

**Speyside Area Forum
Minute of Meeting held on 21st April 2009
Fleming Hall, Aberlour**

Present: Sandy Henderson Aberlour Community Association
John Fleming Dufftown Memorial Hall
Margaret Stuart The Cottage, Rothes
Andrea Fuller Edinvillie Community Village Hall
Jim Anderson Speyside Council

In Attendance: Linda Adam, Area Forum Support Worker
Councillor Michael McConachie
Councillor Fiona Murdoch
Heather Shaw, Community Learning & Development
Jacqui Taylor, Fairer Scotland Fund Manager
Councillor Pearl Paul

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jim Hart, Janice Smith, Andrina Taylor, Robin Weeden, Pam Winchester, Nikki Smith

2. Fairer Scotland Fund

Sandy welcomed Jacqui Smith, Fairer Scotland Fund Manager to the meeting. Jacqui outlined the purpose of the fund is to:-

- Regenerate the most disadvantaged communities
- Improve the life chances of individuals and groups experiencing poverty and disadvantage
- Improving employability

Jacqui said she wanted to know what the issues in Speyside were. Those present outlined what they considered to be the issues, which included childcare, transport, fuel costs and lack of facilities, particularly for youth. It was suggested that roadshows be held to make people aware of what they are entitled to or where they can seek money advice. Further comments can be fed via Sandy or Linda, or directly to Jacqui on 01343 563653.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Amendments: Pamela Winchester's apologies were omitted. Item 5.2 should read Craigellachie Village Council not Association. Following these amendments the minutes were approved by Margaret Stuart and seconded by John Fleming.

4. Matters Arising

Pedestrian Crossing – Councillor Paul stated that information was still being gathered regarding the pedestrian crossing.

Blind Corner – this has not been actioned as yet.

Community Planning Consultation – unsure as to whether it has commenced.

5. Future of Speyside Council/Speyside Area Forum

It was noted that Speyside Council will next be meeting on 14th May 2009. The Area Forum will have feedback prior to the next meeting of the Forum.

6. Update Community/Action Groups

Dufftown Library

Sandy read out a letter received from Alistair Campbell indicating that as soon as he has initial proposals/ outline plans to inform discussion he will be in contact with the Area Forum to confirm a meeting.

Craigellachie Play Park

Heather Shaw has met with Donna Smart who has arranged a meeting on 7th May to look at fundraising and consider various sources of funding.

Youth Update

As Robin Weeden was unable to attend he had provided a written report which was distributed to members of the forum. Disappointment was expressed by Councillor Paul that the Ben Aigan venue was not going to be pursued, which is available and potentially could have secured funding from the wind farm funding.

7. Treasurer's Report

No report available.

8. Community Issues

Linda advised that she and Sandy had been supporting residents at Glenallachie to identify financial support to connect to Scottish Water. Andrea Fuller indicated that Edinville Hall were not aware of the problem. Councillor McConachie indicated that a representative from the hall had been contacted prior to the matter being brought to the attention of the Area Forum. Andrea offered to assist in any way she could.

9. Correspondence

Letter received from BEAR Scotland indicating they had no plans to install lighting at the A95/A941 road junction at Craigellachie as analysis does not show any poorer than average accident record during hours of darkness. Letter from Alistair Campbell re Dufftown Library read under previous item.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Councillor Paul furnished Linda with 'Keep Britain Beautiful Fund information for copying and return.

Councillor Murdoch reported that she had identified 2 potential areas for allotments in Dufftown, one of which is owned by Moray Council. A meeting is being held on Thursday 23rd to view the sites.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Mortlach Memorial Hall, Dufftown

