



Speyside Area Forum
Minutes
Tuesday 23 August 2011
Fleming Hall, Aberlour

1 Welcome

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed visitor Gillian Bailey, Community Support Worker

Attending:

Sandy Henderson, chair; Aberlour Community Association
Hugh Fraser; Aberlour Community Association
Steve Oliver, Archiestown Village Council
Martin Sheed, Cabrach Community Association
John Fleming, Dufftown
Andrea Fuller, Edinvillie Community Hall Council
Pat Shanks, Edinvillie Community Hall Council
Rita Marks, Glenlivet and Inveravon Community Association
Derek Clark, Glenrinnes Community Centre
Patricia Grant, Kirkmichael and Tomintoul Community Association
Jenny Herschell, Kirkmichael and Tomintoul Community Association
Margaret Stuart, Rothes Council

In Attendance:

Cllr Pearl Paul, The Moray Council
Cllr Fiona Murdoch, The Moray Council
Cllr Michael McConnachie, The Moray Council
Insp McCrudden, Grampian Police
PC Chris Page, Grampian Police
Gillian Bailey, Community Support Worker.
Anne Oliver, secretary

Apologies:

Mhairi McBain, Cabrach Community Association
Jean Oliver, Dufftown

2 Approval of Minutes, June 21:

Proposed, Rita Marks; seconded Andrea Fuller

4 Police Matters:

- **Illegal number plates** – concern was expressed that there is a prevalence of “personalised” number plates in the area – which could lead to confusion in an emergency. There are guidelines re digit size and distribution. Police to look in to it and report back
- **Ballindalloch Garage** – the road is the responsibility of BEAR. Rita Marks has written to BEAR to ask for signage and speed limits - to no avail – she

asked for police support to back her request – they will look at the incidents there and at other problem areas including the Glenallachie turning, and form an opinion. Cllrs Paul and Murdoch meet with BEAR annually, in the autumn. They will bring it up at the next meeting.

- Insp Cruden has been in post for 4 months – his policy is to have more officers on the streets making contact with the communities. He encouraged residents to contact them if they have any concerns. He is happy to produce items for local newsletters and websites.

The Chairman thanked Insp Cruden and PC Page. They then left the meeting.

3 Matters arising from the minutes:

- **Council Plants** – some interest has been shown in forming a Flower Forum. It will be discussed at the Moray Forum and a meeting arranged with Moray Council.
- **Village Officers** – concern was expressed about the gap left by the demise of village officers – with several villages suffering an increase of litter left lying after Games and Galas. Pavement sweeping is another concern – there is still grit and sand on pavements in some areas. The village handcarts, which would have been useful to volunteers, have been removed to Elgin. The former village officers have been redeployed within the Council.

Secretary to write to Ian Bruce asking him to attend a meeting to explain Moray Council Guidelines on street cleaning.

5 Transport Seminar: This is a Moray Forum organised event which will take place in **Lhanbryde** on **Saturday September 24 1pm-4pm**. A free bus will pick up representatives from all Speyside areas. Please contact Helen Milne on 01343 843705 to book a place and Sandy Henderson - 01340 871205 to book a seat on the bus – as soon as possible so that a bus can be hired.

This is an important chance to have your say about the transport situation on Speyside. Representatives from all areas are urged to attend.

6 Moray Economic Strategy – The Community Planning Partnership is holding an open meeting on Tuesday, 6 September, 7-9pm in the Fleming Hall, Aberlour. This is a chance to voice opinions on what is needed in your area. Copies of the Moray Plan Review will be in the hands of community groups and organisation this week. This is an opportunity to ensure that Speyside has as much consideration as the rest of Moray with regard to tourism, jobs and rural projects. Concern was expressed about the short notice and lack of publicity regarding the meeting.

7 Update from Community Groups:

- **Roths** - Flood scheme was successful during the recent torrential rain. Some people are impressed with what Moray Council has done – and it came in under budget.
- **Aberlour** – New toilets and disabled toilet installed in Fleming Hall. The main hall is in the process of being decorated – one wall was an insurance job and Moray Council contractors are employed in the work. Concern was expressed about health and safety issues regarding ladders. **Open Day** 17 September; with a display of wartime aerial photography. Handing over coat of arms 10 September.

- **Cabrach** – Open Day in the School 3 September 12-5pm – stalls/events refreshments; Glasgow School of Art exhibition. Free bus from Dufftown. Moray astronomy club – dark sky event.

8 Treasurer's Report – held over until next meeting owing to bereavement.

9 Community Issues - After delays Aberlour now has permission to site a bus shelter opposite the hospital. It has been privately funded and will be of benefit to both patients and visitors

10 AOCB – Aerial photographers around the area have produced stunning views of the overall area as well as individual houses. A view of Edinvillie area has been purchased for their hall.

Date of next meeting – Annual General Meeting Tuesday 25 October at Tomintoul