

**Milne's  
Neighbourhood  
Forum**



**Minute of meeting held Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Lhanbryde Community Centre**

**Present**

Peter Bush - Chairman  
Gill Stewart  
Jill Reid  
Alan Bodman  
Paul Harlow  
Susan Godlington  
James Mc Leman  
Jackie Owsnett  
Chris Hughes  
Anita Milne  
Sylvia Reid

**Apologies**

Cllr Douglas Ross  
Cllr George McIntyre  
Cllr Anita McDonald  
Anita Gouldsbrough  
Yvonne Barrow  
Kay Griffin  
Jennifer Shaw  
Lynne Laing  
David McKay  
Vicci Holmes  
Paul Ralph  
Clair Tombe

**In attendance**

Fiona Rolt, Community Support Officer, Moray Council  
David Millar, Community Learning and Development Worker, Moray Council  
Debi Ingram, Youth Worker, Moray Council

Item		Action
1	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b></p> <p>Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received as above.</p>	
2	<p><b>Election of Vice Chair</b></p> <p>The Vice Chair position had been omitted from the elections at the AGM, Alan Bodman was proposed by Paul Harlow and seconded by James Mc Leman and it was unanimously agreed.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of Pervious Meeting</b></p> <p>The minute of the meeting that was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 needed approving as the last meeting held in April was the AGM. Anita proposed and Sylvia seconded.</p>	

<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Young Carers. Gill is now working with Quarriers Advisory Group and is trying very hard to ensure that young people contact the organisation to inform them of what support they require. This was an issue taken up by the Moray Forum and things have been improving. The Moray Forum are still keeping a close watch on this initiative as there has been a dramatic reduction in support that young carers get. Susan Leonard, Manager for Quarriers in Moray, has offered to come along to a Forum meeting to explain how the service is being developed in Moray. The meeting agreed that this may be useful.</p> <p>Sylvia proposed and Anita seconded the motion.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Forum Funding Options</b></p> <p>Alan explained the options and the figures associated with the funding consultation document. It was felt that after the initial year 1 funding there may only be a top up payment in subsequent years. Although this was only put as a question in the document and may not be set in stone consideration must be given to it.</p> <p>It was proposed that out of all the options Option 2 was the most attractive. This was proposed by Peter and seconded by Paul.</p>	<p><b>Anita to respond</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>Anita informed the meeting that the current balance was £3,412.61 as of the end of May. There is a pending invoice for hall rental of £9. It was highlighted that B in the Park and the Litter Group may need some funding but no written request had been received.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that now there are four office bearers that the signatories for the cheques should be changed to them.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Sub Groups</b></p> <p>Fochabers Allotment Group. An update was provided by Fiona they have had their AGM and office bearers have been elected. They are continuing to look for suitable land they have earmarked some but it may not be suitable.</p> <p>Lhanbryde Allotments. An update was provided by Fiona that the Steering Group were meeting regularly, they may have found some suitable land but will provide an update to the Forum at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Youth Involvement Group</b></p> <p>Anita and Fiona updated the Forum on how progress was being made to engage with young people under the Better Community Engagement Pilot. They are concentrating their efforts in Lhanbryde and Urquhart and looking at the formats that the youth use e.g. text, face book, bebo etc.</p> <p>David highlighted that the age covered was 10 – 25 year olds, he commented that it was easier to talk to the 10 – 18 year olds than it was the 18 to 25 year olds.</p> <p>The comment was made that this only focused on a very small area within the Milnes area. Why was it not covering the whole Forum geographical area? It was explained that as this was a Pilot project if successful it would be rolled out across Moray.</p> <p>Some members of the Forum felt that there was a real need to try and address other Youth issues and so it was proposed by Jill and seconded by Alan to set</p>	

up a separate Youth sub group to look at the other areas.

Chris, Peter, Jill, Alan, Elizabeth and David Millar agreed to sit on this sub committee.

