

Speyside Community Council

APPROVED Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 28 January 2026

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

M. Ross, K. Ross, N. Slessor, D. McLean, M. Grant

In Attendance:

Cllr. Ross, Cllr Gordon, P.S, R.K (Members of Public)

Apologies:

Cllr. Harris, S. Gouldstone (SCC), A. Bagnall (SCC), C. Davis (SCC)

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2026.

Co-option of R. Kendrick – Proposer: M. Ross
Seconded: N. Slessor

Previous Minutes: 26 November 2025

Proposer: D. McLean
Seconded: Keith Ross

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- MR had not yet contacted Moray Council re sight lines at the A95/A941 Craigellachie Junction.
The traffic lights at this junction have made joining the A941 slightly easier but not necessarily any safer.
- Pilot scheme for overnight stops for campervans/motorhomes. Moray Council has accessed money for the necessary signage. Both SCC and ACA were contacted by Moray Council asking for views on the proposed pilot scheme. As there is no clear support from either community organisation, the pilot scheme will not go ahead.

- **Correspondence:**

- *Speyside Sports and Community Centre User group is looking for a community representative.

- R. Kendrick volunteered.

- *SEPA Consultation: Safeguarding Scotland's Water Environment.

- It was decided to form a sub-group to respond to this consultation.

- *EZO has been awarded the contract to maintain and operate EV charging in Moray, Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen and Highland. Drivers will need to change from ChargePlace Scotland and download the EZO app. MR will distribute this information to other community organisations in the SCC area.

- *Aberlour Glebe Project - a request to use SCC name on a planning application was approved.

Reports:

- ***Treasurer:** Current Balance - £5518.94

- Held on behalf of Aberlour Community Association - £1773.27

- Held on behalf of SCI - £684.59

It was decided that MR would contact ACA regarding the £1773.27 remaining balance from the funding grant for flooding resources from SSEN.

SCI: NS gave an update on the Castle Path Bridge and the anti slip strips that had been applied to the steps. MR informed the meeting that an application for £400 to Rothes Windfarm Community Benefit Fund had been submitted. If successful, this money would enable SCI to fix anti slip strips to the whole bridge.

***JCC:** MR shared the draft minute of the inaugural meeting and referred to the Highland CCs and NESCCCs statements regarding renewables/infrastructure and the industrialisation of the countryside. MR will request that the JCC devises a Moray specific statement.

Police Matters: CSP Report had been previously distributed.

RK volunteered to be the CCs point of contact. MR will contact CSP.

Planning Matters: The Weekly Wards had been previously distributed.

* **25/01645/APP – Rothes Glen Quarry** – an application to extend the life of the quarry until 2030. SCC has no comment to make. MR to write to Planning Department requesting information on a biodiversity strategy for the quarry.

***Storegga Hydrogen Plant** – There will be no appeal to Scottish Ministers.

***Blackhills Windfarm** - Moray Council has until the 6th March 2026 to submit a response to the ECU.

***Teindland Windfarm:** - Moray Council has until 1 May 2026 to submit a response to the ECU.

Forestry Updates: Royburn - D.McL will write outlining our latest concerns.

Licencing – 25/02194/PRELIC: Ballindalloch Gift Shop
Premises licence

Business:

*SCC's Constitution, with the previously agreed amendment, was signed. It will be sent to the CCLIO.

*Honourarium for Note Taker – based on the possibility of 10 meetings per annum, MR suggested an Honourarium of £500.

Proposer: D. McLean

Seconder: K. Ross

*Lynx into Scotland – There was a brief discussion on this topic and the current Consultation.

*NECCCs – MR gave a brief resume. The feeling of the meeting was such that a similar statement from the JCC would be welcome.

AOCB: None

Future Programme:

Consultations:

Moray Council – NONE

Scottish Government – Draft Infrastructure Strategy 2027-2037

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 25 February 2026

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm