



Speyside Area Forum

Tuesday, 27th July, 2010
7.30pm

Glenrinn Community Centre

MINUTES

1. Welcome & apologies

Attending:

Chair: Sandy Henderson
Hugh Fraser
Bill Burgess
Jean Oliver
Andrea Fuller
Rita Marks
Derek Clark
PC Doug Darling
Patricia Grant
Jenny Herschell
Jim Anderson
Margaret Stuart
Cncllr. Pearl Paul

Aberlour Community Association
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Carron Community Association
Dufftown
Edinville Community Hall Council
Glenlivet & Inveravon Community Association
Glenrinn Community Centre
Grampian Police
Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association
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Rothes Council
Rothes Council
Moray Council

In attendance

Rhona Patterson
Jim Hart

Community Support Officer
Secretary

Apologies

Heather Shaw
Donna Smart
John Fleming
Pat Shanks
Cncllr. Fiona Murdoch
Cncllr. Michael McConnachie

Community Support Officer
Craigellachie
Dufftown
Edinville Community Hall Council
Moray Council
Moray Council

2. Minutes of previous meeting – 15th June, 2010

These were approved by Jean Oliver and seconded by Bill Burgess

3. Matters Arising

4. 6.1 Maggielockater: No community representative has yet been identified. No concerns about speeding or heavy traffic have been communicated to Grampian police. Several issues regarding road quality and safety were suggested and passed to Councillor Paul for possible action with BEAR Scotland and Moray Council.

7. Withdrawal of Bus services and Dial-a-bus options – Rhona Patterson and Cncllr. Paul quoted from recent e-mails detailing related savings, cost and usage statistics, summarised as follows.

Estimated savings for the entire fiscal year could have been £160,000

Reduction of Speyside Services amounted to 57% of that saving, which breaks down as follows

Withdrawal of #337 service Tu-Th-Sat	– 9.5 %
Withdrawal of #336 service Mon-Sat evenings	– 43 %
Withdrawal of #336 service Sunday	– 4.5 %
	<u>57 %</u>

For the #337 service, usage figures for the month of May indicated the following range of passenger numbers
 Tuesdays - 0-7 passengers
 Thursdays - 3-9 passengers
 Saturdays – 6-12 passengers.
 Further investigation will clarify the extent of the journeys taken by each passenger.

It was estimated that introduction of a 09.30 to 14.30 one bus Dial-a-bus service for Speyside on a Saturday only would cost £170. It was suggested that it may be advantageous to ask all the affected communities to meet to determine their public transport needs. The Car Share scheme was discussed to identify that the service is normally only Monday-Friday, that 48 hours notice is preferred but that emergency situations can be handled throughout the week. The matter of pursuing the public transportation issue was passed to Rhona Patterson to progress.

10. Future Speaker: Mr Gavin Morgan (DOE): his visit has been deferred indefinitely.

4. Update Community/Action Groups

- a. A statement from Craigellachie Community thanking the Area Forum for their assistance during the development of the Brickfield Playpark, which opened on July 18th, was read.
- b. On behalf of the Rothies School Association, thanks were expressed to Rhona Patterson for her assistance to secure funding for 2 school facility and equipment projects

5. Treasurers Report

In the absence of a Treasurer, there was no Treasurers Report.
 Members were encouraged to solicit, from their communities, individuals who may be willing to take up the post at the AGM in September.

6. Community Issues

There were no specific community issues.

7. Correspondence

Incoming:

<u>Response from Mr John Ferguson – Mgr CPP</u>	<u>Response from BEAR Scotland</u>
<i>E-mail: Survey monkey - New Policing Model for Service Provision – Adrian Moar</i>	<i>Childrens Integrated Activities – Rhona Patterson</i>
<i>Vertex Home working – Heather Shaw</i>	

All correspondence was taken as read and selectively discussed.
 It was thought that the response from BEAR Scotland, concerning their performance in Aberlour during the winter, was neither helpful nor constructive. Given that Aberlour is the location of major shortbread, distilling and haulier businesses, it was considered that the A95 trunk road carriageway was not cleared to a satisfactory standard. It was felt that BEAR Scotland could have worked, with local contractors to effect an acceptable snow clearing service, similar to that undertaken by Moray Council, who contract in such a way. Details contained in the letter from BEAR Scotland will be passed to Councillor Paul for possible pursuit with Moray Council and BEAR Scotland. Concerns from Glenlivet and Inveravon Communities about the dangerous egress from the Ballandalloch Filling Station onto the A95 was noted for possible inclusion in discussions with BEAR Scotland.

8. Any Other Competent Business

- CONSULTATIONS
 - Local Transport Strategy: the SAF response to “transport.develop” was taken as read.
 - Community Engagement Funding Arrangements: following a brief discussion it was agreed that the Secretary should write to CPP that the preferred option was Option 3.

- Area Forum Handbook: No feedback was available from discussions at the Moray Forum
- REPRESENTATION
 - It was agreed that SAF should send a representative letter to MP Angus Robertson to petition for relief from the imposition of 2p / litre additional fuel duty, given the rural nature of our communities and the additional hardship likely to be imposed.
 - It was agreed that a letter is sent to Moray Council concerning the proposed increase in Occasional Licence fees from £10 to £90. This will have a significant impact upon organisations that depend upon the benefits derived from such occasional licences.
 - It was agreed that a letter is sent to Moray Council seeking clarification about the differential in planning consent levels associated with local markets between the Moray Towns Partnership (MTP) and local communities. It was considered that the benefits of the MTP should extend across the whole of Moray.
 - It was agreed that a letter is sent to Moray Council seeking clarification about the expectations associated with the Developers Contribution, appended to many new developments and how this is planned to be distributed into the local affected communities.

9. Dates & Venues for future meetings

The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held on September 21st in the Memorial Hall, Dufftown at 19.30. It was agreed to invite Mr Douglas Reid (Speaker on Care in the Community) to this meeting.

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