



Speyside Area Forum
Tuesday 16th March 2010
7.30pm
•Speyside High School Library

MINUTES

1. Welcome & apologies

Attending:

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| <u>Chair:</u> Sandy Henderson | Aberlour Community Association |
| Bill Burgess | Carron Community Association |
| Derek Clark | Glenrinnes Community Centre |
| Hugh Fraser | Aberlour Community Association |
| Andrea Fuller | Edinvillie Community Hall Council |
| John Fleming | Dufftown |
| Patricia Grant | Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association |
| Rita Marks | Glenlivet & Inveravon Community Association |
| Janice Smith | Dufftown |
| Pat Shanks | Edinvillie Community Hall Council |
| Robin Weeden | Community Development Youth Team |

In attendance:

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| Mr Ian Todd | Manager Community Support Unit |
| Councillor Fiona Murdoch | Moray Council |
| PC Chris Page | Grampian Police, Rothes |
| Heather Shaw | Community Support Officer |
| Jim Hart | Secretary |

Apologies:

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| Charlie Alexander | Knockando |
| Jim Anderson | Rothes Council |
| Jenny Herschell | Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association |
| Jean Oliver | Dufftown |
| Margaret Stuart | Rothes Council |
| Councillor Pearl Paul | Moray Council |

2. Better Community Engagement - Mr Ian Todd

Ian Todd, Manager of Moray Council Community Support Unit outlined the communication processes whereby his group were able to develop plans for engaging with communities in the period 2010-2011. 5 working groups have been established in order to produce "Guides" including Marketing, Memberships, Fund-raising, Area Forum and Community Association Handbooks. In addition 4 mini-seminars, principally for front line staff will be conducted to promote 5 Development initiatives based around Community Capacity Building.

Copies of the summarised programmes were distributed and more detailed plans as pertaining to Speyside will be provided for information and use as appropriate.

Mr Todd then provided the Forum with the background behind the Better Community Engagement initiative and progress and status to date. In Moray, this national initiative will be a Community led programme, fully supported by CSU, and is due to commence with 6

Pilot projects where the focus will be towards multi-agency engagement principally in support of the disadvantaged.

3. Minutes of previous meeting – 10th December 2009

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with an amendment to “Matters Arising” No. 4. Alice Littler Foundation should read Alice Littler Memorial Trust.

Proposed: Rita Marks – Seconded: Bill Burgess

4. Matters Arising

3.7 No contact has yet been received from LEADER programme regarding 2 nominees from the Area Forum. The Secretary was requested to seek a status from LEADER manager Mr David Watson.

5. Update Community/Action Groups

1. Youth Action Update: Mr Robin Weeden provided handouts of the March update report. Although the Moray budget constraints had a negative impact on the regional youth programme, Speyside fared reasonably well, retaining 2 workers for 12 hours and 1 x 4hours.

A youth cafe in the Aberlour Hotel is being progressed and the Movin4ward model with a focus on 4 young people at this time is being promoted in Aberlour, linked to a similar programme in Forres.

High School aged youngsters are the focus of the Dufftown Youth Drop-in. It was suggested that additional advertising and promotion in Dufftown could help this initiative.

2. Midnight Football League: Approximately 35 children have taken part in the programme this year. Some funding income is yet to be finally resolved and PC Chris Page will progress this with Grampian Police. Prizes which have been donated by Mark & Karen Braidwood of the *Mash Tun* in Aberlour are to be presented on Friday, March 19th. Andrea, Janice and Bill are to attend. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mark & Karen.

It was suggested that the programme for next season should start in October 2010 and earlier and more widely distributed promotion might help.

6. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported a current balance of £3,354.36

7. Correspondence

The Secretary read out the contents received from the following

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| NHS Grampian thank you | DofE Awards opportunities |
| Lochhead and Robertson congratulations | Linda Adam new position |

It was proposed to invite Mr Gavin Morgan, representing the DofE in Moray to a meeting in the near future.

8. Any Other Competent business

1. Road Clearing performance: Following some emotive discussion, it was agreed that members would gather as much factual information as possible and send to the secretary with a view to writing to both Moray Council and BEAR Scotland expressing concern about the snow clearing performance across the region. Focus would be regional prioritisation of clearing equipment and overall effectiveness of the performance.

2. Heather Hopper: The demise of the Heather Hopper was discussed and concern was expressed that the tight schedule from Tomintoul to Grantown and lack of consistency in staffing contributed to the poor usage. Patricia Grant will provide the Secretary with appropriate background information to enable a letter to be written to the appropriate authorities.
3. Allotments Consultation: it was agreed that this may only have a direct impact on the Dufftown area and that members of the Dufftown Allotment Group will be responding to Moray council. An appropriate response from the Forum will be sent to Moray Council to reflect this. Councillor Murdoch will attend the March 24th consultation.
4. Maggielock speed limit and street lighting: A request to have minuted the issue of a proposed 40 MPH speed limit and also street lighting in Maggielock was agreed. The area concerned is on the A95 and is the responsibility of BEAR Scotland. It was agreed that a supportive letter would be sent from the area Forum, after receipt of suitable background information and status.
5. Red Telephone Kiosks: this proposal from BT was thought best dealt with by the respective community associations
6. Secretary's Honorarium: It was agreed that the honorarium would be £500 /year. Suitably documented expenses for stationery etc. would be honoured in addition to the statutory travel expenses for all members. It was suggested that the honorarium and expenses would be paid approximately quarterly.
7. Fundraising Seminar – April 1st – Elgin Town Hall: Registration forms for this event were made available
8. Food Initiative: Councillor Murdoch advised the Forum about a CFINE initiative and agreed to provide more detail, which was subsequently done.

9. Dates & Venues for future meetings

The next meeting was agreed to be on Tuesday, April 20th in Dufftown Memorial Hall at 19.30

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