

# Minutes of Speyside Area Forum Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 Fleming Hall, Aberlour

#### 1. PRESENT

Bill Burgess Carron Community Association
Andrea Fuller Edinvillie Community Association
Jim Hart Archiestown Village Council

Margaret Stuart Rothes Council

James Gray Knockando Community Association

Rita Marks Glenlivet and Inveravon Community Association

Jean Oliver Speyside Paths Network Group

John Fleming Dufftown Janice Smith Dufftown

Jim Anderson Speyside Council

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Fiona Murdoch, Councillor Pearl Paul, Heather Shaw – Community Support Officer, Linda Adam – Community Support Worker

#### **APOLOGIES**

Sandy Henderson Aberlour Community Association

Jenny Herschell Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association

Councillor McConnachie

# 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING -18<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Jim Hart, seconded by Jim Anderson.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING

Rothes Youth – Pearl advised that the Grant Hall is being considered.

<u>Youthlink Scotland</u> – information regarding funding distributed at previous meeting. <u>Equipment</u> – No feedback to date from Moray Forum. Heather to check out bouncy castle business in Forres. **Action:Heather** 

<u>Traffic Calming</u> – Archiestown Village Council meeting with Kevin Price, Roads Department regarding moving 30mph signs further out of the village. Jim Hart sought advice from others with regarding similar circumstances. Pearl offered some advice. Tomintoul also considering this.

<u>Rothes Pedestrian Crossing</u> – Pearl advised that 2 sites were considered at a public meeting last week. Further consultation will take place.

#### 4. COMMUNITY/ACTION GROUPS UPDATE

Craigellachie Playpark – Heather reported that a site visit by representatives from the People's Millions will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm.

Glenallachie Water – Andrea reported that following the recent inclement weather E coli had been detected in the water supply at Glenallachie. Of the 10 houses affected 1 is council owned. 7 of the 9 privately owned properties have agreed to go onto mains water.

Chivas. Some grant applications have already been submitted to the Housing Department Private Sector.

Play Facilities for Children with Disabilities – Linda reported on the public meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August in Elgin Town Hall and advised that a steering group meeting was being held tomorrow in the Leisure Centre, Elgin.

Dufftown Allotments – Fiona reported the Dufftown Community Association had discussed overseeing the provision of allotments at their recent meeting. A couple of potential sites have been identified within the town.

Knockando – Jim Gray reported that the Knockando Hall refurbishment was going well. A feasibility study is being undertaken to look at generating electricity off the burn for the hall and woollen mill, with any excess going to the main grid.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Janice reported that the balance in the bank at the moment is £3726.17. This includes at £1500 administration grant recently received from Moray Council. Linda reminded those present that mileage can be claimed for attending meetings at 40p per mile. Janice feels there is a need for a more simplified petrol receipt system.

Action:Linda

## 6. Community Issues

Jim Hart outlined a series of events planned for Archiestown's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April 2010, which are based on the history of the village.

# 7. Correspondence

Linda outlined the contents of correspondence from Grampian Housing Association who would like to extend their money advice surgeries into Speyside. Those present felt this would be a useful service but would prefer if such a service adopted a co-ordinated approach with the existing Benefits Agency service for pensioners, etc. Heather indicated that it has also been suggested that the Mobile Information Bus could be put to more use. Linda to contact Grampian Housing with forum feedback.

Action: Linda

### 8. Date and Venue of next meeting

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Mortlach Memorial Hall, Dufftown.