

## **BUCKIE AREA FORUM**

### **Minute of meeting held on**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at the Town House, Buckie.**

#### **Present:**

Barry Taylor, Sonya Warren, Alistair Farquhar, Jo Farquhar, Ian Moir, Ian Todd, Ian McPherson, Emma Marandola

#### **In attendance:**

Cllr Gordon McDonald, James Alexander, Nadya Wagland, Sheila Ritchie.

#### **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The following corrections were noted

Para 9: Remove one of the "agreed" from the telescope line.

Para 12: Corrected the spelling of Arradoul.

After amendments, minute proposed by Alistair Farquhar and seconded by Jo Farquhar

#### **Matters arising:**

Telescope: Will place in North East corner of Cluny Square

Maklab: Meeting has yet to be arranged. Maklab are looking for funding but several companies are interested.

Art Exhibition: There was disappointment that it was cancelled but there is a possibility it will be held later in the year.

Buckie Festival: A brief report of previous shows was given.

#### **Correspondence:**

Community Capacity Training: waiting for an update.

Arts & Crafts Group: Nadya Wagland and Sheila Ritchie attended the meeting as they had received no replies to several emails to both chair and secretary of BAF.

They are wanting to hold an exhibition in the Town house but urgently need confirmation as the artists need time to prepare. Barry Taylor assured the ladies that he had responded on 20<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed that confirmation will be given by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Art exhibition to be held July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Scottish Traditional Music Centre of Excellence**

James Alexander gave a presentation on the proposed use of the Buckie Drifter as the Scottish Traditional Music Centre of Excellence. The UHI have made it one of their approved partners. Essential work on recladding and replacing heating system are biggest proportion of costs. They will be looking for support. The café within would probably be franchised. The next stage is to hold a public meeting to form a SCIO and discuss a Community Asset Transfer. If all goes to plan it is envisaged the first cohort will be in place from September 2015. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th June at the Town House.

#### **Sports Hub:**

Carried forward to next meeting.

**World Host:**

No funding so no further progress at present time.

**School Review:**

All head teachers had a meeting recently and teachers had a workshop. Clarification was given to teachers as to how they can comment on proposed changes.

**Moray Towns Partnership:**

No report

**Regeneration Group:**

Items covered earlier in meeting

**Youth Matters:**

No report as event at school and all representatives tied up with that event.

**Community:**

John Cumming, local artist has asked if he can mount an exhibition. The Forum has no objection and Sec Sonya will write and suggest he contacts the arts and craft group.

**AOB:**

Cleaner: The hall cleaner has requested a new vacuum cleaner and cleaning material. Funding agreed -to come from Regen. Group.

Cupboards: Gordon McDonald is organising the fitting of cupboards along the rear wall of the hall.

Finance; Ian Moir pointed out that there is a payment of £3200 in and out of the accounts which represented the cost of rent, but which is then refunded so effectively we do not pay rent.

Public liability: It was revealed that there has been no payment via direct debit for our public liability insurance. This is to be chased urgently as the hall will have to close unless we can confirm cover is in place.

Tourism: Ian Moir spoke about the need for more tourism promotion in the area. To be discussed further at next meeting.

**Next meeting: AGM followed by ordinary meeting**

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 7pm in the TOWN HOUSE, BUCKIE**