



Speyside Area Forum
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Minutes of the Meeting held at Glenrinn Community Centre 7.30pm Tuesday, 10th September 2013

Attending: Bill Burgess, Chairman and Carron Community Council; Hugh Fraser, Treasurer and Aberlour Community Association; Sandy Henderson, Friends of The Fleming Hospital, Aberlour; Gillian Bailey, Community Support Unit (CSU), The Moray Council; Andrea Fuller and Patricia Shanks, Edinville Community Hall Council; Bunty Campbell and Rob Lewin, Glenrinn Community Centre; Patricia Grant and Jenny Herschell, Kirkmichael and Tomintoul Community Association; Rita Marks, Glenlivet and Inveravon Community Association; Martin Sheed, Cabrach Community Association; Margaret Stuart, Rothes Council; Cllr Pearl Paul, The Moray Council; PC Crawford Reay and PC Craig Dammer, Police Scotland.

Apologies: Jean Grimshaw, Cllr Mike McConnachie, Ian Todd CSU, Debbie Smith, Cabrach Community Association.

1. Welcome: Bill Burgess, Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Richmond Memorial Hall, Tomintoul, July 2013): Amendments from Gillian Bailey were read out:

- Martin Sheed is no longer representing Cabrach Community Enterprise
- Section 3, Matters Arising: Constitution Sub Committee - Gillian Bailey was not involved directly.
- Section 5, Knockando Community Enterprise - there has been no support from Cabrach Community Enterprise.

Approval of Minutes: Proposed: Rita Marks Seconded: Andrea Fuller Approved.

3. Matters Arising:

- **Speyside High School, Climbing Wall** is now fully funded and is going ahead. Gareth Wignall has moved to Forres but it is understood that he will still be involved in the climbing wall project.
- **Constitution Review Sub Committee:** (Bill Burgess, Jean Grimshaw and Andrea Fuller, with support from Gillian Bailey, and Ian Todd, CSU). Members will receive the Constitution and the proposed amendments prior to the AGM in November from the Secretary.

4. Police Matters: PC Crawford Reay PC Craig Dammer, gave the latest Local Policing Report (please see attached). Members present discussed various related matters.

5. Community Issues and Update from Community Groups (please also see the Diary on the website)

- **Speyside Way Visitor Centre sub group:** A report from Gillian Bailey, CSU (please see attached report) was discussed. Opinions were aired on the options regarding the Forum or Aberlour Community Association taking on the lease and running the whole building or part of it. It was decided to wait until Aberlour Community Association had discussed this at their meeting on 23rd September and report to the Forum again at the November meeting.
- **Library Closures:** Bill Burgess will write to The Moray Council protesting strongly about the closures on behalf of the Forum. Members expressed the opinion that there was discrimination in favour of Forres and Elgin libraries remaining open at the expense of Speyside town libraries.
- **Rothes Grant Hall Building Works:** These are progressing well and the pedestrian crossing in the town square is due to be installed before the end of March 2014.
- **Aberlour Resurfacing Work:** This will be taking place shortly and the road and pavement works would be a welcome improvement.
- **Cabrach Community Association 'Re-brand':** Martin Sheed and Gillian Bailey reported that Cabrach Community Enterprise was applying for SCIO and charitable status.

- **Successes - Glenlivet Tea in the Park and Dufftown winners of the Rose Bowl Trophy:** Cllr Paul and members present congratulated Rita Marks and team for Tea in the Park , and Dufftown for winning the Rose Bowl for their floral displays.
- **Speyside in Bloom:** Andrea Fuller reported that the results and photographs of the event are on the website. Following a discussion, it was decided to give Silver Awards to all the junior entries to encourage them, and that at least one should receive a Gold Award. Distribution of awards is to be the same as last year.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Hugh Fraser, Treasurer handed out copies of the latest accounts (present balance £3,364).

Proposed: Sandy Henderson Seconded: Patricia Grant Approved.

7. Any Other Business:

- **Public entertainment Licence** - Cllr Mike McConnachie had earlier updated Forum members via email. Bill Burgess said that the Local Licensing Forum is due to meet shortly. Andrea Fuller said that a review of PELs is still in progress and the Forum and MFCHA should continue to put pressure on the Moray Council legal team.
- **Transport Seminar** (at end of September): Bill Burgess (who will represent the Forum at the seminar) and Hugh Fraser said that the Forum will meet the costs of either a bus or mileage for people using their own cars to get to the seminar.

Members of Speyside Area Forum appreciated the use of Glenrines Community Centre for their meeting.

Date and venue of next meeting: 7.30pm, Tuesday, 12th November **AGM**, Edinville Community Hall

Attachments:

- Local Police Report
- Speyside Way Visitor Centre Sub Group Report

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