



Speyside Area Forum  
**Minutes**  
 Tuesday 21 June 2011  
 Grouse Inn, Cabrach

**1 Welcome and apologies**

**Attending:**

Sandy Henderson, chair  
 Bill Burgess, vice chair  
 Hugh Fraser  
 Steve Oliver  
 John Fleming  
 Mhairi McBain  
 Martin Sheed  
 Andrea Fuller  
 Rita Marks  
 Jean Grimshaw  
 Deborah Smith

Aberlour Community Association  
 Carron Community Association  
 Aberlour Community Association  
 Archiestown Village Council  
 Dufftown  
 Cabrach Community Association  
 Cabrach Community Association  
 Edinville Community Hall Council  
 Glenlivet & Inveraven Community Association  
 Rothes Council  
 Cabrach

**In Attendance:**

PC George Kirton  
 Ian Todd  
 Cllr Pearl Paul  
 Anne Oliver, secretary

Grampian Police  
 The Moray Council  
 The Moray Council

**Apologies:**

Patricia Grant  
 Jenny Herschell  
 Cllr Michael McConnachie  
 Cllr Fiona Murdoch  
 Richard Lochhead MSP  
 Rhona Patterson  
 Pat Shanks,  
 Jean Oliver  
 Margaret Stuart

Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association  
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 Community Support Worker  
 Edinville Community Hall Council  
 Dufftown  
 Rothes Council

**4 Police Matters:** This item was taken first as PC Kirton was on duty.

- **Speeding through villages** – PC Kirton reiterated that perseverance was the key to getting speed restrictions in villages; Just one car speeding was justification.
- **Police presence around schools.** - Despite shortage of community wardens Speyside High has as much police presence at key times as all schools in Moray.
- **Clampdown** – PC Kirton reported that Inspector Paul McCruden’s approach had benefited Speyside. There had been a clampdown on dealers in the area; vandalism culprits had been apprehended as had speedsters.
- **Squirrels** – in answer to concern about the safety of red squirrels PC Kirton suggested contacting the Roads Dept for signage.

PC Kirton left the meeting at this point.

**2 Approval of Minutes 26 April:** proposed Cllr Pearl Paul;  
 Seconded – Hugh Fraser

### 3 Matters arising:

- **Moray Economic Strategy** – Cllr Paul reported that the document resulting from the recent consultation will be sent out in the near future.
- **Community Support Worker** – Ian Todd, Community Support Unit Manager explained that owing to budget cuts the hours of the CSW had been cut and consideration of the best use of her time had to be assessed. Following the meeting's determination that it was cost effective for her to attend Forum meetings it was agreed unanimously that the Chief Executive and the Community Planning Partnership should receive letters from the Speyside Area Forum expressing this view. **(Action AO)**  
Ian Todd was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

- **Council plants** - Concern was expressed about the cost and discrepancies in the cost of plants for communities. It was agreed that letters be sent to Moray Area Forum and Joint Community Council to ask for a Flower Forum to be set up to discuss the needs of the communities in good time for the 2012 season. **(Action AO)**

### 5 Update from Community Groups:

- **Roths** - Roth's Flood Alleviation Scheme will be officially opened by Cllr Paul on 27 June.
- **Dufftown** – Concern expressed at the poor state of the town since the loss of the village officers. The flying squads are not as efficient, there is a lack of machines to do the work properly; drains are blocked; toilets have been vandalised in Roth's and Aberlour, litter is a growing problem, particularly around Speyside High. Letter to be written to Moray Council convenor expressing concerns, particularly about bad impression on tourists. **(Action AO)**

### 6 Treasurer's Report :

- **Balance £4214.74**

### 7 Community Issues:

- **Moray Forum** to hold seminar on transport issues throughout Moray
- **Scottish Government Cabinet** meeting Elgin, 6 September, deadline 20 July for attendee suggestions.

**8 Correspondence** reply from Sepa, re sewage at the Creepie, Aberlour – progress being made on the problem.

### 9 AOCB:

- **Markets:** Please contact CSW Rhona if any village wishes to hold a market – she needs a contact person and a site proposal – arrangements are on going but markets are unlikely to take place before 2012.

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

Next meeting: **Fleming Hall, Aberlour, Tuesday 23 August 2011 at 7.30pm**