

**Speyside Area Forum
Minute of Meeting held on 24th March, 2009
Craigellachie Village Hall**

Present: Sandy Henderson, Janice Smith, Jim Hart, Rob Lewin, Derek Clark, John Fleming, Andrina Taylor, Councillor Pearl Paul, Jim Anderson, Margaret Stuart

In Attendance: Heather Shaw, Community Learning & Development Worker
Linda Adam, Area Forum Support Worker

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dorothy Dunbar, Donna Smart and Pamela Winchester

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Matters Arising – Pedestrian Crossing should read BEAR Scotland
The minute was then proposed as accurate by Jim Hart and seconded by Jim Anderson.

3. Matters Arising

Pedestrian Crossing

Councillor Paul reported that there has been no progress with the Pedestrian Crossing. 2 sites have been proposed and a date for a meeting has yet to be fixed.

Blind Corner

Letter to be drafted requesting warning sign. Linda sought clarification from Councillor Paul as to the exact location of the blind corner referred to.

Community Planning

A report went to the Policy & Resources Committee of Moray Council on 10th March re financial support for community groups. A consultation exercise will be undertaken by the Council regarding this. Councillor Paul outlined some of the options contained within the report.

4. Future of Speyside Council/Speyside Area Forum

Sandy reported on the Speyside Council meeting of 12th March where this was discussed. It was agreed at that meeting that individual representatives should raise the matter with their own groups and feedback at the next meeting of the Speyside Council on 14th May. Brenda Cooper, Secretary of Speyside Council has written a letter to all groups outlining same.

5. Update Community Action Groups

5.1 Dufftown Library

Alistair Campbell has yet to respond to the letter sent to him re Dufftown Library.

5.2 Craigellachie Play Park

Heather Shaw reported that an area of land has been approved for the playpark, which the Council will take responsibility for maintaining once in place. The approximate cost of equipment will be £25,000 and a small fundraising group is to be set up led by Donna Smart. Discussion has taken place with Brenda Cooper re Craigellachie Village Council agreeing to use of

constitution and bank account. Councillor Paul confirmed LEADER funding is available.

5.3 Youth Update

Councillor Paul stated that the room at the Ben Aigan in Rothes looked favourable. The cost of installing a toilet would be £3,000.

6. Treasurer's Report

Janice Smith reported that the current balance is £2,068.43. She had drafted cheques for signing for outstanding invoices. She has updated the bank mandate to include both John Fleming and Dr Bourne as signatories on the bank account along with herself. £750 was recently received from Moray Council. Jim Hart asked how this money was used. Janice outlined how the administration funding has been used to date. Linda added the the purpose of the funding was to assist the operation of the forum and remove barriers such as transport and childcare to allow people to become involved in the forum.

7. Community Issues

Councillor Paul indicated that funding to assist the development of allotments could be accessed via John Summers at Keep Britain Beautiful.

A letter has been drafted to be sent to BEAR Scotland regarding the road junction at Craigellachie where it links the A941 and A95. A meeting between the police and BEAR Scotland has been witnessed. Derek Clark indicated that Speyside Council were raising the issue of signage at the same junction. Linda highlighted the importance of trying to prevent duplication.

8. Correspondence

Linda reported she had received notice of an Emergency First Aid Course which Community Learning and Development were promoting. Derek Clark asked where and when it would be held. Linda advised that date and venue had yet to be confirmed. Anyone interested should telephone 01343 559972. Jim Hart indicated he had not received any information on this prior to tonight. Linda said she would pass on his contact details to Debi Ingram. Some felt very short notice of events was given when they did receive information.

9. Any Other Competent Business

Linda advised that a further opportunity had arisen for groups to endeavour to access funding via the Big Lottery People's Millions who can be contacted on www.peoplesmillions.org.uk

Linda distributed copies of the Speyside Locality Management Group Draft Action Plan. Linda advised the group of the membership and function of the Locality Management Group and the link to the Moray Children and Young People's Service Plan.

Councillor Paul advised of a Drug, Alcohol & Tobacco Use event being held in The Loft in Keith on Thursday 26th May. Rothes Council are having an input on addiction services at 7pm on Tuesday 5th May 2009.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 21st April, 2009 at 7.30pm in the Fleming Hall, Aberlour.

