



**Minutes of Speyside Area Forum Meeting
18th August, 2009
Fleming Hall, Aberlour**

1. Present

Sandy Henderson	Aberlour Community Association
Jean Oliver	Speyside Footpaths Network
Jim Gray	
John Fleming	Dufftown
Donna Smart	Craigellachie
Andrea Fuller	Edinville Community Association
Margaret Stuart	Roths Council
Jim Anderson	Roths Council
Jim Hart	Archiestown Village Council

In Attendance

Councillor Fiona Murdoch, Moray Council
Councillor Pearl Paul, Moray Council
Robin Weeden, CLD Youth Team, Moray Council
Linda Adam, Community Support Worker, Moray Council

Apologies

Derek Clark, Glenrinnes Community Centre
Rob Lewin, Glenrinnes Community Centre
Councillor McConnachie, Moray Council
Janice Smith, Dufftown
Heather Shaw, Community Support Officer, Moray Council

2. Minutes of the last meeting – 16th June, 2009

The minute of the last meeting was proposed as accurate by Jim Hart and seconded by Jim Anderson.

3. Matters Arising

Youth facilities – Councillor Paul reported that a meeting has as yet to be held and that funding is available for youth projects via Youthlink Scotland – Cash for Communities.

Transport – Councillor Murdoch reported that Moray Council will be funding the Car share scheme for a further year. Sandy indicated he will raise the matter at the Patient Participation Forum.

Dial a Bus – a second round of pick ups has been requested for the end of the day. The scheme should run all day during school holidays and there had been an increased uptake of the service from 57 to 880 per month.

Equipment – The matter had been raised by John Ferguson with the Chair of the Moray Forum. To date no response has been received.

Insurance – It was pointed out that Moray Federation of Village Halls has blanket insurance. However, it was thought that bouncy castles require separate insurance cover.

4. Community/Action Group Update

Donna reported that the Craigellachie Playpark group had the full support of the village council. The project has been shortlisted for the People's Millions. Donations of £1000, £150 and £100 had been received. The group are holding a Tombola on Saturday 22nd August and are planning a sponsored walk. The group intend to raise funding for playpark equipment which will be installed, maintained and fully adopted by Moray Council.

Andrea reported that the Glenallachie residents had met with Mr McIvor from Moray Council Housing Department - Private Sector Grants. New quotes had been received but had increased compared to previous quotes. A copy of the title deeds are being sought.

Robin Weeden gave an update on youth work in the Speyside area. He reported that he had met with his 3 youth workers and developed an action plan for the next year.

- Youth workers are in Speyside High School 3 times a week.
- Moving On – a project targeted at those who have left school and are unemployed. It was noted that Grants of Glenfiddich have funding for similar work in identifying young people.
- Tomintoul – 1 youth worker 4 hours a week. Youth club every Thursday. Annual Burns Supper. Young Drivers – work with police, Momentum course which includes 8 weeks driving instruction. Crown Estate are holding an Open Day. Toulser looking for young people to do a column. Girls On The Move – cooking, canoeing, etc.
- 5th year pupils can undertake apprentice youth work via Options and provide a youth club for 1st year pupils.
- Residential in Aviemore in October funded by Youth Scotland
- Rothes – have looked at Ben Aigan hotel and Grant Hall as possible venues. Concern re expenditure on privately owned building. Grant Hall has now been redecorated. Drop In could be developed in coffee bar. The community to be involved in setting up project. Surgery – using van. Potential volunteer been identified from Rothes who has done youth work training.
- Arts Award
- Trax, Trees and Trails Mountain Bike and Environmental Group

John Fleming asked what youth provision was planned for Dufftown. Robin said he currently didn't have enough hours (26hours per week and 3 youth workers). Ideally parents would volunteer and be provided with training.

Traffic Calming – meeting held in Dufftown with Kevin Price, Traffic Engineer from Moray Council who is willing to adjust traffic calming measures slightly. No correspondence from BEAR.

Play facilities for children with disabilities – Linda reported that a public meeting is being held on Thursday 28th August at 7.30pm in Elgin town hall supper room. The meeting is

being held with a view to setting up a steering group. Linda requested those in attendance take a poster away with them to display in their locality.

5. Treasurer's Report

It was reported that there was a bank account balance of £2,252.96.

6. Community Issues

Equipment/insurance dealt with under matters arising.

7. Correspondence

No correspondence

8. Any Other Competent Business

Community Support Unit – Linda outlined the make up of the new community support unit and the anticipated remit. Concern was expressed by members of the forum re lack of continuity and no longer having a dedicated worker. Linda indicated that the forum would still receive support as necessary. Jim Hart reported that he had attended a community engagement event recently where he had had a conversation with Ian Todd, Community Support Unit Manager who was dynamic and sound quite positive.

Jim Anderson reported that OSCR has given approval to wind up the Speyside Council.

Jim reported on information he had received from SCVO relating to proposed changes to the Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill which will impact on many grassroots community groups and organisations who fundraise, buy and sell, etc. Those in attendance were encouraged to write to Richard Lochhead, MSP regarding this

It was noted that Homecoming events were being held in Speyside as follows:-

- Rothes – Homecoming Weekend 25th, 26th, 27th September
- Aberlour – St Andrews Night in November
- Craigellachie – September 12th
- Dufftown – September 4th

9. Date & Time of next meeting

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 15th September, 2009 at 7.30pm

Ordinary Meeting – Tuesday 15th September, 2009 at 8pm

