



The MORAY FORUM

Minutes of the meeting of Moray Forum held on Monday 24 June 2013 in NEON, New Elgin

Present:	Alan Beresford Anita Milne Bill Burgess Aileen Marshall	Chair Vice Chair Speyside Area Forum Elgin South Area Forum
In Attendance:	Ian Todd	The Moray Council
Apologies:	John Bremner Fiona Rolt Carin Schwartz Barry Taylor Fabio Villani	Forres Area Forum Milne's Area Forum/Minute Secretary Forres Area Forum Buckie Area Forum TSI Moray

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and placed on record sincere thanks to John Bremner and Carin Schwartz, who were both standing down at the next Forres Area Forum Annual General Meeting, for all their hard work and contribution to the Moray Forum.</p> <p>At this point Ian advised that Ann Griffin had been appointed as a part-time Community Support Officer (24 hours), commencing in July and working in the Elgin area. One of her first tasks would be to try and revive Elgin North Area Forum, which was in abeyance due to the lack of Office Bearers.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>These were noted as above.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of the meeting held 29 April 2013</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2013, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Aileen and seconded by Anita.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>4.1 Item 4.1 Moray Council Budget Cuts – Ian advised that due to the response to the consultation on library closures, a decision would be taken at a meeting of Full Council in August.</p> <p>4.2 Item 4.2 Insurance – The Chair advised he would circulate an e-mail he had received from John Ferguson regarding a contact with Highland Council who would be able to assist Area Forums on the issue of public liability insurance.</p> <p>4.3 Item 4.3 Public Entertainment Licences – Ian agreed to make enquiries with the Council's Legal Department as to the position with the review of PELs as they related to</p>	Alan Ian

	charitable, voluntary and community groups.	
5	<p>Passenger Forum Update</p> <p>The Chair updated the members on the position with the work being undertaken by the Moray Forum Transport Working Group and advised that the date for the next seminar was Saturday 28 September 2013 at Lhanbryde Community Centre, commencing at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>The format would follow that of the seminar held two years ago to see if any of the issues highlighted at that time had been rectified, or improved, and to all consider the ramifications of the Council's cuts to subsidies to bus companies for some of the more rural routes.</p> <p>As the remit of this seminar went beyond that of the original funding the Chair requested that each Area Forum consider contributing £50 towards the cost of holding the seminar. Aileen asked whether as the original funding had come from the Charge Fund: Reshaping Care for Older People if Moray Community Health and Social Care Partnership were in agreement with this change of remit. The Chair advised that representatives receive the minutes of the Transport Working Group and were aware of the issues that had been raised during the various Passenger Forums that had been held, including people with long term medical conditions, blue badge holders, younger people with disabilities, etc.</p> <p>Each forum to consider allocating £50 towards the next Transport Seminar.</p>	Area Forums
6	<p>TSI Moray</p> <p>The Chair advised that the Annual General Meeting of TSI Moray had been held on 13 June 2013 and a new Board had been elected, including Carin and himself. The meeting had been addressed by Calum Irvine, Chief Executive Officer of Voluntary Action Scotland, the Chair of TSI Moray, Don Vass who had admitted that challenges still lay ahead for the organisation, and Fabio Villani as the new Chief Officer.</p> <p>Training was being organised for the new Directors.</p>	
7	<p>Community Engagement Group</p> <p>The new Community Engagement Group had been formed including representatives from the Moray Forum, TSI Moray, Disability Forum, Joint Community Councils, Moray Federation of Community Halls and Associations, Patient Participation Forum, Equalities Forum, NHS Grampian, Police Scotland, and the Moray Council. The Chair of the Group is the Convenor of the Council.</p> <p>Aileen asked about the Area Forums' involvement in the single outcome agreement, and the Chair agreed to take this matter up with Roddy Burns.</p>	Chair
8	<p>Moray LEADER</p> <p>Anita tabled a report on behalf of Fiona Rolt who had attended a seminar organised by Moray LEADER on Community Led Local Development.</p>	

	<p>Dr Sarah Skerratt, reader in Rural Society and Policy and Head of Land Economy and Environmental Research Group at Scotland's Rural College had spoken about the national and rural policies which the Scottish Government is implementing. These included: The Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill; the Land Use Strategy and the Scottish Land Fund.</p> <p>A report on the seminar would be circulated to those attending.</p>	
9	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Burgess flagged up the new distillery at Carron. • In order to publicise the work that the Moray Forum Transport Group was undertaking it was agreed that the minutes and reports should be included on the Moray Forum's page of Your Moray. • John Ferguson required that information on Your Moray be updated for the Moray Forum, and also required additional information from Buckie and Milne's Area Forums. 	<p>Fiona</p> <p>Fiona/ Barry/ Anita</p>
10	<p>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 26 August 2013, at 7.00 p.m. at NEON.</p>	