



Speyside Area Forum
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Minute of the Meeting held at
The Grouse Inn, Cabrach
7.30pm Tuesday, 29th July, 2014

Present: Bill Burgess, *Chairman*; Martin Sheed, *Vice Chairman*; Hugh Fraser, *Treasurer*; Jenny Herschell, Patricia Grant, Bunty Campbell, John Fleming, Andrea Fuller, Margaret Grant

In attendance: PC Reay, *Police Scotland*, Ian Todd *Community Support Unit*

Apologies: Alison Wilson, *Secretary*; Patricia Grant

1. Welcome: Bill Burgess, Chairman welcomed Members to the Meeting.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting – 10th June, 2014

Proposed, Jenny Herschell, seconded, Martin Sheed

The Minute omitted to record the attendance of Margaret Grant and Sheena Mitchell. John Fleming was not present.

3. Matters Arising:

There has been no official update on Public Entertainment Licences. It is understood that exemption has been approved for events involving 300 people (inside) / 500 (outside)

4. Police Matters: PC Reay reported 60 incidents during April / July period. These related mostly to one individual and associates. There had been some domestic and road traffic incidents.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Report was circulated and reported liquid funds of £4,009.97. The Report was approved by Sandy Henderson, seconded Bill Burgess.

A short discussion took place on the Local Authority Grant – there is a question mark over whether this will be paid out in 2015.

6. Community Issues:

New Cabrach Developments (Charitable Trust) has secured a Lease on the Acorn.

League of Friends of the Fleming Hospital are raising funds to purchase a portable Bladder Scanner. This will be available for the Community Nursing team.

The Tomintoul Community Asset Transfer is still in course.

6, Speyside Visitors Centre

The Centre is now operational with a trial period to end of September. Legal matters are still progressing. More volunteers would be helpful. The Speyside Ranger will relocate to Elgin. Martin Sheed reported that American visitors to the Cabrach had visited the Centre and spoke favourably of the service. Bill Burgess proposed that we send a letter of support to Aberlour Community Association to help their Business Case. This was seconded by Martin Sheed. Andrea Fuller raised the issue of any other Visitor Centres starting up and it was agreed that similar support would be forthcoming.

7. Any Other Business

Speyside in Bloom did not take place this year. Matter will be kept under review.

John Fleming commented on a Press Report on a £1 million budget for road improvements on the A95 between Keith and Aviemore.

Diageo have not accepted responsibility for road improvements at the Mortlach corner in Dufftown.

Chivas have assisted the funding of road improvements at Carron.

The state of Tomnabat Lane in Tomintoul was commented on.

A brief discussion took place on Developer Contributions. This will be considered at the October Meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, The Moray Council.

With no further business to discuss the Meeting closed with everyone thanked for their presence

Date and venue of next Meeting and AGM

7.30pm, Tuesday, 7th October - venue Mortlach Hall, Dufftown.