# Speyside Community Council

## Minute of Meeting Held

## On Wednesday 26 March 2025

## At 7pm

## Speyside Sports and Community Centre

**Community Council Members:**
M. Ross, K. Ross, D. McLean, M. Middlehurst

**In Attendance:**
Cllr Ross, Cllr Gordon, Cllr Harris, S. Gouldstone (CCC), P. Shanks (ECHC), M. Grant (ECHC). B. Ross (AVC)

**Apologies:**
I Blackhall (SCC), F. Dyer (SCC), A. Bagnall (SCC), N. Slessor (SCC)

**Welcome:**
MR welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open

**Previous Minutes: 26 February 2025**

Proposer: D. McLean
Seconder: Keith Ross

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

- Roadside pollution monitoring – the position of the equipment is wrongly recorded in the Moray Council document. It is currently outside the Police Station and has not been at the roundabout since 2019.
  Moray Council will look at the possibility of relocating it to outside the Kirk during the next yearly cycle of monitoring.

- The road markings at the Craigellachie junctions have been completed.

- Craigellachie New Bridge Parapet – Moray Council has stated that there are pre-existing sightline compromises with the bridge structure that date back many years.

Moray Council and Transport Scotland are liaising on this issue.

- **Correspondence:**
  MR (SCC) reported that all correspondence is forwarded appropriately. Some is for Community Council members only but there is also correspondence that is applicable to all community organisations in the area.

- SCC agreed to become a member of Rothes Sports Development (the MUGA and astroturf football pitch).

**Reports:**

***Treasurer:** Current Balance - £5733.77

Available to SCC - £3223.64
Available to ACA - £1773.27
Available to SCI - £736.86

*Aberlour Playpark Project – it was agreed that the ringfenced donated raffle money from Macallan Staff would be passed onto the Aberlour Playpark Project. MR to inform Macallan Staff of this decision.

***m.connect – new timetables will commence in May. There will be an on-demand Saturday service for Speyside operating 10am to 10pm.

On demand Sunday service: 1/4/29 – 9am to 5pm
1/4/31 – 9am to 10pm

*Additional Resilience Funding- another £600 plus was available to us as we have a Resilience Plan in place for Aberlour. 2 portable solar powered generators and 2 solar panels have been purchased.

*Succession Planning/CC Elections and Induction – A JCC subgroup has been formed to take this forward. Elections take place later in the summer.

*Moray Council Community Benefits Portal – this will go live later this year. There will be a signing up procedure to open an account and be included on the portal.

OBJECTIVE: a process for co-ordinating the delivery of community benefits from businesses who have high value contracts with Moray Council.

*Moray Council Free Period Products Project – MR to distribute to community halls and the Blessings Box in Rothes.

*Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland – Defending Environmental Democracy – MR attending an on-line webinar.

*SCI Update - None

**Police Matters:** CSP Report had been previously distributed.

**Planning Matters:** The Weekly Wards had been previously distributed.

*****Gedloch Quarry – no objection

*****Forestry Updates:

MC Draft Woodland and Forestry Strategy was adopted by Planning and Regulatory Services Committee on 11 March 2025.
Cllr Keith, Elgin North, commended SCC for its extensive submission which was attached to the Committee papers as Appendix 3.

Macallan Estate Woodland Management Plan – D. McLean responded on behalf of SCC.

Lynne of Carron – a vehicle became stuck in deep peat. Scottish Forestry to investigate.

*Licensing - None

**Business:**

**1)** Community Benefits from net zero energy developments – Good practice Principles for onshore and offshore renewable energy. (Closes 11/4/25) MR had prepared a discussion paper.

**2)** Community Engagement – Aberlour Community Association had requested a periodic meeting of representatives from village councils/organisations. It was agreed that SCC would take this forward.

**3)** Storegga Hydrogen Plant, Marypark. It was agreed to use social media to advertise this planning proposal and to add the Planning Ref. No to the poster.

The proposal will be discussed at our meeting on 30 April and advertised as such.

**AOCB:**
*It was decided to advertise a list of the Core Paths.

**Consultations:**

**Moray Council –** None

**Scottish Government – *** Future of the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (Closes 6 June, 2025)
*Draft Just Transition Plan for Transport (Closes 19 May, 2025)
*Potential Cruise Ship Levy (Scotland) (Closes 30 May, 2025)

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 30 April

**Meeting Closed:** 8.30pm