

**Minutes of the Speyside Area Forum  
Held on 17/2/2009  
Mortlach Hall Dufftown**

**Present:** Sandy Henderson (Chair)  
John Fleming, Jim Anderson, Councillor Pearl Paul, Margaret Stuart, Andrina Taylor, Jim Hart, Councillor McConachie

**Also present:** John Ferguson, Linda Adam

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> Sandy Henderson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Linda Adam the new Area Forum Support worker for the area; <b>Apologies:</b> Pamela Winchester, Donna Smart, Pamela Grant, Ann Griffin.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> Sandy asked for items of accuracy. It was pointed out that under item 3 the issue of concern referred to about the Health centre referred to was at Rothes and not Dufftown,</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> Pedestrian crossing Rothes distillery developments had their planning application agreed and because of the increased flow of traffic a condition was added that they had to provide a pedestrian crossing. Roads will organise a consultative meeting. Aberlour crossing is with BEAR Councillor Paul raise this at a meeting in Elgin <b>Community Planning</b> The meeting with the Speyside Council that John was due to address had to be cancelled due to adverse weather. Councillor Paul raised some doubts about this proposed merger in the light of possible changes to the financial support offered to Community engagement Structures. Currently no money is provided to Community Associations. The report is due to be presented at the Policy and Resources committee on the 10 of March. The meeting with Speyside Council is being reorganised</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Update Community Action Groups</b> <b>Dufftown Library</b> A response was e-mailed to Ann Griffin reporting that proposals are being finalised for the change of premises.</p>	<b>J. Ferguson &amp; Jim Anderson</b>

	<p>Following discussion it was agreed that t a letter be sent to Alistair Campbell requesting an early meeting to discuss the proposal for Dufftown Library</p> <p><b>Craigellachie Play Park</b></p> <p>John produced a memo copied to Donna that effectively means that the Play park will be adopted by the Council they will therefore tender, construct and maintain the play facility</p> <p><b>Youth Update</b></p> <p>A report was provide on Youth work in Speyside outlining current staff from CLD involved</p> <p>There was some discussion on the Ben Aigan hotel facility, however there is an issue over access to toilets. In Aberlour the Youth Club has been meting on Wednesday Evenings</p>	
5	<p><b>Community Issues</b></p> <p>There was a discussion on the Road Junction at Craigellachie where it links A941 and the A95. BEAR and the Police have had a meeting here and have said that this is a low accident area, but local people are very concerned about the lighting. It was agreed to write to BEAR about this There was also an issue over a blind corner and that the last bridge into when you go into Spey road and John Street and the Council should be written to about this particular problem</p>	
6	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next meeting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Craigellachie Hall</b></p>	