



Speyside Area Forum

Tuesday, 5th October, 2010
7.30pm

Memorial Hall, Dufftown

Present:

<u>Chair:</u> Sandy Henderson	Aberlour Community Association
Bill Burgess	Carron Community Association
John Fleming	Dufftown
Andrea Fuller	Edinvillie Community Hall Council
Rita Marks	Glenlivet and Inveravon Community Association
Derek Clark	Glenrinnes Community Centre
Patricia Grant	Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association
Jenny Herschell	Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association
Jim Anderson	Roths Council
PC Chris Page	Grampian Police
David Tierney	Speyside High School
Mhairi McBain	Cabrach Community Association
Martin Sheed (later)	Cabrach Community Association
Eddie Brewster	Individual

In attendance:

Cllr Paul, The Moray Council; Cllr Murdoch, The Moray Council, Rhona Patterson, Community Support Worker; Heather Shaw, Community Support Officer; Linda Bramner, Team Manager, TMC; Des Johnston, Telecare, TMC.

Apologies:

Hugh Fraser, Aberlour Community Association; Jim Hart, Secretary; Pat Shanks, Edinvillie Community Hall Council; Charlie Alexander, Knockando Community Association; Margaret Stewart, Roths Council; Cllr McConnachie, TMC.

Minutes of Meeting July 27th for approval

Proposed: Rita Marks

Seconded: Bill Burgess

Matters Arising from previous minute

Bus Service: The pressure to save the bus service had paid off. However, Cllr Paul said that the bus service had to be used or it would be lost

Road Conditions: Cllr Paul had not yet met with BEAR Scotland

Speed limit at Tomnavoulin: This looks like being approved at the Council's December Committee meeting. This was good news as the community has been campaigning for a speed limit for many years

Developer contribution: Rhona Patterson, Sandy Henderson and Hugh Fraser had attended a meeting in Moray Council chambers re this issue. Moray Council has employed Aberdeenshire Council to do the Community Planning work for them.

Update Community Groups

Cabrach Community Association: Kim Sui has been appointed as a Local Development Officer for the Cabrach area and will start on 1st November.

T in the Park had a very successful year with £12.5k being raised between the sales of food and drink and the craft tables. Thanks to all of their volunteers

Tomintoul: Patricia drew the meeting's attention to the proposed budget cuts and their impact on the museum and tourist information service in Tomintoul. She said that two hotels had closed in the area and that further cuts in service would be devastating for the village. 12,000 people had come through the doors in this last season, their busiest yet. She mentioned that Tomintoul had few services and could not afford to see any more cuts in the area. Heather mentioned that the Moray Council were inviting comments on their proposed savings. People would have the opportunity to comment by attending a meeting on Tuesday 9th of November at Speyside High School.

Speyside High School – Mr David Tierney: It is hard for young people to find work in the Speyside area. Speyside High School is currently in dialogue with the Council's More Choices More Chances Service to look at how young people can be given additional support. Mr Tierney advised that a new group was in the process of being established that would explore how young people who were leaving school in the Speyside areas could be supported with training opportunities and morale boosting. The forum agreed to lend its support and that someone from the Area Forum would sit on the management committee

Consultation

Cabrach School Closure—there were few comments. It was suggested that the Council should consider mothballing the building

Licencing fees proposal – one comment submitted

Correspondence

Community Engagement Funding Arrangements Consultation – The Council had chosen Option 2

Street Markets and Towns Partnership –The Forum queried whether there was a market stance in each area of Speyside. It was suggested that Mhairi McIntosh, from Environmental, Development and Planning section could give more information on street markets.

AOB

Andrea Fuller asked that the Forum protest at Cllr Alan Wright being nominated to represent TMC at Cairngorm National Park meetings instead of Cllr Murdoch. She was of the opinion that the CNPA should have a local representative who knew the Speyside area. Cllr Murdoch explained how the process worked and that it was now unfortunately too late to overturn this decision. It was agreed to send a letter of complaint to the Chief Executive of the Moray Council and copy it to the CNPA, the MP and MSP.

Venue of next meeting

Roths Cottage
November 16th at 7.30 pm