



Speyside Area Forum
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Tuesday, 7 February, 2017
Cottage, Rothes
7-30 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
Participants – Sandy Henderson, Hugh Fraser, Fiona Toovey, Ian Dormand, Pearl Paul, Ian Todd, Louise Laing (Grant Hall/bank), Charlie Alexander (Knockando), George McKenzie, Greg Sarab, Bunty Campbell (Glenrinnnes), Andrea Fuller (Edinville), Margaret Grant, (Edinville)
Apologies – Jenny Herschell, Patricia Grant, Tricia Lawson, Bill Burgess, Jean Grimshaw
2. Minute of previous Meeting for approval – 22 November, 2016
Amendment required re Laurie Piper – amendment to ‘his’ and heading
Proposed – Andrea Fuller, Seconded – Hugh Fraser

3. Matters Arising

Budget – plans getting released from Council tomorrow.
Pearl retiring in May

Police report – incidents reporting (queried if includes fiscal fines/spot fines) – circulation of the community safety reports will go to secretary of Moray forum and will go on undiscovered Speyside site. Andrea requested feedback on style of report and feedback through forum to person producing report. Hugh feels crimes are not decreasing as the figures would suggest. Agreed to tell Anita that need less fiscal fines or at least summarise these too.

Area Forum meeting – discussion at last meeting re where Area forums going and how fits into community engagement. Only one community replied who has issue with Forum. This is fed back to Moray Forum and should be available for Mondays meeting with other area forums. Andrea spoke to the person concerned and suggested they attend the Forum/Federation meetings. Ian met Fiona Rolt and Anita,- they will put together draft report for feeding back to forums.

Community engagement group meetings – Andrea attended as Federation rep (Group includes reps from fire, police, council, jcc, federation, moray forum etc). Concern raised that this group may not be aware of needs of the communities. Communities input into CEG needs strengthened.

Ian Todd mentioned the new act enacted and main discussion points were : Key implications – community planning partnerships guidance – given summary of expectations. Said communities should engage, and identify the resources needed to get the communities involved. Local community groups must demand that there is real dialogue rather than ‘consultation’. Principles need to apply and give the power to the communities. Ask how they will have the accountability – communities have right to demand that community engagement takes place. Ian Todd has got report which can get circulated to all members.

Highlight made to section 13b of act : Statutory basis to the requirement to fund the resources – possibly means money available from Scottish Government to Community planning partnership?

One point of note is that engagement needs to be at a level that communities want engagement to happen.

One ongoing review is the use of citizens panel which costs 5k per use – is questionable why are they not using the community forums that are in place. The results of feedback will be on www.yourmoray.org.uk

Dorenell windfarm consultation – Fiona Toovey mentioned Glenlivet & Inveravon Community Association applied for the Cares funding on behalf of all the groups to enable funding for independent body to consult with the communities and suggest best set up for the future entity(s). Offer letter received from Cares and meeting scheduled with the other members.

4. Police Matters

Dog fowling – Pearl mentioned issue in Rothes. George has put bins in Aberlour and fishing club empty them as not on council remit, can go on trade waste bin and free to registered charity. Posters done by Aberlour. Greg Sarab will speak to person who collects the mess there.

5. Community Issues and Update from Community Groups (please also see Diary www.undiscoveredspeyside.org)

Items of interest to pass to Laurie. Funding application to heritage lottery fund for walks, visitor attractions.

Laurie suggestion was delayed.

Promotional material – meeting to work with Tomintoul & Glenlivet Highland Holidays and Dufftown 2000 regarding tourism issues – this is still on table and hasn't moved forward.

Aberlour community association has put in a funding request to create a DVD of Speyside attractions, create heritage centre and put up displays – applies to 10k funding. Promotional material will benefit whole of Speyside. Intention is to put it up in Speyside and also include High School – its 40th year. Hugh mentioned once the Funding is in place we can then decide how to spend it. Dufftown 2000 and Tomintoul have said they will put money into it. Pearl raised concern that the other members of the Forum were not aware that Aberlour had applied for the funding. Response for funding will come back to Aberlour CA.

Aberlour Roadworks – Brian Doran spoke to the press and concern raised that this may have discouraged visitors to Aberlour. All agreed the works need finished asap. Anticipated to last to Easter -(8wks and perhaps after). Consensus was the people operating the works were doing best to minimise disruptions to traffic coming past.

6. Treasurer's Report

Hugh presented and mentioned there had been fewer meetings this year.

Proposed – Andrea Fuller

Seconded – Bunty Campbell

7. Any Other Business

Clydesdale Bank Closure – will effect whole of Speyside. Petitions to try and stop closure and meeting with Angus and Richard Lochhead. Forum requested an open meeting in Speyside High School. Hugh asked if could get permission from Forum to fund transport if required for the meeting which was agreed. SNP are providing a date and will then email all members and reps. Requesting reps from BoS and RBS and CB.

Posters needed and public notice. – MPs will pay for the meeting and publicity.
Ensure Forum name is on any of the docs to get the funding.
All to circulate once confirmed.

Ambulance service – Dufftown – nearly ran out of Oxygen – critical. Suggestion we ought to put in a complaint. Working very long hours. Sandy said we need to do a letter to support local staff – stretched to hilt. Person was off sick and nobody else ordered. Re lack of planning/cover – Hugh and Sandy will draft.

Glenlivet doctors – Fiona Toovey mentioned Dr Derounian is retiring. NHS have circulated a letter stating options are merge with neighbouring practice, find new doctor or ask patients to move to other practice. NHS have said it is unlikely a replacement doctor will be found. Comment made that the surrounding practices have difficulty in getting doctors too.

Participatory budgeting – Nurture through sport will use Speyside Area Forum bank account if successful in their bid in Money for Moray. Closing date is on Friday 10th.

Concern raised at letter that was sent to parents at school explaining there is a shortage of teachers and perhaps moving staff around schools. The letter asked if know if anyone can teach? Raised concern re how Speyside children and getting taught and quality of teachers?

8. Date and Venue of Next meeting – meeting postponed 28 March 2017, Aberlour [Craigellachie Hall, 7.30pm 6 June]