



Speyside Area Forum
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Minutes , The Acorn, Cabrach Community Enterprise Ltd Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 3rd July 2012

1. Welcome and Apologies: Sandy Henderson, Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Jenny Herschell, Kirkmichael and Tomintoul Community Hall; Cllr Fiona Murdoch, The Moray Council ; Mabel Donald, Aberlour Community Association ; Brenda Cooper, Craigellachie Village Council; Charlie Alexander, Knockando Community Association. Attending : Sandy Henderson, Chairman ; Hugh Fraser, Treasurer ; Clls Pearl Pauland Mike McConnachie, The Moray Council ; William Burgess, Carron Community Association ; Andrea Fuller and Patricia Shanks, Edinville Community Hall Association ; PC Chris Page and PC George Kirton, Grampian Police ; Martin Sheed and Debbie Smith, Cabrach Community Enterprise Ltd ; Robert Montgomery (Guest), Knockando Community Association ; John Fleming, Dufftown and District Community Association ; Patricia Grant, Kirkmichael and Tomintoul Community Association ; Jean Grimshaw, and Margaret Stuart, Rothes Council ; Rita Marks, Glenlivet and Inveravon Community Association ; Steve Oliver, Archiestown Village Council ; Derek Clark, Glenrinnes Hall.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (22nd May, Kirkmichael): Proposed Patricia Grant; Seconded Pat Shanks.

3. Matters Arising: In response to a query raised by Patricia Grant regarding adverse changes to the Dufftown bus service, and following a discussion, Cllr Pearl Paul said that she will investigate and report back. Sandy Henderson advised that next Transport Forum on 25th August. **Correction: Item 6. Treasurer's Report:** We do not need to provide an annual report to OSCR. **Constitution:** The Speyside Forum has a Constitution advised Andrea Fuller. Sandy Henderson will arrange for a copy to be emailed to Bob Fuller, Webmaster for the website.

4. Police Matters: PC George Kirton and PC Chris Page attended for this item, and noted concerns raised about spoof mobile phone messages, neglected dogs in Tomintoul and a stolen fitted kitchen kit. They were pleased to report that anti social behaviour incidents in the area have decreased.

5. Update from Community Groups: Knockando : Robert Montgomery (a guest of Knockando Community Association) advised that the Knockando Multisport and Tennis Club is being formed in the Tennis Club site next to the school. They aim to improve and develop the Knockando site and offer sport to all ages and levels. At this early stage, a new Constitution is being written, charitable status considered and then a committee will be formed. They have a Facebook site and club email address, and will shortly arrange fundraising events. Members offered their congratulations. **Aberlour:** Hugh Fraser has organised a licence for the bicentenary weekend and catering arrangements with possible sponsors are in hand. A new climbing wall will be installed shortly in the Play Park. **Olympic Torch in Tomintoul:** Patricia Grant reported that this was a good day and mostly went well particularly the children's events and the schools torch. However, unfortunately the choir could not be heard very well. **Website Diary:** Members now send events dates to Bob Fuller, Webmaster for the Diary on the website on a regular basis.

6. Treasurer's Report: Hugh Fraser reported that the accounts for last year have been examined and signed off. The grant from The Moray Council was received during May. Kirkmichael and Tomintoul Community Association has been paid £30 for the use of their hall for the last meeting and we have received a thank you email from them. He handed round copies of the latest Financial Report showing a balance of £3,687.15.

7. Community Issues: There were no Community Issues.

8. Correspondence: Most communication is now is carried out by email.

9. AOCB: Best Kept Village Competition: Andrea Fuller proposed that as, sadly, the BKV competition has ceased, that the Forum consider running its own this year, but on different lines. It could be called Undiscovered Speyside in

Bloom to tie in with the website name, and awards of Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates given individually rather than for villages. The younger generation should be particularly encouraged to participate. Costs would be kept low, for instance Bob Fuller, Webmaster has offered to donate the design for the publicity, a website page (members to send in photographs) and the certificates. Following a discussion about logistics, possible judges and general organisation, it was decided to go ahead. Andrea Fuller, Rita Marks and Jean Grimshaw will form a sub-committee and put a proposal together for members to consider.

Chairman Retiring: Sandy Henderson advised members present that he will retire from the position of Chairman at the AGM.

Members of Speyside Area Forum appreciated the use of The Acorn, Cabrach Community Enterprise Ltd for their meeting.

Date and venue of next meeting: 7.30pm, Tuesday 21st August, Glenrinn Community Centre.

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