



## Speyside Area Forum [www.undiscoveredspeyside.org](http://www.undiscoveredspeyside.org)

Tuesday, 28 June, 2016  
Aberlour Fleming Hall  
7-30 pm

### AGENDA

1. **Present** – Hugh Fraser, Sandy Henderson, Bill Burgess, Andrea Fuller, Margo, Jean Grimshaw, Charlie Alexander, Ian Todd, Bunty Campbell.
2. **Welcome and Apologies**  
Michael McConnachie, Pearl Paul, Michelle Ness, Patricia Grant, Patti Nelson, Jean Oliver, Sgt Ross Allan (Police), Jenny Herschell, Gordon Morrison (Fire)
3. **Minute of previous Meeting** for approval – 26 April, 2016  
Proposed – Bunty Campbell, Seconded – Margo

#### 4. **Matters Arising**

Hugh mentioned the recent passing of Mabel Donald and that she was a great asset to the communities in particular Aberlour – she will be sadly missed by family & friends.

Forum wrote to Royal Bank Elgin 12 March and no response received. Bunty circulated a letter that Dufftown community council received from RBS Edinburgh. A letter was sent to Nicola Beneton – no response.

Some feedback received from communities that there had been some issues in finding the bank on the days it visited or that the queue can be long.

Roths Council extending Speyside Way – extended period of consultation to 19 August. There are copy feedback forms in Roths visitors centre. Purpose is intended to get visitors to Roths, Craigellachie and Macallan. There may be a possible crossing at Dandeleith.

#### 5. **Police Matters**

No report from Police as they are suffering from recent cutbacks.

Hugh commented that following his accident after meeting on 26 April his car was towed away but he wasn't informed of where it was going which he has taken up with Sgt Ross Allen. He added that the Police didn't take his or Sandys name at the accident when he attended.

#### 6. **Community Issues and Update from Community Groups**

(please also see Diary [www.undiscoveredspeyside.org](http://www.undiscoveredspeyside.org))

Allahoy junction – Hugh spoke to Ralph Newlands at Planning for Real in Aberlour. They have the signs but are awaiting Transport Scotland to release them to allow them to be erected. Hugh has written to Richard Lockhead but has not received a reply yet.

Glenrinnes – Bunty confirmed they are still working on Parkmore brae barriers.

Roths - Jean confirmed there had been issues with yellow lines in Roths which have been placed in areas not considered necessary. A meeting had been held at Church hall with Elaine

Penny (Traffic dept at Council). Other issues raised are speeding traffic and congestion in Rothes.

Glenallachie bridge – will be closed for 17 weeks, reopening on 14 October. Diversion route is by Ben Rinnes and signs are not too great.

Lecht works almost complete – traffic lights in place.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

Financial report circulated. No response if money will continue from council. Ian Todd will check but anticipates will be same as last year.

Balance £3,083.07

Proposed – Andrea Fuller, Seconded -Bill Burgess

#### **8. Community Issues**

Community Asset Transfers

Aberlour Tea Room – both lawyers saying each other is holding up the community transfer – Hugh pursuing.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

Hugh had seen a leaflet in Elgin library called Cycle Moray, which highlights five possible cycle routes in Moray. The leaflet had the council logo on it and so Hugh has left a message of concern with officer as the routes only include Fochabers in the Speyside area with the others being the large towns – it appeared to him that the Council were directing tourism to Elgin – no reply received. Hugh had also taken this up with John Cowe.

It was suggested to ask the Forum members if they would be willing to collate info for a tourism brochure for Speyside area. It was mentioned that Alistair Jeffs of Dufftown Community Council had applied to Planning for Real for Funding for a similar exercise but was not successful.

Cabrach has new development worker – Csu will circulate details.

Fiona passed correspondence received from Moray Community Partnership which Ian Todd went on to explain in more detail. They are looking for feedback on what areas the community feel should be focussed on so as to prepare a plan for the next 10 years. Various members of Forum had also seen this – Hugh raised concern that the voluntary workers are being expected to do the work on behalf of paid employees and Andrea also added that at their recent community meeting they had decided not to feedback on this. Another concern raised was the cost of producing this document when the Council is meant to be making cutbacks. It was agreed we should circulate the details to our communities and allow them to decide if they wish to feedback.

Andrea expressed disappointment in the lack of attendance by forum members at meetings.

#### **10. Date and Venue of Next meeting - 23 August, Braes of Glenlivet Hall 7.30pm**