



Speyside Area Forum
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Minute of the Meeting held at
The Acorn, Cabrach
7.30pm Tuesday, 8th September, 2015

Present: Bill Burgess, *Chairman*; Hugh Fraser, *Treasurer*, Bunty Campbell, Patricia Grant, Sandy Henderson, Eleanor Candy, Tricia Lawson, Jean Grimshaw, Rob Lewin, Sheena Nicolson, Jean Oliver, Patti Nelson, Jenny Herschell,

In attendance: Gillian Bailey, *Community Support Unit*, Cllr Fiona Murdoch, Ian Catto, *Foundation Scotland*

Apologies: Cllr Pearl Paul, *Police Scotland*, Willie Chisholm, *Station Manager, Fire and Rescue Service, Aberdeenshire & Moray*, Iain Todd, *Community Support Unit*, John Fleming, Andrea Fuller, Fiona Toovey, Mabel Donald, Michelle Ness, Charlie Alexander, Fiona Milligan, *Finergy*.

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

1. Minute of Previous Meeting – 30th June, 2015

Proposed: Sandy Henderson, Seconded: Patricia Grant

2. Matters Arising:

Dufftown now has a temporary Post Office service, two mornings per week in the local Pharmacy. This is serviced by Buckie Post Office.

There is no real progress in having improvements / repairs to the road between Delnashaugh and Bridgend of Glenlivet. Part of the problem is thought to have been caused when the gas – line to Minmore and Tomintoul was installed and the high volume of HGV vehicles does not help. Difficulties have been exacerbated by the closure of the Dallas / Knockando road following a landslide.

3. Police Matters: The Police Report had been circulated and was in similar terms to the previous Month's Report.

Alert was raised re a current crime trend of thefts from premises. The Police have a positive line of enquiry on the problem

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Report was circulated and reported liquid funds of £3,778.79. A funding grant of £1,210 has been received from The Moray Council.

The Report was approved by Sandy Henderson, seconded Patricia Grant.

6. Community Issues:

Roths Pond has been tidied up but not much progress has been made with the land owners.

The road bridge at Dailuaine will close on 30th September for one month due to works related to the new gas pipe being installed to service Carron and Knockando. The gas pipe will run from Esquibuie.

The Aberlour road works are running being schedule and further delays may occur, dependant on the timing of Scottish Water to replace the Water Main.

New signage for the restricted height on the bridge at Allahoy should be in place over the next few weeks. In future years, Archiestown will hold the Junior Highland Games Event on the same day as the Annual Fete

The Cabrach area is hoping to get new road signage.

A suggestion was raised that the road signs at Dandaleith be moved and the shrubbery be cut down or reduced to improve vision of the Dandaleith junction. Traffic flow will increase dramatically when the new Biomass Plant becomes operational.

Illuminated Speed Displays have been installed at either end of Archiestown.

Archiestown advised a number of fund raising events due to take place and welcomed net-working opportunities.

Christmas Lights switch on will take place on 29th November at Dufftown and Aberlour.

7. Community Asset Transfers

Tomintoul – Two Business Cases for CAT's are progressing – one for the Museum & Visitor Centre and one for the Hostel

A CAT is being considered for Tomintoul Bowling Club.

Aberlour – This was approved at the P & R Committee Meeting on 17th February, 2015 and is now in the legal process of property being transferred to Aberlour Community Association.

10. Any Other Business

Dufftown Branch of Royal Bank is due to close. A new Mobile Unit Service is being introduced from Elgin Branch with a new Itinery replacing the Grantown on Spey service.

Aberlour Branch of Bank of Scotland is reducing service to two days per week.

Moray Forum is investigating the possibility of additional rural bus services.

A discussion took place on the Dorenell Windfarm. A Community Group is being sought to manage the Community Benefit Fund. As insufficient information was available it was agreed that a separate Meeting, when sufficient information would be to hand, will be arrange. Councillor Murdoch will attend to this.

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

Date and venue of next Meeting

A G M 7.30pm, Tuesday, 10th November, 2015 - venue : Memorial Hall, Dufftown.