

Buckie Area Forum

Minute of Buckie Area Forum Meeting on 19th August 2009

Present

Barry Taylor (**Chair**), Alan Beresford (**Vice Chair**), Gillian Rose (**Secretary**), Anna Parker (Uniformed Organisations), Alistair Farquhar (Buckie Festival), James Smith (Buckie Community Council), Gillian Jaffrey (BCHS Rep), Alexander Thatcher (BCHS Rep), Peter Souter (MDCP), Ian Moir (Treasurer)

In attendance

Cllr Joe Mackay, Cllr Anne McKay, Cllr Ron Shepherd, Cllr Gordon McDonald, Gillian Bailey (CLDW),

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting by inviting notes of apology. Apologies received from Mairi Page, Fiona Herd, Marc Macrae, George Stewart, Cllr Anita McDonald, Zafar Ali, Cllr Douglas Ross, David Barnett, and Linda Adam.

2.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 17/06/09

The minutes were approved by Anna Parker and seconded by Alistair Farquhar.

3.0 Matters Arising

4.0 – Gillian Bailey has been in contact with the chair of the Portgordon Village Hall. An AGM has been arranged for Thursday 27th August and she will go along.

BMW – Gillian Jaffrey asked if the High School could be involved and Alistair replied that yes this would be a good idea.

Schools 20MPH – Anna queried why Millbank too had flashing lights to warn drivers. Cllr G McDonald explained that these are usually temporary. Ian Moir suggested that this may be because the school is on the bus route. Action: G McDonald to find out.

4.0 Newsletter

Due to holidays there was no updated Newsletter.

5.0 Youth Matters

Alexander Thatcher suggested a timetable of what is going on in Buckie and what groups meet etc so no one could say there was nothing to do. Anna Parker explained she had been involved previously in compiling this sort of information and Gillian Bailey confirmed that she had all the previous notes with quite a lot of information. Cllr G McDonald suggested that this type of information could be included on the Buckie Website when it is completed. Gillian Jaffrey suggested that the information could go on the Buckie High Website also. Gillian Jaffrey, asked for somewhere for youths to go particularly as the nights will be getting colder and darker soon. G McDonald explained that the regeneration group had the idea of an internet/youth café on plan for next year. A discussion took place with queries where something like this could be situated and what

the intention for use would be. Gillian Bailey suggested to get Fiona Herd involved to help set up a group to take this on. It was agreed to do this.

6.0 Community Support Unit

Gillian Bailey explained briefly about the new set up of the Community Support Unit and how the Forum Support Workers will now not be part of the CLD Team and instead incorporated into the Community Support Unit under the Chief Executive's Department. She explained that the new structure is still in its infancy and a meeting has been set up for 31st August with Gillian Bailey and Ian Todd to discuss with the office bearers the priorities of the Forum. It was agreed that BT would report back to the Forum after this meeting was held.

7.0 Buckie Area Regeneration Update

Harbour – Awaiting a meeting with Moray Council's Finance, Legal, and Road Departments. A Report is going to Policy and Resources Committee next week. In principle, it has been agreed that the marina is the way to go. It is hoped that this will get going soon.

Website – Need to look at navigation of the site, what we want included, what we want it to do and which links we could put on it. A further meeting with REAP is to be set up.

ECO - Bags – To be delivered tomorrow. To discuss with Business Association as to how to distribute. Making a small charge for the bag for businesses to sell on. Will be on sale to public for £2.50. We have 2000 of each design. Bags for Year 2 to be designed by school children. .

Big Man Walking – £2000 allocated to assist this project from the Homecoming fund. No application to date for funding from the Regeneration group.

Buckie Community Radio - Workshops have been set up for 1st and 2nd September for the public and local businesses to attend. The workshops will be run by 3TFM in South Lanarkshire. Reni Millburn to give a talk on Social Enterprise.

Childcare – The contract has been awarded to Nick Brown who will conduct the feasibility study with a report to be submitted by Nov.

Speyside Way – Ian Bruce from Moray Council is to look at where to move the posts to. Not costing anything to do this as the route has been altered at Inverurie too.

Fish Wives Walk – Walk will take place next June. Have found out the weight the fish wives lifted was 45lbs. Health and Safety etc will need to be looked at if it is agreed to have people carry this weight.

Sign Posting – Roads department have agreed to erect a temporary sign for the Fishermen's Hall for the Arts and Crafts Festival which will be available for big events coming to the town. The sign cost £500 and remains the property of the Council and has to be put up by Council staff for Health and Safety reasons. It is not a standard sign it will have an orange background like other temporary signs.

Flower Show – This is to take place this Saturday. The regeneration group have donated money for the Best of Show Prize and for staging. The BCK Logo is to be on the programme.

Farmers Market – possibly to begin next June.

Barry reminded the Forum that volunteers are required for helping in all the projects especially the Arts and Crafts Festival on 12th September.

8.0 Roadside Banners

Alan Beresford asked the Forum if they were in agreement that roadside banners should be allowed. He suggested to the group that if they did not pose a danger they should be allowed and that common sense should prevail. It was discussed at great length and it was agreed to that Alan should take this up at Moray Area Forum. One rule for all group/charities etc should be put in place

9.0 Community Issues

Big Man Walking – The ‘big man’ is to come to Buckie on 17th October. The route has been changed as he cannot go downhill. He will start at Drifter Car Park and finish at Fishermen’s Hall car park. First Aid has been organised, as has road barriers and police. Stewards are still needed and people are asked to contact Alistair if they can help out.

Alex Morrison, Senior Community Care Officer was to attend this meeting to give a presentation but was unable to attend. He will come along to next meeting to talk about Community Care in Buckie.

Linzee Gordon Park – Anna Parker asked about the entrance to the park which has been blocked up with the boundary wall of a new built house. She queried if this was a public right of way. Anne McKay agreed to find this out.

MDCP – Peter Souter informed the group that the Milton Drive project have applied for funding to conduct a feasibility study for them to move to premises at Cathcart Grove. The project is continually growing and often people don’t get privacy, and confidentiality becomes a problem. The new premises will be open to anyone in Buckie as is The Well currently.

10.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Portgordon Community Centre 7pm 14th October 2009