



Speyside Area Forum

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Minute of the Meeting held at The Margach Hall, Knockando 7.30pm Tuesday, 14th April, 2015

Present: Bill Burgess, *Chairman*; Hugh Fraser, *Treasurer*, Jenny Herschell, Patricia Grant, Buntly Campbell, Mabel Donald, Sandy Henderson, Andrea Fuller, Alistair Anderson, Charles Alexander, Jean Grimshaw

In attendance: PC Roy Thomson, *PC Scotland*, Ian Todd *Community Support Unit*, Cllr Fiona Murdoch, Cllr Pearl Paul

Apologies: Alison Wilson, *Secretary*; John Fleming, Patricia Shanks, Michelle Ness

- 1. Welcome:** Bill Burgess, Chairman welcomed Members to the Meeting. He advised the Meeting that Alison Wilson feels unable to carry out the Secretary role.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting – 7 October, 2014

Proposed, Jenny Herschell, seconded, Mabel Donald.

The Notes for the non-quorate Meetings on 25th November, 2014 (Craigellachie) and 10th February (Carron) were recorded as 'noted'

3. Matters Arising: Nil

4. Police Matters: The Police Report had been circulated.

Overall crime is down although dishonesty is up due mainly to the theft of metals

Mr Fraser raised the issue of poor Speed Limit signage on Dowans Brae.

It was noted that signage was still not in place at Allahoy for the height restriction on Allahoy Bridge

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Report was circulated and reported liquid funds of £3,321.41. The Report was approved by Sandy Henderson, seconded Bill Burgess.

6. Community Issues:

Under Forum Guidelines Forum funds cannot be used for Knockando School Polytunnel

Ian Todd informed the Meeting on the Planning for Real Project currently underway in Dufftown.

A general discussion took place on Developer Contribution Funds.

Alistair Anderson wished to have noted the valuable assistance given by Gillian Bailey (Community Support Unit) on the amalgamation of The Margach Hall Trustees and Knockando Community Association. A SCIO has been formed.

The proposed mini-Hydro Scheme for Knockando Community Association is now back on track. The only outstanding matter to be resolved is Wayleave permission from the land owner but no problems are envisaged.

Community Asset Transfers

Tomintoul – this is progressing

Dufftown – This is deferred and on hold for the meantime

Aberlour – This was approved at the P & R Committee Meeting on 17th February, 2015 and is now in the process of property ownership being transferred to Aberlour Community Association. A condition, not previously stated by TMC has arisen in that TMC look to Aberlour Community Association meeting part of the cost of road maintenance. This is stated at 5% or £500 whichever is the lower. This is being challenged.

Any Other Business

Willie Chisholm, Station Manager, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service wishes to be informed of Meetings as he wishes to attend.

Anita Milne, Chairman, Moray Forum Transport Group has asked if Speyside will host a Coffee Morning to discuss transport issues in Speyside. Glenrines have agreed to host this and a date will be set and advised in early course. Gillian Bailey had advised Hugh Fraser that Elgin Youth Café have been running a Friday Night Service from Dufftown and it is suggested that we look to this at the discussion to see if this can cover other locations of Speyside and stay in Speyside.

Undiscovered Speyside will investigate webcam availability in Speyside.

Glenlivet Heating Oil Club are willing to expand the service to other Communities.

Patricia Grant raised the issue of the forthcoming Cycle Event as no Public Consultation or Community Meeting has been held in the areas affected – Glenlivet, Glenrines, Braes of Glenlivet.

Ian Todd advised that 7 (seven) Groups are being set up in Moray to monitor the levels of consultation with the Public in Moray!

Hugh Fraser raised the problem with lack of notice of a Public Meeting for the Integration of Social Work and Healthcare. A news article in The Northern Scot was the notice for Speyside of the Meeting taking place on the next Monday.

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

Date and venue of next Meeting

7.30pm, Tuesday, 19th May, 2015 - venue The Cottage, Rothies.