



Speyside Area Forum  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2010  
7.30pm  
Duftown Memorial Hall

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome & apologies

#### Attending:

Chair: Sandy Henderson	Aberlour Community Association
Bill Burgess	Carron Community Association
John Fleming	Dufftown
Jean Oliver	Dufftown
Janice Smith	Dufftown
Andrea Fuller	Edinville Community Hall Council
Pat Shanks	Edinville Community Hall Council
Rita Marks	Glenlivet & Inveravon Community Association
Derek Clark	Glenrines Community Centre
Patricia Grant	Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association
Jenny Herschell	Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association
Charlie Alexander	Knockando Community Association
Jim Anderson	Roths Council
Margaret Stuart	Roths Council

#### In attendance:

Cncllor. Fiona Murdoch	Moray Council
Cncllor. Pearl Paul	Moray Council
Cncllor. Michael McConnachie	Moray Council
Heather Shaw	Community Support Officer
Jim Hart	Secretary

#### Apologies:

None

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved  
Proposed: Bill Burgess, Seconded: Rita Marks

### 3. Matters Arising

2. Mr Ian Todd (CSU) - Detailed Speyside Plans have been provided – 2 copies
4. Matters Arising: Discussion with Mr David Watson, manager of the LEADER programme in Moray identified a new model for LEADER to be considered in May. In this, Area Forums will be asked to comment on applications, but through the Forum representative to the LAG, currently Mrs Anita Milne. LAG will have 6 weeks to assess applications and during this time Area Forums will be consulted if considered beneficial to the evaluation.
8. Any Other Competent business:
  - 8.1 “Heather Hopper”. The withdrawal of this bus service raised some animated discussion concerning the history of the service, poor, unsynchronised and inconsistent performance, funding of the routes, lack of alternative options, inappropriately large buses. Given the position of Moray council to reconsider other service withdrawal in the case of “difficulties”, it was agreed that incidences where there were “difficulties” should be reported to the secretary for possible appeal for service restoration.
  - 8.3 Feedback from Allotments Consultation – Cncllr. Murdoch reported that she had attended the recent consultation workshop and was able to voice concern about the Dufftown

allotments area on several counts, notably ground cover and parking. Comments will be incorporated into a revised draft for further consideration in the near future.  
8.8 CFINE Food Initiative – Cncllr. Murdoch provided more details which were distributed

#### 4. Update Community/Action Groups

Midnight Football League: It was noted that the outstanding £1,000 grant from Grampian Police had been paid direct to Moray Council. £161 has been reserved to assist future programmes. It was proposed that the Street Football programme which encouraged younger children to participate should be considered for next season. Heather Shaw will provide the secretary with contact details.

#### 5. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported a current effective balance of £2,788.90, excluding reserves held for Honorarium, Midnight football and petty cash.

#### 6. Community Issues

1. Maggielknocker speed limit and street lighting: No immediate progress has been made on this subject. It was proposed that

- a) resident(s) should come to the SAF to present the issue
- b) residents should prepare a letter(s) to the appropriate authorities
- c) SAF will offer letter(s) of support as appropriate

2. Dufftown Pre-school Centre (DPC): The issue concerns the fact that the DPC are awaiting a response from Moray Council about repairs to be carried out to their normal facilities. Temporary facilities are being provided in Dufftown Memorial Hall. **The Preschool Centre is separate from The Mortlach Nursery and although funded for a small percentage in partnership with Moray Council, they are required to find the majority of income privately.** SAF is supportive of the plight of the DPC but have been requested to take no action at present, pending the response from Moray Council.

#### 7. Correspondence

Copies of all correspondence, or summarised versions, have been distributed to all members

##### Incoming:

Dissolving Barriers to Learning

CSU: Working Parties Membership Request:- It was noted that Heather Shaw is leading the CSU initiative for a Funding Road-map Guide. Jim Hart and Anita Milne are also part of this programme.

CSU: Speyside: Collated Needs Support:- Heather Shaw outlined the CSU intent to conduct a regional roadshow at times convenient to the communities outlining issues that had arisen from the CNS survey last year. The secretary has a copy of each community's input to the survey.

SEE ME: Local Grants scheme

##### Outgoing

Letter of thanks to Mark & Karen Braidwood – the Mash Tun, Aberlour

BEAR Scotland - Snowclearing – A95, Aberlour.

Moray Council – Snowclearing & prioritisation-Speyside:- It was noted, in Tomintoul, that in the recent heavy snow fall over the Easter period the regular roadmen were on holiday with 2 relief drivers to be engaged if snow fell before the break, which duly happened. Excessively large volumes of grit were applied by digger rather than the small tractor-gritter making walking extremely uncomfortable and dangerous especially when the snow cleared. Inquiry suggested that this was because it was quicker and the digger more comfortable for the operator. It took approximately 2 weeks after the snow cleared before being cleared by a pavement sweeper, apparently for the first time in the village.

Overall the staff did a good job with aid of the relief drivers and farmers with their diggers to clear the snow from the streets to a farm.

It was agreed to await the response from Moray Council to the original letter before taking up this issue.

E-mail note to MC re. Allotments Consultation

#### 8. Any Other Competent business

- Rothes Council are to approach Moray Youth Team with a view to re-establishing youth facilities in the village.

- It was proposed to invite Mr Gavin Morgan, representing the DofE in Moray to the next meeting.
- Cncllor Paul is to provide the secretary with contact details of 2 gentlemen who propose to visit Speyside Area Forum to discuss Care in the Community.

## **9. Dates & Venues for future meetings**

The next meeting was agreed to be on Tuesday, June 15th in Tomintoul at 19.30. - exact venue to be provided to secretary.

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