### **B in the Park**

Fiona explained that this was a group that had come together from the Lhanbryde Allotment Committee. They wanted to hold a 1 day event in Lhanbryde to engage with the community. It will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July and would have various events and stalls at it. They were looking to the Forum for financial assistance. There was no explanation as to what they wanted the funds for nor were there any figures provided. Fiona thought that they would require £150. It was proposed by Anita and seconded by Alan to allocate this amount to them but other members felt that there should be a report produced outlining exactly what they wished the money for before any money was provided.

### **Lhanbryde Litter Group**

Fiona provided some background and highlighted that this group wished £130 to purchase 10 litter pickers. She informed the Forum that this group held litter picking days and went around certain areas in Lhanbryde picking up litter. Although it was felt that this was a worthy project Alan highlighted that it was not really an administration cost so would the Forum be able to assist. Anita and Fiona explained that at the last Moray Forum meeting John Ferguson had explained what the Forums Budget could be spent on, and this would be acceptable. It was proposed by Anita and seconded by Alan and a unanimous agreement was reached. It was requested that a report be submitted and that any equipment would be made available to other communities within the Milnes area.

### **Community Transport Group**

Stagecoach is planning to alter the services that Garmouth and Kingston receive. As this is a life line to many it was felt that it was vital to look at the implications that this may have. It was highlighted that this was a concern to Innes Community Council as the service in Urquhart and Lochhills is also being altered. This is obviously affecting other areas too. It was suggested that the many people within the Milnes area depend on this service and if nothing is done the most vulnerable could become socially isolated. It was proposed by Peter that a sub group should be set up to look into this and look at the alternative options. The proposal was seconded by Anita and unanimously agreed. Anita, Peter, Elizabeth and Alan agreed to form the sub group and it was hoped that other interested parties would come forward to join.

### **Health Sub Group**

It was discussed and agreed that this was another area that needed attention. This was due to the lack of services within the various communities. Services that had been piloted in some areas had worked but nothing has been initiated as yet. This initiative would progress in conjunction with Innes Community Council and it was agreed that Elizabeth would be the contact from the Innes Community Council.

## **8 Proposed Meetings**

It was suggested that more regular meeting would be of benefit. If dates and

	venues were agreed for the following year then the Milnes Forum could advertise in advance to attract more members.	
9	<p><b>Office Bearers Meetings</b></p> <p>In between the regular meeting and Office Bearers meeting is being held to discuss and plan for the future. It was agreed that at the next meeting PR would be discussed to promote the forum. Paul agreed that he would set up a web site dedicated to the Milnes Neighbourhood Forum. This will allow the communities to see exactly what Milnes is looking at and would act as an access point for information. Other avenues will be explored and once ideas had been formed a report would be put to the committee with a strategy of moving forward.</p>	<b>Anita, Jill, Peter, Alan</b>
10	<p><b>Milnes Neighbourhood Forum – The Way Forward</b></p> <p><b>Membership Forms</b></p> <p>Peter raised the question over the membership forms. He explained from both a committee position and an admin position that it would be helpful if people would fill in a membership form. It was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Community Survey</b></p> <p>As the original Forum documentation is due for renewal this year it was suggested that another consultation exercise should be carried out. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the Office Bearers meeting and suggestions would be put forward to the committee.</p>	
11	<p><b>Community Issues</b></p> <p><b>Cycle Path Petition</b></p> <p>A cycle path petition has been started to allow safer access to neighbouring towns and villages. Support is needed to enable this to be a successful endeavour.</p> <p><b>Garmouth Amenities Group Petition</b></p> <p>Garmouth are trying to raise a petition for flood assistance. They are in the stages of drafting the petition at present.</p> <p><b>Car Park Lhanbryde</b></p> <p>This issue has been raised a number of times. Feedback from Douglas Ross is required. It was agreed to hold this over to the next meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>Date, time and place of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 at 7.00pm in Garmouth Village Hall.</p>	