

Milne's Neighbourhood Forum



Minute of meeting held Thursday 01 July 2010 in Garmouth Village Hall (Draft)

Present Peter Bush - Chairman

Jill Reid Alan Bodman Elizabeth Bodman

Anita Milne David McKay Yvonne Barrow Lynne Laing

Apologies Cllr Douglas Ross

Cllr George McIntyre

Jennifer Shaw Gill Stewart Frances Duncan

Karen Lamond-Lowson

David Millar James McLeman Susan Godlington Paul Harlow

In attendance Fiona Rolt, Community Support Officer, Moray Council

Item		Action
1	Welcome and introductions	
	Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Apologies	
	Apologies were received as above.	
3	Treasurer's Report	
	Anita provided an update of the Forum's funds in hand and circulated an account of the expenditure from February to June 2010. The current balance in the Forum's bank account is £3,403.61. Very little interest has been received this year. As yet no payment has been received from Moray Council for administration costs. It was asked if all the funds that had been received were from Moray Council for administration costs. Anita advised that there was a small balance from the Baxter's donation and she would look into the issue of the Community Safety money and report back.	Anita
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting was a true reflection of the meeting. They were proposed by Alan and seconded by Anita.	

5 Matters Arising

B in the Park

An update of how the event was progressing was provided by Yvonne and Lynne. The event is taking place on Saturday 24 July at the playing fields in Lhanbryde. Various activities are planned and questionnaires will be filled out on the day on a one to one basis. A short training session will be held before the event on filling in the questionnaires. Volunteers are required to assist with erecting the marquees and helping with the questionnaires. If anyone would like to be involved they should contact the Lhanbryde Challenge.

At the previous meeting it was agreed to allocate £150 towards the administration and leaflet printing costs. It was agreed at this meeting that if any additional funds were required then the B in the Park committee could submit another request. This was proposed by Alan and seconded by David.

Litter Group

At the previous meeting it had been agreed to assist this group financially to purchase additional litter pickers. However, due to the conditions of the Forum's budget, capital items are not able to be funded. The Forum felt that this was an excellent project and should be supported. It was agreed that Fiona should follow this up and try and source funding for this group from other sources.

Fiona

Milnes Neighbourhood Forum – The Way Forward

It was felt that, rather than duplicate survey work that is being undertaken by other groups within the area, the Forum should delay making any decisions. It had been suggested that the Moray Forum, which has members from all the active Forums in Moray, may wish a more joint approach to updating the Local Action plans. It was put forward that we should look at the current plan and add the results from the surveys that are already planned and feed that information in and see where the gaps are.

It was agreed that Anita would raise the joint approach at the next Moray Forum meeting.

Anita

• Membership Forms

A draft membership form had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the form was acceptable and it was proposed to accept this form by David and seconded by Alan.

6 Forum Sub Group reports

• Fochabers Allotment Association

Nothing further to report.

Lhanbryde allotment Steering Group

Leaflets and advertising has been prepared to attract more volunteers, they are ready to start planning and things are moving forward.

Youth Involvement Group

As part of the Better Community Engagement project a VOiCE report has been produced. It was agreed that David should be contacted and the report circulated.

David

Youth Group

The new sub group have met to discuss the way forward. Four members are submitting disclosure applications to enable them to participate with young people and they will be attending a child protection course. A survey in Fochabers and Mosstodloch will begin in the school holidays.

7 AOCB

Moray Forum

An update of the last Moray Forum meeting was provided. Discussions had taken place around the money received from MCPP for administration costs and concerns had been raised that this could be clawed back if it had not been used. It had been suggested that it may be better to allow more flexibility on what the money could be used for e.g. some additional community initiatives could be funded rather than it just being for administration support.

A handbook for Forum members has been drafted. This was presented to the Moray Forum at the last meeting held on the 28 June 2010. A response to this draft is required by the 07 July 2010.

ME Group

Fiona provided an update on the ME group. Fiona is currently supporting the group, it was suggested that this might be something that the Milne's area could benefit from as some people may find it difficult to get to Elgin for the meetings. The next meeting is 10 August 2010. It was agreed that it would be useful to see how it progresses and receive updates.

Moray Policing Policy

It was highlighted that there is a new policing policy initiated. There are now clearly defined Inspector areas and they are making a concerted effort to engage more fully with communities. This is hoped that it will make the police more approachable. Leaflets and advertising will be available soon.

David highlighted that the Risk Factory in Edinburgh creates scenarios that young people may find themselves in and helps them work through how best to handle a difficult situation. It was felt that this sounded very interesting and further investigation would be worth while.

Health Services

Anita mentioned that 3 services that had been running in Lhanbryde Community Centre, which included support to the Be Active Life Long group, had been cut by NHS Grampian. This has been discussed with Douglas Ross and a response is being awaited.

It was agreed that Elizabeth would raise this issue at the next Community Council meeting and seek the Council's approval to write to NHS Grampian. Anita agreed to provide the relevant details.

Flooding Petition Garmouth

David highlighted that the petition from Garmouth and Kingston over the flood problem had been delayed. This was due to a meeting taking place to discuss the flood problems by Moray Council. Until information on the outcomes of the meeting is known it was felt that it may be better to delay the petition.

Date, time and place of next meeting

Thursday 2nd September 2010 at 7.00pm in Speymouth Village Hall.

Elizabeth & Anita