



## Your Moray

### MEETING OF THE MORAY FORUM HELD 26 APRIL 2010 IN NEW ELGIN PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNEXE

<b>Present</b>	Anita Milne	Milnes (Vice Chair)
	Carin Schwartz	Forres
	John Bremner	Forres
	Barry Taylor	Buckie
	Aileen Marshall	Elgin South
<b>Apologies</b>	Louise Ellerby	Elgin South
	Alan Beresford	Buckie
	Keiron Green	Elgin North,
<b>In attendance</b>	Alastair Kennedy	Joint Community Council
	John Ferguson	The Moray Council
	Ian Todd	The Moray Council

Item		Action
1	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <p>Anita Milne welcomed everyone to the meeting and tendered Alan Beresford's apologies. Alan was unable to attend as he was attending a meeting in Buckie on Forum business.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Alan Beresford Buckie Keiron Green Elgin North</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 February 2010</u></b></p> <p>There was only one correction the figure in section 8 should read £ 25,000 not £125,000 The Minute was proposed as a true record of the meeting by Carin Schwartz and seconded By Aileen Marshall.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p><b>ME support Group</b></p> <p>Ian Todd was asked to give an update on the ME support group. Ian had spoken to Councillor Ross about the support required to establish the ME group Fiona Rolt had already identified this group as requiring support. Ann Griffin from NHS Grampian will also be able to provide some assistance.</p> <p>Fiona Rolt had reported that the group was looking at both short term and long term support. Meetings would take place in Elgin. It will campaign on behalf of ME sufferers for a better deal. In response to a question from Louise</p>	

	<p>Ellerby, Anita Milne pointed out that Mary Scanlon had taken on the role of pushing for a revitalised ME group in Moray. Anita encouraged anyone who knew someone with ME requiring support to contact Fiona Rolt at <a href="mailto:fiona.rolt@moray.gov.uk">fiona.rolt@moray.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Farmers market</b> Carin Schwartz reported on the farmers market which took place on the 10 April around 800 people visited, and Carin asked that people note the next date 8 May 2010 Alan had e-mailed Councillor Russell about blanket permission for all towns Anita will follow this up with Alan. Barry wanted to see three markets happening in Buckie with both Farmers and fish markets.</p>	<p><b>Fiona Rolt</b></p> <p><b>Anita Milne</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b><u>Funding Consultation Feedback</u></b></p> <p>Barry said that after discussion Buckie agreed to support option 2 and were not in favour of option 3. John reminded people that at the last forum meeting it was agreed that individual forums would discuss the most appropriate way of ensuring feedback from the forums. John would then reissue the consultation in May taking account of these views. There was a discussion on what constitutes administration for the purposes of the grant, for example the issuing of a leaflet on issues concerning the forum would be appropriate. A grant to a separate organisation to buy a piece of equipment would not. John had also sent out an illustration based on spending the entire budget as suggested by Keiron at the last meeting. Once this process of seeking comments on the consultation is complete a new consultation document will be distributed.</p>	<p><b>John Ferguson</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b><u>Better Community Engagement update</u></b></p> <p>Ian Todd reported that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March there was a meeting held in new Elgin hall where the steering group agreed on the pilot programmes for Moray where 10 applications were put forward, 6 of which were agreed. The groups were not supported because of the lack of capacity in the CSU to support all the groups. This started a discussion on staff numbers an issue of great concern to Forres which was to be discussed under the next item. Ian felt that there was an excellent scoring system in place for the scheme and overall it provided evidence of good quality community engagement. Ian outlined the projects: Moray Health and Social Care Partnership - Involving Carers Health and Social Care Partnership - Long Term Medical Conditions Open Doors South Lesmurdie LGBT Young People Milne's Youth Involvement Elgin EAR will not be part of the programme but will be supported by CSU. The VOICE(Visioning Outcomes In Community Engagement) system would be used as a framework for planning and evaluating the work of the pilots On 29 April a training session will take place including representatives of each of the pilot projects, together with the consultant from the Scottish Community Development Centre. In total there will also be 6 days training</p>	

	and there will be regular report back to the Community Engagement Group, The Moray Forum and the JCC. Feedback from Government indicates that the Moray project is the only truly community led project in Scotland	
7	<p><b><u>CSU Feedback</u></b></p> <p>The Council was freezing vacancies as part of its budget saving exercise and currently Ian was short in complement of staff in particular 2 posts and he was submitting application to fill the vacancies as there was workload pressure on staff he is concerned that if this continues there will be a gradual reduction in staff. Ian explained clearly the role of CSU staff in assisting the re-structuring of lunch clubs in Elgin and Forres.</p>	
8	<p><b><u>Community Engagement Group(CEG) Feedback</u></b></p> <p>The short life working group established at the last meeting of the CEG of which Carin is now a part was concerned at the lack of involvement of senior staff and key partners in the survey which informed the community engagement framework. It was agreed to redo the survey but to invite key people to participate in a high profile event. The questions would identify the gaps that the partnership needs to improve on for example; leadership to ensure the correct basis for good engagement. The event will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June and senior officers, of agencies and Boards will be present. Examples of good practice from other areas and from within Moray will be looked at. The main part of the day will be looking at the Framework and identifying what needs to happen. Carin has kindly agreed to let QWIZDOM be used, this is a tool that can collate and analyse people's feelings on a range of topics, and is a very advanced tool for community engagement. The outcome should provide the basis for the next step and an action plan will be developed</p>	
9	<p><b><u>Community issues</u></b></p> <p><b>Travellers halting Sites</b> Rathven and Arradoul Community Council have had a meeting re the imposition of halting sites for travellers, There are camps proposed in Forres, in Arradoul and in the Spey bay area. They have been approved by planning Board and it was suggested that it was too late to object. There was discussion on the cost of this and it was commented that the Council are planning a consultation on this issue. It was agreed that the Chair of the Forum should write to the Council expressing the Forum's concerns about lack of consultation and the cost of equipping and maintaining these sites.</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy suggested that Alan Beresford contacted him to discuss how the Moray Forum and the JCC would work together on this as a number of Community Councils were also involved.</p> <p><b>Forres</b> Transitions town Forres has been given the Master composting award. Forres has just launched the Disability Friendly town leaflet. Transition Town Forres has employed Nick Brown who will produce a report for Moray Town Partnership.</p>	

	<p><b>Elgin South</b> The two forums in Elgin and the Community council have been working very closely together. They have been developing the Elgin Ear and progress has been good.</p> <p><b>Buckie</b> The forum in Buckie is moving towards Community Development Trust Status</p> <p><b>Milnes Forum</b> The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 29 April at which there will be input from Grampian Police and the Youth Addiction Counselling Service on drugs and alcohol in the Milne's Area. The Forum is also developing their youth involvement Pilot attracting young people to participate.</p> <p><b>Elgin North</b> Moving towards integrating Elgin EAR into their normal meeting</p> <p><b>Keith/ Laich Forum</b> Alan Beresford had asked about the position with Keith and Laich Forums. A paper was going to the Board on the 27th May asking for a way forward</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Time and date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The dates for the next meetings were agreed previously as follows:</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> August</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>All Mondays starting at 7.00pm in NEON</p>	