



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Milne's Neighbourhood Forum Garmouth Village Hall, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009, 7pm**

**Present:** David MacKay, Anita Milne, Gill Stewart, Sylvia Reid, Kay Griffin

**In Attendance:** Cllr Douglas Ross, Jacqui Taylor (the Moray Council, Fairer Scotland), Ian Todd (the Moray Council, Community Learning and Development Team Leader), Fiona Rolt (the Moray Council, Community Learning and Development Worker), Michelle Gillibrand (the Moray Council, Area Forum Support Worker)

**Apologies:** Cllr George McIntyre, Cllr Anita McDonald, David Millar, Ness Smith, Jennifer Shaw, Debi Ingram, Gwyn Phipps, Vicki Holmes, Jackie Owsnett, Marc MacRae

**Chairperson: David MacKay**

### **1.0 Welcome**

David welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2.0 Presentation – Jacqui Taylor, Fairer Scotland Manager**

Jacqui Taylor gave a very informative presentation on the Fairer Scotland Fund and her job remit. Jacqui is specifically looking at financial inclusion, communities and employability. She explained that she was looking for ideas based on local needs to address these issues and keen to discuss how to engage effectively with individuals in the community. Various suggestions were made including:-

- Linking in roadshows with fun free family events
- Local Post Offices
- Linking in with local community groups e.g. Neighbourhood Watch
- Pharmacies and prescriptions
- Pat Slips
- Milk Cartons
- Support Workers e.g. CLD, Health Visitors, Social Workers

It was felt that Ian Todd's presentation later on in the meeting 'National Community Engagement Pilot' will also help further this discussion.

There was also discussion on the issues surrounding fuel poverty and the importance of an integrated approach to share information and avoid duplication.

David MacKay thanked Jacqui for her presentation.

### **3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2009**

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.

### **3.0 Matters Arising**

- Dialogue Youth – As Ness Smith was not at the meeting it was agreed to forward this update onto the next meeting. **Action: Ness**

Young Carers – A Carers Training Day has been organised at Elgin Town Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2-8pm which will include taster and training sessions for Carers and Young Carers.

The Quarriers will have a 30 hours/week telephone cover, 6 days a week, 9am to 3pm. The project will take on a more focused approach specifically looking at a Young Carers' strategy.

The Quarriers will be providing a 19<sup>1/2</sup> hrs/week support provision to young carers. At the moment there are no activities for Young Carers. The Quarriers will however be trying to assist young people to participate in other community groups. They are also looking at the definition of 'Young Carer'

Station Road, Lhanbryde- James Smith from the Transportation Section of the Moray Council has made contact with Gill.

Lhanbryde Challenge/Community Transportation – this area of work is still to be followed up. David Mackay asked to be kept within the loop

### **4.0 Youth Involvement Group**

The next meeting for the Youth Involvement Action Group meeting will be 17<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm at Lhanbryde Community Centre. All welcome.

### **5.0 Allotments**

Fiona Rolt reported that as a result of the open meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May there is now an allotment steering group. Fiona also intends to follow up the possible interest of allotments in the Lhanbryde area in the future.

Michelle reported that the Policy and Resources meeting of the Moray Council agreed to designate a Lead Officer to take forward allotments in Moray. They also agreed to assist community association to investigate in the first instance possible local authority owned land and then privately owned land for allotments.

**Action: Fiona Rolt and Michelle Gillibrand**

### **6.0 National Community Engagement Pilot.**

Ian Todd, Community Learning and Development Team Leader gave an update on the 'Better Community Engagement' National Pilot scheme which Moray has been selected to run with along with 9 other authority areas. It was agreed this was a very good project that Milne's Neighbourhood Forum should be part of and the work being undertaken by the Youth Involvement Action Group should fit in very well.

## **7.0 Community Planning Update – Community Engagement Fund Consultation**

Anita Milne explained that there are currently two consultations regarding support to community groups, namely the Community Unit and Community Engagement Fund. The Community Support Unit will be set up in the Chief Executive's Department. The work this new unit will undertake which will incorporate the Community Learning and Development Adult Team and Area Forum Support Workers, is open for negotiation. A meeting has been arranged for 1<sup>st</sup> July for the Moray Forum, Joint Community Councils and others to start this process of discussion.

The Community Engagement Fund Consultation gives three options for future funding. Previously the Area Forums have received £1500/year for administration/ secretarial and expenses costs. Anita Milne went on to explain because the Joint Community Councils, Moray Forum and MVSO were still not clear the implications or opportunities the Community Support Unit would bring it was agreed this consultation should be held back until further details were obtained. It was also agreed that the consultation document was badly written with mistakes. The meeting agreed that the Milne's Neighbourhood Forum's concerns on the consultation document be raised with Alastair Keddie. Anita Milne agreed to do this.

**Action: Anita Milne**

Voluntary Sector – Kay Griffin informed the meeting about the proposed Voluntary Sector Partnership Moray and that information should be out soon.

## **8.0 Community Issues**

Neighbourhood Watch – David MacKay gave an update on the current health of Neighbourhood Watches. Bulletins are due to re-start. PC Raymond Walker in the local contact with Grampian Police. Website details for Neighbourhood Watch is [www.grampian.nwa.org](http://www.grampian.nwa.org). It was suggested that YourMoray website could also be used as a way of promoting neighbourhood watches.

Drug Issues – After a short discussion it was agreed to have this topic on a future agenda.

Consultation on Registrars Opening Times – If anyone wanted further information to contact Michelle directly.

**9.0 Date of the Next Meeting** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 7.00pm, Fochabers Heritage Centre, Fochabers. Michelle to approach Vickie Holmes to chair.

**Action: Michelle**

