



## Speyside Area Forum

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Meeting  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Aberlour, 7.30 p.m.

### 1. Welcome

**Present:** Sandy Henderson, Chair (Friends of Feming Hospital), Hugh Fraser (Aberlour Community Association), George Mackenzie (Aberlour Community Association), Andrea Fuller, Vice Chair (Edinville), Margaret Grant (Edinville), Jean Grimshaw (Rothes), Charlie Alexander (Knockando), Tricia Lawson (Glenlivet), Brenda Cooper (Craigellachie), Pearl Paul (Rothes)

**In attendance:** Derek Thompson (Scottish Fire & Rescue), PC Mark Donaldson and PC Shaun Johnson (Police Scotland), Cllr Laing

### 2. Apologies

Jenny Herschell (Tomintoul), Patricia Grant (Tomintoul) Fiona Toovey (Braes of Glenlivet), Jim Hart (Archiestown), Andy Cherry (Rothes), Bunty Campbell (Glenrinnies), John Ferguson (Moray Council), Ian Todd (Moray Council), Cllr.Ross,

### 3. Code of Conduct

Andrea advised members that the Moray Area Forum had adopted a Code of Conduct which would be cascaded down to Area Forums. In view of the financial constraints facing Partner agencies, it was important that each member respected the views of their fellow members as well as those of the representatives of the Partner agencies who attend Forum meetings and that this respect was reciprocated.

### 4. Minutes of previous meetings

Proposed: Hugh Fraser, Seconded George MacKenzie. Approved.

### 4. Matters Arising

Andrea gave an update on the outline of the application made by Moray Council, supported by Speyside Area Forum, to Transport Scotland Low Carbon Travel & Transport Programme (European Regional Development Fund 2014-2020). She had spoken to Nicola Moss, Moray Council, and a decision is expected shortly.

### 5. Police Matters

Community Safety Partnership report (April edition) had been circulated to all members.

Aberlour: There had been heavy Police presence last weekend and the CCTV located at the Visitor Centre had been viewed by the Police. An update was given on recent vandalism to the toilet block/electrical charging points. There continues to be a “drug issue” involving school children, this occurs mainly at lunchtimes.

Rothes: Ongoing problems in PCD. Parents continue to park on zig-zag lines outside Rothes Primary School. Rothes park continues to have problems with broken glass on the path which is used by children walking to school.

Police enquiries involving the above matters are ongoing.

### 6. Fire Matters

An update was given by Derek Thompson. The service is undergoing a transformation and officers have received training in dealing with floods and terrorism. There has been a 20-30% reduction in fires due to home safety visits being carried out. Speyside continues to have the highest false alarm rates. The service is looking to provide CPR training to communities. There will be no job losses in the Speyside area but retained staff are needed to cover the Dufftown, Aberlour, Rothes area. The latest consultation is available to view on the SFR website.

## **7. Budget Issues**

### Toilets:

Aberlour: This is under Standing Orders until September when it is hoped that the decision will be reversed. On-going vandalism issues have resulted in the cost to Aberlour Community Association for running the toilets to be in the region of £6,500 - £7,000 p.a.

Craigellachie: Similar concerns exist. The Village Council are effectively being penalised for having 2 toilets in the community.

Craigellachie and Aberlour to write to Moray Council – copies to be sent to Speyside Area Forum (Andrea) who will issue a letter supporting both communities.

### School Crossing Patrols

It was noted that Moray Council intend to withdraw this service completely, not just at lunchtimes. Concerns were raised about the volume of heavy traffic which passes through Aberlour. Moray Council have issued a letter to Chris Burns, Aberlour CA, regarding this. The Forum felt that traffic calming measures should be considered. Update to be given at next meeting.

### Road Gritting

The Forum felt that other areas within Speyside had been affected by reduced gritting and it was not restricted to those highlighted in Moray Council reports.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

2017/2018 funding grant was received from Moray Council (October 2017)

2018/2019 – awaiting receipt of payment

Forum is still holding funding on behalf of Nurture Through Sport.

Public Liability policy premium paid £108.00

Website renewal costs – invoice requested.

Transport Seminar scheduled to take place in September – contribution from Forum may be requested.

Financial Statement and report: Proposed: George MacKenzie Seconded Andrea Fuller

## **9. Money for Moray Update**

a) December 2017 £55k Rural Economic Benefit delivered including £9,500 to Speyside groups

b) March 2018 £60k Health & Wellbeing Benefit delivered including £11,000 to Speyside groups.

The Money for Moray team will deliver a development session on Participatory Budgeting to members of the Community Engagement Group, Officers Group and Planning Board of Moray in April.

## **10. Transport Forum**

Andrea had attended the meeting and raised Speyside's concerns over revised timetabling of the No. 36 bus. Other options available to residents include Lift.share.com, Dial M (usage of Dial M in Speyside is in decline) and Speyside Car Share Scheme.

Transport seminar likely to take place in September – accessibility of passengers to public transport is an ongoing issue.

An update had been given by NHS Ambulance co-ordinator – is a clear need for NHS to liaise more closely with community run transport groups in an effort to reduce pressure on ambulance service.

It was noted that there is no direct connection now available to Grantown.

Any other transport issues to be advised to Andrea so she can raise them at the Transport Forum meetings

## **11. Data Protection (GDPR)**

Andrea gave an update on this. MFCHA are currently working through the implications of GDPR and further information will be made available to Forum members.

## **12. Update from Councillors**

Cllr Laing provided an update.

It was noted the Moray Growth Deal was “work in progress”.

A939 – road will be closed for 3 weeks. Cllr Laing to forward information to Tricia Lawson.

### **13. Tourism Strategy**

Hugh briefed members on a letter he had written to Laurie Piper, Moray Speyside Tourism, and cc'd to Cllr John Cowe and Visit Scotland.

Concern was expressed at the lack of support shown by Laurie Piper regarding the Forum's request to hold a Tourism (Strategy) event in Speyside which the Speyside Area Forum would be prepared to finance.

It was agreed that we would give further consideration at our next meeting on how the Forum would take the issue of tourism forward.

Website: Members were advised to review the information contained on the website

([www.undiscoveredspeyside.org](http://www.undiscoveredspeyside.org)) concerning their communities (Accommodation and Eating Out pages)

and provide updates as necessary to Bob Fuller, webmaster.

#### Updates from Visitor Centres

Speyside (Aberlour) Now open

Rothes Cottage Now open. Money had been obtained from Berry Burn windfarm

Tomintoul: Discovery Centre to open next week following major investment.

### **14. Community Issues**

Rothes: A committee has now been formed to take forward the proposal to open the Rothes to Craigellachie spur. Next meeting is 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Sandy and Andrea had represented the Forum at the initial meeting.

### **15. Membership of Forum**

A request for membership had been received from Speyside Community Council. The Forum had taken advice from Alastair Kennedy, Chair of JCC, Anita Milne, Chair of Moray Area Forum and Moray Council. It was unanimously agreed that membership was not appropriate for a number of factors and that the best way forward would be for Andrea to contact the Chair of Speyside CC in order to establish the best methods by which the Forum and Speyside CC could work together to provide the appropriate support to communities which fall within the areas jointly covered by the Forum and CC. **Actioned.**

### **16. AOCB**

a) It was noted that Dufftown & District Community Association had successfully managed to get the Clock on the Tower working again.

b) Paul's Hill 3 planning application has now been submitted to Moray Council.

c) Andrea reminded members that she had still not received community contact details from all members following a request for this information from Scottish Government.

### **17. Date & time of next meeting**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Glenlivet Hall 7.30 p.m.