

Speyside Community Council

DRAFT Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 26 November 2025

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

K. Ross, N. Slessor, D. McLean, C. Davis, M. Ross, A. Bagnall

In Attendance:

Cllrs Harris and Ross, M. Grant (EHC), P. Shanks (EHC), I. Gibb (IDCA, MFCHA), I.T (Member of the Public)

Apologies:

S. Gouldstone (SCC), Cllr Gordon

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone to the first meeting since the inauguration of SCC at the end of October 2025.

MR, on behalf of SCC, thanked K Ross and the 'Rothes Crew' for their hard work in both repairing and erecting the Christmas lights in Rothes. The town is looking great, as always.

It was also noted that the lights have been erected in Aberlour. Thanks to Aberlour Community Association. Another great display.

Previous Minutes: Inaugural meeting 28 October 2025

Proposer: K. Ross

Seconder: N. Slessor

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- Overnight stops for campervans/motor homes. On 11 November 2025, the EDI Committee at Moray Council decided to launch a one year pilot scheme in Burghead.

Cllr Harris proposed that a second scheme should be implemented in Alice Littler Park. This was also accepted, and a further report would be brought

back to EDI in March following further community consultation. This was, however, dependent on funds being available for signage etc.

Correspondence:

- **Parapet New Craigellachie Bridge.** Cllr Gordon has been pursuing this on our behalf and has provided the following information.
The Council's engineers have done a full review of the visibility at the junction of A/941/A95 (Victoria Street). The bridge has always had sight lines that do not conform to current standards. All vehicles have a 90m visibility north at both 2.5m and 4.5m away from the white line of the junction, at the full driving height range appraised. The visibility has always been compromised at 160m and beyond for standard driving height. The only change from the alterations to the bridge structure is for drivers at a height of 1.55m (In effect HGV drivers) where the 90m visibility is still maintained, but the visibility to 160m and beyond is now compromised.
MR to ask for clarification re: 'All vehicles have a 90m visibility north at both 2.5m and 4.5m from the white line at the junction'.

Reports:

- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts (1/10/24 to 30/9/25), which were approved.

Proposer: M. Ross

Seconder: N. Slessor

*Available to SCC - £2956.36

*Available to ACA - £1773.27

*Available to SCI - £736.86

£30 fee to L. Kelman for preparing the accounts.

Proposer: M. Ross

Seconder: A. Bagnall

- **SCI:** Castle Path Bridge. SCI and the Moray Council Ranger and have been trying to get this bridge replaced for some time. However, ownership was not clear. Diageo has now replaced the old bridge and this is very welcome news. However, the wooden steps become very slippery when wet. SCI, in discussions the Ranger and Diageo has permission to install anti slip strips

to the steps. With that in mind I would like to propose that SCC donates the money to SCI to purchase and install these strips (approx. £150). This would come under 'engagement with the community'.

Proposer: M. Ross

Seconder: D. McLean

- **Gritting:**

Ice Crews – this was an NHS initiative in response to the number of trips and slips during snowy/icy weather. SCI agreed to participate in this pilot scheme last winter. However, it never progressed any further than discussions. MR made contact again, this winter, but there is now no money to take the project forward.

A lengthy discussion on 'gritting' followed. Moray Council has a list of priority routes/paths which can be accessed on MC's website. The location of grit bins is mapped and can also be found on Moray Council's website. There should be information inside the grit box with instructions for requesting a re-fill.

- **JCC:** The inaugural meeting will take place on Thursday 11 December, 7pm At Elgin Community Centre.
- **m.connect:** Additional drivers are required for the Speyside area. The Saturday, on demand service, is now operational.

Police Matters: The latest CSP Report had been previously distributed. A new representative needs to be appointed.

Planning Matters: The Weekly Wards had been previously distributed.

Teindland and Blackhills Windfarms to be dealt with under 'Business'.

Forestry Updates: Glen of Rothes – A long term plan is being developed. SCC will be consulted.

Royburn – D. McL, on behalf of SCC, has provided input.

Business:

- SCC Constitution – an amendment is required at Item 17 a. MR will input this and bring back to the next meeting.
- Appointment of Vice Chair: Neil Slessor
Proposer: M. Ross
Seconder: A. Bagnall
- The cycle of meetings was discussed and approved.
- Honorarium and recruitment of a Minutes Note Taker. It was decided to assume that there would be 10 meetings per year for the purposes of this honorarium. MR to investigate likely cost.
- Moray Council Biodiversity Strategy and Climate Change Strategy. It was decided to form a sub-group to respond to the Biodiversity Strategy.
- Teindland and Blackhills Windfarms: Based on both NPF4 and Moray Council Local Development Plan (including supplementary guidance), it was decided to Object to both windfarms. Due to the very short time scales involved it was agreed that MR would deal with this.

AOCB: It was agreed to Co-Opt M. Grant, from Edinville, to SCC.
Proposer: D. McLean
Seconder: N. Slessor

Future Programme:

Consultations: National – none
Moray Council – none

Next Meeting: Wednesday 28 January 2026

Meeting Closed at: 8.45pm