



Milne's Neighbourhood Forum



Minute of meeting held Wednesday, 06 October 2010 in Fochabers Public Institute

- Present**
- Paul Ralph, Vice Chair
 - Jackie Owsnett, Joint Secretary
 - Sylvia Reid, Joint Secretary
 - Anita Milne, Treasurer
 - Marc Macrae
 - Kay Griffin
 - Gill Stewart
 - Jennifer Shaw
- Apologies**
- Peter Bush
 - Yvonne Barrow
 - David MacKay
 - Cllr George McIntyre
 - Cllr Anita McDonald
- In attendance**
- Cllr Douglas Ross
 - Fiona Rolt, CSO
 - David Millar, CLDW (Youth Team)

| Item | | Action |
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| 1 | <p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received as noted above.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Minutes of previous meeting – 01 July 2010</p> <p>These were read and approved.</p> <p>Proposed: Anita. Seconded: Unable to be seconded as there was no other member present who had been in attendance at the meeting.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer's report. Anita informed the Forum that the Community Safety money which was allocated to the Forum wasn't actually paid into the Forum's bank account but was accessed by request through the Community Warden from a centrally held budget. This budget is no longer available. • Jackie requested information about the allocation received from the Moray Council and how this was now to be paid. Anita informed the meeting that the P & R Committee had agreed to allocated funds to Forums and Community Councils at the level of £500.00 plus a per capita amount. This was the proposal that MNF had voted for from the consultation. John Ferguson has also agreed to ascertain from | |

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| | <p>Legal services if there can be a relaxation of how the money can be spent, as it would be advantageous for it to be used as seed corn funding. He has also assured the Moray Forum that there will be no claw back of unused monies. Jennifer expressed the view that the principle of being given the discretion to spend allocated money is very important otherwise it is not giving credibility to that organisation.</p> <p>4.1 Litter Group. Fiona explained that as there was no longer access to the antisocial behaviour money, there were no funds available to purchase additional litter pickers. However, she had been advised to contact Margaret Cowie, Community Warden in Forres, who had started up an “adopt a street” initiative. Kay thought that a litter group should be formed from Milne’s High pupils who would tidy up the streets after their lunch break and help to discourage seagulls as they have become quite a problem. It was agreed that Fiona should seek more information about the Forres initiative – how it started and how it has developed.</p> <p>4.2 Health Services. Anita reminded the Forum that the Minor Illness Clinic had been held in Lhanbryde for some years as there was no other provision in the village. With the opening of the new pharmacy, it was envisaged that minor illness would be dealt with in that location and the clinic was closed. However, until just recently that has not been possible. A new ramp and auto-door to enable easier access to the facility have now been installed. The Over 60’s Group in Lhanbryde Community Centre had also been heavily supported by the Health Visitor’s service, but that too has been withdrawn. Alison, Centre Development Worker, has given the group some support but cannot be available to the group long-term. Fiona explained that the BALL (BE Active Life Long) groups, of which the Over 60’s was one, had been set up by Moray Health and Social Care Partnership with Community Learning and Development (Adult Learning) some years ago. The principle behind these groups was that they were heavily supported in the initial start up period and then over a period of 24/ 26 weeks were encouraged and supported to become self managing and self financing. Unfortunately, the Lhanbryde group continued to be supported by Health and so the transition to self managing was never actually made. Fiona offered support from CSU staff to enable the group to make this transition. Anita suggested that it would be appropriate to wait until after she had met with Irene Weedon, MCHSCP.</p> <p>4.3 Garmouth Flooding. A meeting is to be held in Garmouth Hall on Friday 08 October 2010. It is by invitation only, with representatives from Moray Council and Scottish Natural Heritage along with the MP and MSP for the area. David and others have already met to discuss the issues/ questions that require to be addressed and these will be taken to the meeting by an individual who is not affected by the flooding issues to ensure impartiality.</p> | Fiona |
| <p>5</p> | <p>Proposal for frequency and format of Treasurer’s report to MNF meetings</p> <p>A paper with the proposal was circulated. This was noted and approved. Proposed: Sylvia. Seconded: Gill.</p> | |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Proposal for remit of Office Bearer’s meetings</p> <p>A paper with the proposal was circulated. This was noted and approved. Proposed: Jennifer. Seconded: Kay.</p> | |

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| 7 | <p>Dates and venues for future meetings</p> <p>A paper with the proposed dates and venues was circulated. The AGM date was amended to Tuesday 03 May to take into account the Scottish Parliamentary elections. This was noted and approved.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Forum Sub-Group reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fochabers Allotment Association. Really nothing further to report. The Crown Estate land which may have been available was thought not to be suitable. Approaches still to be made to other land owners. • Lhanbryde Allotment Steering Group. Yvonne Barrow, Joint Chair of the Steering Group is leaving the area and Lynne Laing, Joint Chair has just commenced a college course. So the group have not met for some time. However, Joan Scott, CSW will contact those others who had expressed an interest from time to time to see if they can be persuaded to be more active in the group. • B in the Park. Lynne and Yvonne co-ordinated this very successful event and thanks were extended to them for all their hard work. Anita thought it was a good way to engage with the community and worth looking at in other areas. Gill commented on the great café which was run by Yvonne and the young people from the Skate Park Group. Michelle Gillibrand, CSW has agreed to help with the final report. This will be circulated to MNF members on completion. Anita gave a vote of thanks to Alison from LCC and the CSU staff for their help. • Youth Involvement Group. This is progressing. During the Lhanbryde Gala Day a graffiti wall was run by Angela and Jenny from the Volunteer Centre. Comments were recorded by young people on how they wished to be consulted and what it was like living in the area. A report on this is being completed by the Volunteer Centre and this will be circulated. VOiCE is being used to record the overall project. • Youth Group. The disclosures for volunteers are still being progressed and Child Protection training will be arranged. The intention is for youth workers to work alongside the volunteers to enhance and develop their skills. This should ensure sustainability of youth work in the area. Young people will be asked to contribute to the running of the group, devising the programme and working in a planned way towards specific objectives. David explained that the drop in type facility for young people was usually free. He has obtained a small amount of money from the Community Capacity Building budget towards the cost of hall rental and asked the Forum if they could assist with this. It was agreed that some of the hall rental could be charged to the Forum to kick start the project. David thanked the Forum but assured the meeting that the young people will be asked to agree to fundraise to ensure that hall rental costs are covered in the longer term. Fiona requested that a written proposal be submitted by David to request support with hall rental. The Youth Work team have been using a questionnaire in Milne's High asking young people what they were involved in and what they would like to see in the area. They are going to use Youth Space (adapted van) on a Friday evenings in Fochabers with a view to reaching some of the young people who were no longer at school. | <p>Joan Scott</p> <p>Michelle Gillibrand</p> <p>Volunteer Centre</p> <p>David Millar</p> |
| 9 | <p>Community issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill asked if Douglas had been able to speak to the Tennants about the ownership of the car park land in Station Road. Douglas has been unable to speak to Mark as he has been away, but he will keep trying. | <p>Cllr Ross</p> |

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| 10 | AOCB Nothing raised under AOCB. | |
| | Date, time and place of next meeting Thursday, 04 November 2010 at 7.00pm in Lhanbryde Community Centre Thanks were extended to the Chair. | |