

BUCKIE AREA FORUM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 26 August 2015, Town House, Buckie

Present: Gillian Rose, Ian Moir, Jo Farquhar, Sam Thomson and Linda McDonald.

In attendance: Cllr Sonya Warren, Cllr Gordon McDonald, Ian Todd.

Welcome: Sonya welcomed all to the meeting and stepped down as Chair due to her election as councillor. Ian Todd confirmed that she could proceed to take the meeting as long as everyone was in agreement, all were.

Apologies: Zafar Ali (BAF), Alan Armit (Police Scotland), Alan Beresford (BAF), Alistair Farquhar (BAF), Nicola Warren (BAF) and Cllr Gordon Cowie.

Previous AGM Minutes: Proposed by Jo Farquhar and seconded by Ian Moir.

Chair's Report (Sonya Warren): The systems for hall bookings and caretaking have been sorted out, thanks go to Gillian for a job well done. We have an ongoing good relationship with the library staff. As Millbank nursery is using Lady Cathcart some of their previous users have looked to the Town's House as an alternative. Equipment belonging to BAF has been well used to support other groups. There have been some problems, for example the marquees being returned wet, dirty and with parts missing but replacement parts have been arranged. Insurance is in place through The Highland Council and the renewal date has been diarised to ensure that any new equipment is listed. A new database of groups and activities, for the purpose of promoting them, is in progress and the town website is also an ongoing project. BAF has continued involvement with The Moray Area Forum, Sustainable Schools, World Host (Alistair Farquhar), and The Moray Council regarding proposed local traffic lights schemes. The Regen group continues to be involved with the 4 Towns' information leaflets, and has organised a Fishwives' Walk stone, the telescope in Cluny Square, WiFi for the town centre, and has supported sub groups (Arts & Crafts, Radio Buckie). Sonya thanked everyone for support in the last year and wished the new executive committee well for the new session.

Secretary's Report (Linda McDonald): Linda took over the Secretary's position from Jo and got involved via the Harbour Advisory Committee. As Sonya is now an elected member, Linda has taken on some of Sonya's BAF load. We're still looking in to buses for coastal villages.

Treasurer's Report (Ian Moir): Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheets were provided for both the BAF and Regen accounts, balances (as at date of meeting) £8932 and £6327 respectively. Gillian asked that more detail be given. The receipt for the insurance needs to be clarified, Ian will see Zafar.

At this point the current committee stood down and Ian Todd presided over the election of new office bearers, results as follows:

Chair: Linda McDonald proposed by Gillian and seconded by Jo.

Vice Chair: Jo Farquhar proposed by Linda and seconded by Ian

Secretary: Nicola Warren proposed by Gillian and seconded by Emma.

Minute secretary: Emma Marandola proposed by Linda and seconded by Jo.

Treasurer: Zafar Ali (assisted by Ian Moir) proposed by Jo and seconded by Linda.

AOCB:

Gordon wished to check with the new committee that the Regen set-up is OK, i.e. the Regen group has authority to deal with projects as they arise and Gordon to continue to chair Regen and select members to the Group. This was unanimously agreed.

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Ian asked that any payments are sanctioned by BAF and was assured that MTP payments are actually sanctioned and paid by The Moray Council. However any payments from BAF will be sanctioned by BAF. This is how it has been done in the past and will continue.

Linda closed the AGM continued as an ordinary Buckie Area Forum meeting.