



## Milne's Neighbourhood Forum



**Minute of meeting held Thursday 18 February 2010 in Lhanbryde Community Centre**

**Present** Anita Gouldsbrough  
Gill Stewart  
Debi Ingram  
Kay Griffin  
Anita Milne  
Sylvia Reid

**Apologies** Teresa Sherman  
Marc Macrae  
Cllr Douglas Ross  
Jennifer Shaw  
David Millar  
Vicki Holmes  
Cllr Anita MacDonald

**In attendance** Fiona Rolt, Community Support Officer

Chair for the meeting – Anita Milne

Item		Action
1	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b></p> <p>Anita welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received as above.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minute of the previous meetings.</b></p> <p>Fiona apologised for not having circulated these in advance of the meeting, however, events conspired to prevent this happening.</p> <p><b>Minute 06 August 2009.</b></p> <p>The following typing corrections were noted. Item 3. Moray Carers Project. Item 11. Tony Bowmer.</p> <p>With these corrections the minute was approved. Proposed – Sylvia Reid. Seconded – Gill Stewart.</p> <p><b>Minute 08 October 2009</b></p> <p>The minute was approved. Proposed – Sylvia Reid. Seconded – Kay Griffin.</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Minute 06 August 2009</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Carers. Gill is now working with Quarriers Advisory Group and is trying very hard to ensure that young people contact the organisation to inform them of what support they require. Gill has attended events with Quarriers but didn't recognise any of the</li> </ul>	

	<p>carers – so what has happened to all those other young people who were carers and attended events with Moray Carers Project? Has there been a change in criteria? Susan Leonard, Manager for Quarriers in Moray, has offered to come along to a Forum meeting to explain how the service is being developed in Moray. The meeting agreed that this would be useful and it was suggested that the meeting after the AGM would be most suitable. However, it was agreed that the issue of young carers would continue to be monitored by the Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Sector Partnership Moray. The launch of this new body was due to be held on 01 April 2010. This, however, has been put on hold indefinitely as a result of the requirement of Scottish Government for a single interface organisation to be created. This will instigate a merger between MVSO and VCM.</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Milne's NF AGM</b></p> <p>The AGM has been provisionally booked for 25 March in Lhanbryde Community Centre at 7.00pm. Tea/ coffee and home bakes will be offered. It was also agreed that a presentation on the issues relating to drugs and alcohol in the area should be arranged. Fiona will contact Colin MacLennan, Grampian Police and Robert Bruce from YPAC for their availability.</p>	<b>Fiona</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>BCE Youth Involvement Sub-Group</b></p> <p>Anita proposed that this project be submitted as a pilot project as part of the Better Community Engagement Demonstration Project. This was agreed and Fiona was asked to arrange a meeting of the group.</p>	<b>Fiona</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Needs Assessment and Support Agreement</b></p> <p>Anita explained the background to these documents. She and Sylvia had met with Fiona to complete the Needs Assessment and the resulting Support Agreement had been drawn up.</p> <p>Members to contact Fiona early next week if they have any comments/ alterations/ additions/ deletions.</p>	<b>All members</b>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Allotment Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fochabers Allotment Group. Anita Gouldsbrough gave a brief report on the progress of the Steering Group. The AGM is planned for 11 March. 25 people have expressed an interest and the group are in the process of issuing membership forms. They have worked very hard on the constitution and it now meets the requirements of the Moray Council Legal Services Department. However, as the Council have no suitable land available in Fochabers, the group have been in consultation with private landlords over possible areas of land for allotments.</li> <li>• Lhanbryde Allotments. This is back on track again and Michelle Gillibrand will be supporting this group. It is hoped to “marry” together the original idea of a community garden along with the allotments.</li> <li>• The Moray Council Allotment Policy is out for consultation with an event planned for 24 March.</li> </ul>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Moray Area Forum</b></p> <p>The Moray Forum has not met this year – January's meeting was cancelled</p>	

	<p>due to adverse weather conditions – but there is a meeting planned for next Monday. Main items for discussion are – i) the budget consultation which took place in November last year; ii) consideration of the allocation of funds to Forums and Community Councils; iii) a presentation on the CSU and the work of the unit to date.</p> <p>For information: It was noted that Innes Community Council has now been formed.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>LEADER Applications</b></p> <p>It was agreed that Jennifer and Paul would now be the representatives for the Milne's NF. Fiona to inform David of this.</p>	<b>Fiona</b>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Community Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sylvia informed the meeting that Fochabers Heritage was leading a project on regenerating the square in Fochabers. Planned improvements included building seats round the trees.</li> <li>• Kay mentioned that, as most who travel the A96 corridor know, the Fochabers by-pass has now started and is causing mayhem. However, it was agreed that we will all have to put up with some pain for long-term gain!</li> <li>• Debi explained that the youth worker complement for the Milne's area currently was a Senior Youth Worker, a Youth Worker and 2 Youth Work Assistants (all very part-time). However, due to cut backs, some of the posts are being axed at the end of March. There is also to be a reconfiguration of the Youth Team – but as yet the outcome of this is not known. The Drop In are pushing forward with the re-decoration of the youth room in Lhanbryde Community Centre and it is looking good so far, although there is still much to do. Kerry and Daniel are currently working in the high school on youth achievement awards. Debi thought that this way of working, both through the school and with the young people in the Drop In was really starting to reap benefits. She sees a huge difference in the young people they have had contact with over the past year.</li> <li>• Anita M informed the meeting that Lhanbryde CC now has a new Centre Development Worker, who is very proactive and keen to see and support new activities etc in the building.</li> <li>• Gill informed members that she had been made aware that there were thieves about who were targeting tools – so be warned and be careful with those pieces of equipment left lying about! She also commented that her road was not cleared or gritted during the recent major snows. Given that most of the residents of her street are older people, they were forcibly house-bound as a result and for as long as the snow lasted.</li> <li>• Anita G informed the members that the car park at Speymouth Hall had huge potholes which were going to cause some serious damage if they are not repaired soon. Also that the hall was facing a large bill for the replacement of the floor in the main hall which was damaged by water. So they are fundraising by producing a cook book! Anita is asking groups and individuals to donate recipes for inclusion and hoped to have it ready for the Mosstodloch Fair Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. The post office in</li> </ul>	

	<p>Mosstodloch has now closed – a great inconvenience to those living in Mosstodloch, particularly the elderly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For information, Lhanbryde Gala is on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Chair for next meeting</b></p> <p>For the AGM – Anita Milne</p> <p>For the next meeting – Anita Gouldsbrough</p>	
	<p><b>Date, time and place of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 06 May 2010 at 7.00pm in Speymouth Hall, Mosstodloch</p>	