

Speyside Community Council

Minute of Meeting Held

On Wednesday 24 June 2026

At 7pm

Speyside Sports and Community Centre

Community Council Members:

M. Grant, K. Ross, R. Kendrick, N. Slessor, M. Ross, D. McLean, C. Davis

In Attendance:

Cllrs Gordon and Ross, P. Shanks (EHC)

Apologies:

A. Bagnall (SCC), B. Ross (AVC)

Welcome:

MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open.

Previous Minutes: 29 April 2026

Proposer: N. Slessor

Seconder: D. McLean

Matters arising and not overtaken on the Agenda:

- None

Correspondence:

- All correspondence relating to/including funding sources is sent to both members of the Community Council and community organisations within our geographical area, as and when, received.

OUT:

*Archiestown Village Council.

IN:

*Letters of thanks for donations to community flower displays.

Reports:

- **Treasurer:** *Current Account: £5426.39 in total

*Available to ACA: £1773.27

It was reported that SCC is moving to Internet Banking.

- **SCI:** To be taken under Business.
- **SSCC User Group:** Next meeting 30/6/26
- **JCC:** Police Update – tackling the increasing use of illegal e-bikes and e-scooters.

Stagecoach – staffing issues have been addressed.

The £2 fare cap has resulted in an increase in passenger numbers.

The 36 service to Dufftown has been cut to 2 hourly due to lack of demand.

Keith CC - requested further information regarding the Weekly Wards. It also highlighted issues regarding lack of consultation with the CC for major planning applications.

Next meeting: 13 August 2026

- **NESO:** Strategic Energy Planning Forum (National Energy System Operator) MR attended conference in Inverness.
NESO is an independent public corporation but funded by the green taxes added to our energy bills. It has produced GB wide plans for renewables with Scotland being divided into 4 zones. The report will be submitted to UK Government in Summer 2026.
Most of the attendees were representatives from various energy interests.
Only 2 Community Councils were in attendance.
- **m.connect:** MR to investigate wheelchair capabilities of the buses.
- **Councillors:** The 36 timetable has changed to enable pupils to get to Speyside High in the morning and return home, without an undue wait in Aberlour, in the afternoon.

Police Matters: CSP Report previously distributed. MR to ascertain which councils/associations receive the CSP.

Planning Matters: The Weekly Wards had been previously distributed.

- Proposal of Application Notice (PAN)
Anaerobic Digestion Facility, Infrastructure and Associated Works.
CoRDe, North Street, Rothes
Public Exhibition took place in the Grant Hall, Rothes on 23/6/26

Planning updates:

- Caley Casks, Viewfield, Craigellachie
Some of the requested information has been provided eg Arborial Assessment Plan, Biodiversity Landscaping Plan, Tree Protection Plan, Carbon Statement, Tree Survey, Habitat Management Plan and Biodiversity Plan.
However, the Planners are still awaiting other information.
- Blackhills Windfarm and Teindland Windfarm
No response from the developers to the ECU's request for further information regarding the impact of the Raeshaw Farms Decision.
*The developers have until 15 April to respond but there are no responses listed on the ECU website.
*MC has until 4 September to submit responses.
*As a result of the court case, there may have to be a new round of public consultations.
- DPEA – Beaulay to Peterhead Overhead Power Line: Community Hearing,
18 August, 17.30 Bught Park Pavilion, Bught Road, IV3 5SP

Licensing – None

Forestry Updates

- Speymouth LTP Renewal (Open until 7/7/26) It was decided to make no comment but to respond with thanks.
- Glenrinnes Farms (Open until 3/7/26)

Business: *SCI – Cycle Pump Track. The Plans for this event were distributed. Rothes Council has agreed to donate £2000 to this initiative. MR to investigate lease/licence for the land. (Moray Council)

MR to contact Zurich Insurance re: additional cover. *Accessible parking on the Plainstones – Cllr Gordon to take this Forward. *It was agreed that Private Sessions, at the end of meetings, should be allocated if the need arises. *It was agreed that MR could contact a potential note taker/minutes secretary.
AOCB: R.K. requested a copy of the CC Scheme of Establishment. MR to action. N.S. requested assistance with writing funding applications. R.K. has volunteered.
Future Programme: MR will try, again, to contact Aberlour Highland Games organisers.
Consultations: Moray Council - None National: - *Herring in the Firth of Clyde: recommending the total allowable catch for 2026 (Closes 8/7/26) *Protections in the justice system for women and girls (Closes 31/8/26)
Next Meeting: Wednesday, 26 August 2026 Meeting Closed at: 8.25pm