



**Minutes of Speyside Area Forum Meeting  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009  
Mortlach Memorial Hall, Dufftown**

**1. PRESENT**

Bill Burgess	Carron Community Association
Jim Hart	Archiestown Village Council
Rob Lewin	Glenrinnes Community Centre
Derek Clark	Glenrinnes Community Centre
Jim Anderson	Speyside Council
Margaret Stuart	Rothies Council
Jean Oliver	Resident, Dufftown
John Fleming	Resident, Dufftown
Andrea Fuller	Edinville Community Association
Rita Marks	Glenlivet & Inveravon Community Association
Jenny Herschell	Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Linda Adam	Community Support Worker
Councillor Fiona Murdoch	Moray Council

**APOLOGIES**

Sandy Henderson	Aberlour Community Association
Janice Smith	Dufftown
Jim Gray	Knockando Community Association
Donna Smart	Craigellachie
Councillor Paul	Moray Council
Heather Shaw	Community Support Officer
Robin Weeden	Community Learning & Development Worker (Youth)

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Jim Hart and seconded by Jim Anderson.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

Linda reported she had fed back the Area Forum's comments to Grampian Housing regarding the proposed money advice service which had been noted. Grampian Housing has submitted an application to the Fairer Scotland Fund and is awaiting the outcome of their application.

Linda distributed a revised travel expense claim form for Area Forum members' use, which has a mileage ready reckoner on the rear for guidance. She advised that claim forms should be submitted to Janice Smith, the treasurer, for reimbursement. If Janice is unable to attend meetings Linda requested claims are submitted to her which she will pass on to Janice.

Jim Hart reported that Archiestown Village Council had met with Kevin Price from the Roads Department regarding moving the 30mph signs further out of the village. The

location of such signs is tied in with the national speed limit and as such could take up to 2 years to amend. In the meantime, Archiestown Village Council will continue to pursue the matter.

Bill alluded to the recent press coverage on allotments where there appears to be growing interest.

#### **4. UDATE COMMUNITY/ACTION GROUPS**

Andrea reported that connection to mains water at Glenallachie was progressing. All the residents have agreed to go on to Scottish Water. The Moray Council Housing Department Private Sector grants are providing grant support of a minimum 50%. Work started on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Bill commended Andrea on her efforts in achieving this.

A youth update report was distributed to those present in Robin Weeden's absence.

Linda reported that following the recent site visit regarding the Craigellachie playpark, Donna Smart had been to the STV studios in Aberdeen for media training to prepare and receive advice should the project be shortlisted by the People's Lottery.

Jim Hart gave an update on the Archiestown 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations which starts with the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary opening event. As well as upgrading the hall, it is hoped to upgrade the playing field pavilion. Two funding applications have been submitted to energy companies, as well as the Lottery and LEADER. Walkers are providing commemorative shortbread and Gordon Macphails are donating a bottle of whisky. Baxters will be giving consideration to their contribution some time this month.

#### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no treasurer's report.

#### **6. POSITION OF AREA FORUM SECRETARY**

The position of area forum secretary had been discussed at the AGM. Jim Gray had suggested approaching Pat Dolan. **Action: Linda**

#### **7. LEADER Funding**

Linda outlined a request from Anita Milne, vice chair of Moray Forum and a member of the LEADER Local Action Group. Anita is requesting area forums nominate a couple of people from each Forum to give consideration to the initial 2 page LEADER proposals which to date, should have but has not been happening. Jim Hart indicated he was opposed to this as he could see no real benefit. Linda suggested that this was part of the wider community planning processes allowing the local community to comment on how budgets were expended. It was stated that the Local Action Group (LAG) made the final decision and the question was asked who sat on the LAG. Apart from Anita Milne from the Moray Forum and Rosella Smith from the Moray Federation of Village Halls and Community Associations, the membership is unknown. Rita indicated that she was involved in the previous LEADER funding which quite rigorous training was provided. It was also noted that both Glenlivet and Kirkmichael & Tomintoul come under the Cairngorm as well. Linda said she would endeavour to find out who is on the LAG and how they are nominated for the next meeting.

**Action: Linda**

## **8. COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Jean alluded to the recent press report which suggested that the Dufftown Library was duplicating services provided by The Hub, in terms of computer and internet access. Councillor Murdoch indicated that the Hub was always aware that the Library resources would be upgraded when it was being proposed to move to the primary school. Now the Library is staying in its current location and extending. It was noted that both services are part time. Jenny indicated a similar thing had happened in Tomintoul where a web group was set up and then the library provided the same services.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

Linda read out the letter received from the Scottish Community Foundation indicating the grant application for a midnight football league had been unsuccessful. The forum is keen to secure funding for this purpose and it was agreed that other funding sources be considered. Councillor Murdoch suggested trying to access commercial funding. Jim Hart suggested accessing the Funderfinder resource. Andrea indicated she would be willing to assist in trying to secure funding for this.

Andrea enquired if the correspondence had been received by any Forum member requesting they represent the Area Forum on the Moray Flood Relief Fund. Jim Anderson, Speyside Council stated he had been approached but was unable to take on the role and had suggested Sandy Henderson, the Forum Chairperson. Linda to enquire of Sandy if he has received a letter. **Action: Linda**

## **10. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Linda requested those in attendance take a copy of the Community Capacity Building Calendar 2009 – 2010 which contains a comprehensive range of training opportunities provided by a number of agencies.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 at 7.30pm in Carron Village Hall.

John suggested spreading the meetings given the lack of business. It was agreed that the Forum meet again in November given there were a number of items discussed which would generate feedback for the next meeting. The Forum may then go into recess over the winter months. To be discussed at next meeting.