



## The MORAY FORUM

Minutes of the meeting of Moray Forum held on Monday 29 April 2013 in NEON, New Elgin – Following the AGM

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

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<b>Welcome</b> Alan thanked everyone for their attendance.	
2	<b>Apologies</b> These were noted as above.	
3	<b>Minutes of the meeting held 25 February 2013</b> Errata – as Fabio was representing TSI Moray he should be recorded as being In Attendance. With this amendment the minute was approved. Proposed Anita, seconded Aileen.	
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> 4.1 Moray Council Budget Cuts. Alan informed the meeting that Equalities Impact Assessments were being conducted in relation to the proposed cuts in the library service and the closure of public toilets. The EIAs must be finished by end of June when a report will be made to Council. If the EIA establishes that the cost of mitigation will exceed the cost of the closure then it (the closure) will not go ahead. As to the toilet closures, it seems that the Council has relaxed the situation slightly and would be willing to consider local groups taking on the running of the facilities. 4.2 Insurance. A cheque has been received by Moray Forum to cover the cost of the insurance premium. Other Area Forums also reported having received a cheque. John Ferguson has been in contact with a few companies but as yet there has been no response. Anita informed the meeting that most of the members of Moray Federation of Community Halls and Associations are insured through a scheme arranged by Highland Council. She understands that it is the same scheme which covers Moray's Community Councils. Anita agreed to follow this up on the basis of public liability group insurance covering all of the Forums.	<b>Anita</b>

	4.3 PEL. A paper which reviews the current arrangements is to be presented to the Licencing Committee on 01 May.	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>TSI Moray Membership</b></p> <p>Alan introduced this item by reminding the meeting that Fabio had explained the purpose of TSI Moray at the last meeting. He now proposed that the Moray Forum should sign up as members of TSI Moray. This was agreed.</p> <p>Individual Forums are also entitled to join as they decide.</p> <p>The AGM of TSI Moray will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 7.15pm for 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Liability Insurance</b></p> <p>This item was covered under matters arising.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Communication issues</b></p> <p>Anita asked why information about a possible source of funding had been circulated to Community Councils but not to the Forums or the Federation. It also doesn't seem to have been circulated through TSI Moray. It was agreed that Anita will forward the information to Ian and he will follow up.</p>	<b>Anita/ Ian</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Passenger Forum Update</b></p> <p>The last Forum focussed on Patient Transport with speakers from the Scottish Ambulance Service and the Red Cross. The Forum was well attended and useful points were raised, although it was almost hi-jacked due to the announcement of the reduction/cuts in subsidies for public transport.</p> <p>Fiona will do the number crunching and a short report on the session.</p> <p>Fabio reported that TSI Moray was now producing a fortnightly ebulletin and he would be happy to put information out through that publication.</p>	<b>Fiona</b>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Community Engagement Group</b></p> <p>Fiona and Anita reported on this session which was facilitated by the Consultation Institute. The session kicked off with a debate/ discussion about the differences between informing, consulting and engaging. What was very encouraging was the commitment from the Convenor, Cllr Stewart Cree, to ensure that from the Council's point of view that engagement is carried out and is appropriate and genuine.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Community Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anita informed the meeting that one of the elected members is pushing for allotments to be included in the plans for new housing developments. Aileen said that Elgin South Area Forum had already had discussions about this and hoped it would be followed through.</li> <li>Ian advised the members that there was to be a consultation about the structure of Community Councils in Moray. Ian asked for support from the Forums to ensure that the consultation was made available as widely as possible. The JCC have set up a working group to identify how the profile of Community Councils can be raised and to encourage more people to get involved.</li> <li>Aileen expressed concern about the number of active Forums. Elgin North was now in abeyance, not because the Forum wasn't well supported, but because they couldn't get anyone to stand as office</li> </ul>	<b>All Forums</b>

	<p>bearers. The CSU staff had been involved and had offered support and training to anyone prepared to stand as an office bearer, but no-one had come forward.</p> <p>Alan suggested that, from local knowledge, it may be possible to identify a possible Chairperson and then to call a meeting to re-form the Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dates for information: Elgin Allotment Group AGM, 30 April, NEON; TSI Forum meeting, 10.00am, Elgin Town Hall; Older Peoples' Information Day, 01 May.</li> </ul>	
11	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
	<p><b>Date, time and place of next meeting.</b></p> <p>Monday, 24 June 2013 in NEON at 7.00pm</p> <p>NB Future dates are: Monday 26 August 2013; 28 October 2013</p>	

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