility of Amey. MR to contact.
- Innes Community Council – Petition to halt the use of fresh water for hydrogen production.

<https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions/PE2159>

It was decided not to put in a collective response from SCC but leave the decision to sign up, or not, to individuals.

- Moray Council Chief Executive – invitation request

**Reports:**

- **Treasurer:** \*Current Account: £5700.14  
\*The Bank will be deducting a service charge from now on.  
  
\*Available to SCC - £3190.01  
\*Available to ACA - £1773.27  
\*Available to SCI - £736.86
- **JCC 22 May 2025:**
  - \*Police Update – MR raised the ongoing concerns about the anti social behaviour at Elgin Bus Station. These will be taken forward. The Police and Stagecoach are working together to address this and are preparing a community engagement procedure.  
No CSP Report due to lack of staff.
  - \*Lord Lieutenancy Update – Both Moray and Banffshire are keen for communities to commemorate VJ Day on 15 August. Help/support can be provided.  
Contact: [lieutenancy@moray.gov.uk](mailto:lieutenancy@moray.gov.uk)  
  
The Honours System- if you wish to nominate someone for their community work, contact the Lieutenancy. (Either Moray or Banffshire).
  - \*Upcoming CC elections – elsewhere on the Agenda
- **m.connect:**
  - \*Recruitment is a challenge, particularly in Speyside.

	<p>Services 362, 363 and 366 will cease after Friday 30 May.  Service 367 – Auchbreck-Knockando-Aberlour and  Service 368 – Tomintoul-Dufftown-Keith will begin on 2 June.  There will be an on-demand Saturday service for Speyside later on in the Summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SCI:</b> 3 x cuts of grass at Rothes Castle in addition to general clearing up and removing rubbish.  A thank you from Rothes Council to SCI for the assistance given weeding/pavement sweeping and general help given to keep the town looking attractive.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Police Matters:</b> CSP Report - none</p>
	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b> The Weekly Wards had been previously distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PAN:</b> Bonded Warehousing, Viewfield Farm, Craigellachie  2 exhibitions – 3<sup>rd</sup> June between 3.30 and 7pm  19<sup>th</sup> June between 3.30 and 7pm  Craigellachie Tennis Pavilion  For Information Only – not in our area</li> <li>• <b>Planning Updates:</b> *Hydrogen Plant, Marypark, Ballindalloch  SCC submission to Moray Council was circulated to members.  There are currently 355 objections and 6 in support.  Spey Fisheries Board has objected.  NatureScot has also objected but has requested further information.</li> <li>• <b>Shared ownership offer from Teindland Windfarm - MOU:</b>  *It was decided not to pursue this offer.</li> <li>• <b>EDF Renewables/Macallan Solar Farm:</b>  *Information previously distributed.</li> <li>• <b>Licensing:</b> *Glenfiddich Distillery, Premises Licence Application.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Gordon requested that ‘Overnight stays for campervans/motorhomes’ is added to the Agenda for the next meeting.</p>

**Business:**

- **Amended Terms of Reference for SCI:** It was agreed that MR/NS would add an amendment to the existing Terms of Reference that would protect equipment and money belonging to SCI and bring it back for ratification at the next Community Council meeting.
- **Planning for Community Council Elections:** CC elections take place later this summer. SCC will be asked to contribute approximately £100 towards the cost of these elections. Whilst Moray Council will organise the election process, CCs are expected to play their part.  
It was suggested that SCC's profile could be raised by attendance at the Aberlour Games, articles in The Rothesian, Kirk News and local newspapers and use of Social Media platforms.

**AOCB: Private water supplies** – during the current dry period and water shortage, those whose supplies have dried up should contact Environmental Health at Moray Council. A supply of bottled water can be provided.

**Consultations:**

**Moray Council** – NONE

**Scottish Government** – NONE

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 25 June 2025**

**Meeting Closed: 8.45pm**