



Speyside Area Forum
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**Draft Minutes of the Meeting held at
Archiestown Hall, 7.30pm Tuesday, 22nd April, 2014**

Present: Bill Burgess, Chairman; Hugh Fraser, *Treasurer and Aberlour Community Association*, Cllr Pearl Paul, *The Moray Council*; Charles Alexander, *Knockando Community Association*; Jenny Herschell, Patricia Grant, *Kirkmichael and Tomintoul Community Association*; Mabel Donald, *Aberlour Community Association*; Bunty Campbell, *Glenrinnes Community Centre*, Sandy Henderson, *Friends of Fleming Hospital, Aberlour*. Alistair Laing, Steve Oliver, *Archiestown Village Council*; John Milne, *Speyside Visitor Centre*; John Fleming, *Dufftown*; Cllr Fiona Murdoch; Andrea Fuller, *Edinville Community Hall Council*

In attendance: PC Andrew Main, *Police Scotland*.

Apologies: Cllr Mike McConnachie ; Margaret Stuart, *Rothies*; Ian Todd, Community Support Manager, *The Moray Council*

1. Welcome: Bill Burgess, Chairman welcomed Members to the Meeting.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 4th March, 2014
Proposed, Sandy Henderson, seconded, Patricia Grant.

3. Matters Arising:

- The relocated Aberlour Post Office is now issuing Car Tax Renewals.

4. Police Matters: PC Andrew Main reported that the new Facility at Tomintoul is now operational and that he is in-situ for Police Scotland.

- The Police Report is in course of being sent out electronically

The Chairman thanked PC Main for attending the meeting.

5. Community Issues and Update from Community Groups

Hugh Fraser raised the issue of Trade Waste uplift Charges and the lack of prior consultation by The Moray Council. Andrea Fuller reported that she had met with Steve Williamson, TMC, in her capacity as Vice Convenor of MFCHA regarding the status of Community Halls. Council Policy is that Registered Charities are exempt but any events for non Charities are liable to pay Trade Waste Charges. It will be necessary to segregate Waste and for the Hall to levy the requisite Charge against the Event Organisers.

Charles Alexander reported that they are having difficulties with SEPA with their proposed Hydro Scheme. SEPA appear to keep changing the goalposts. The Feed-in Tariff has reduced. Knockando Community Association and Margach Hall Trustees are in course of combining together but problems are arising with OSCR.

Steve Oliver reported that the Archiestown Biomass Heater (cost £50k) was now operational. John Milne reported that a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) was now underway for Speyside

Visitor Centre. The transfer has been approved in principle by The Moray Council Policy & Resources Committee. A Training Session has been arranged for Volunteers on 14th May. Patricia Grant reported that Tomintoul Development Trust was making progress with a CAT for Tomintoul Visitor Centre and Hostel.

Cllr Paul gave an overview of the Rothes Tattie Bogles for the forthcoming Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival

6. Treasurer's Report:

Hugh Fraser, Treasurer, circulated the Financial Report. The only real expense at the moment is travelling expenses.

Balance £2,964.06

The Report was approved by Andrea Fuller, seconded Patricia Grant.

7. Any Other Business

Lee Haxton has been appointed Community Support Manager with Cairngorms National Park. A Test Programme is underway to assist Community Organisations in maintaining improved sustainability

Date and venue of next meeting

7.30pm, Tuesday, 10th June 2014
venue Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Hall.