



Speyside Area Forum
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Tuesday, 12th January, 2016
The Cottage, Rothes

7-30 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies

In Attendance : Gordie Morrison (Fire), Hugh Fraser (Treasurer), Sandy Henderson (chair), Cllr Pearl Paul, Bunty Campbell, Charlie Alexander, Jean Grimshaw, Michelle Ness, Fiona Toovey, Ian Todd (community support unit), Andrea Fuller, Sheena Nicolson

Apologies : Tricia Lawson, Patti Nelson, Eleanor Candy, Brenda Cooper, Jenny Herschell, Patricia Grant

2. Minute of previous Meeting for approval – 10th November, 2015

Amendments – add in logo, correct as Andrea Fuller was also in attendance

Proposed – Jean Grimshaw

Seconded – Hugh Fraser

3. Matters Arising

- Mobile Royal Bank – to request more feedback from communities to identify specific issues to feed back to the bank. FT to ask communities for details. (eg enough time to see all customers, different site each week etc)

- Stacking lane – Hugh Fraser mentioned hoped the work included trimming of trees. Pearl to request details of the work being done for both Biomass & Dandeleith turn off to Macallan [PP].

4. Police Matters

No report received yet – FT to forward upon receipt

5. Community Issues and Update from Community Groups

- Aberlour High Street works are ongoing since the new year but progress has been slow. Sandy mentioned there is a weekly Drop in session at Old Station tea room every Wed 11am-1pm for any community matters regarding the High Street works. Hugh intends to take up concern re size of machinery being used.

- Rothes defibrillator not installed yet.

- New notice board installed next to public toilets at Rothes.

- Station hotel will be open shortly and Grant hall now has a good set up and has been fully booked for nearly all Saturdays of the coming year

- Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival – recommended that all communities should try and do something and try and get onto the web programme, closing date for this is 22 January. Main

organiser is Pery Zakeri (tel 07789 671635). Pearl commented that there is now almost too much on at same time so hard to attract enough support. Hugh added that Aberlour hall will get the profit from the functions where they are hiring the entertainers. In Dufftown it has been suggested to hold a similar event of street party and stalls like is held at New Year. Another consideration for all communities would be provision of accommodation as there has historically been a shortage in Speyside.

6. Treasurer's Report – £3,455.69 balance at 11 Jan 16 prior to circa £160 expenses. Web expenses outstanding – Hugh requested these so they can be paid by year end (30 April) (AF).
Approved – Andrea Fuller, Seconded Pearl Paul

7. Community Issues

Community Asset Transfers – Aberlour CAT is programmed for 1 April 2016 – slowed down due to new office bearers being required (Sandy the Chair now).

Aberlour Park is still to be fixed following the drainage issues.

Generally we all need to encourage others to take on some responsibilities to broaden the community members involved.

8. Any Other Business

Compact agreement – this is an agreement between the government and voluntary and community sectors re how best to work together/share ideas – it is out for consultation (possibly closes end Jan). – Ian Todd was at meeting with community engagement group this morning and a questions was raised with Fabio (CEO of TSI and lead officer of community engagement group) re the lack of circulation of the consultation and it was stressed that once the draft is compiled it must get circulated to forums, CAs etc. Ian will raise these concerns with Anita Milne at a meeting later this week.

There was an open day in Dufftown for the 10 year plan Moray 2023 to raise awareness – comment made there were more representatives of bodies than members of public. This meeting included potential savings to be made and seemed to be organised at short notice. Various complaints since raised with community engagement group and their reply stressed that this was just the beginning of the process and further participation could be made.

Web site – the link in the agenda to the diary showed the website had not been updated since last May. Minutes have not been uploaded and community pages have not been updated. All to try and update the diary, and AF said would try and update the minutes.

The Fire rescue service are recruiting for part time fire fighters Rothes, Aberlour & Dufftown for 3 weeks from 1 February. Details will be on www.myjobscotland.gov.uk website. These retained positions are for anyone over 18 years.

Ian Todd mentioned he has secured a grant from the Moray Council for £60k with additional match funding of £65k from the Scottish Government for economic development at local level. Rural areas only can apply. Ian not aware of full details yet but hopes to be in a position to forward shortly as the council must distribute the Government money by the end May. All the monies must be spent within a year. Gillian Bailey (community support officer for Speyside) will be pushing.

- Date and Venue of Next meeting – Tue 1 March 2016, Archiestown 7.30pm