



Minutes of Speyside Area Forum Meeting Mortlach Memorial Hall, Dufftown. 19th May 2009

1. Present: Sandy Henderson (Chair), John Fleming, Eleanor Mackintosh, D. Denton, June Binks, Dorothy Macdonald, Andrea Fuller, Janice Smith, Margaret Stuart

Apologies: Jim Anderson, Heather Shaw, Councillor McConnachie, Dorothy Dunbar

In Attendance: Councillor Fiona Murdoch, Councillor Pearl Paul, Linda Adam (Area Forum Support Worker).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Linda reported that she had received an email from Dorothy Dunbar who felt the minute seemed to imply the Glenallachie residents had received no help from Edinville Hall which was not the case. The contents of Dorothy's email were noted by those present. The minute of the last meeting was then proposed as accurate by Andrea Fuller and seconded by Margaret Stuart.

3. Matters Arising

Fairer Scotland Fund

Councillor Fiona Murdoch reported that following last month's input on the Fairer Scotland Fund, two suggestions for applications had arisen.

She introduced Mrs June Binks who wishes to start a campaign highlighting the lack of play facilities for children with disabilities and is seeking the support of the forum. Fairer Scotland funding could perhaps be sought to pay for a feasibility study into providing such a facility in Speyside or Moray. The forum agreed to support Mrs Binks. Councillor Murdoch suggested Mrs Binks contact the Northern Scot. Forum will contact Jacqui Smith, Fairer Scotland Fund manager.

Councillor Murdoch then introduced Dorothy Macdonald from the Speyside Car Share Scheme. Dorothy outlined that the scheme currently receives some funding from Moray Council and Lloyds but will suffer from cash flow difficulties by next February unless they secure other funding. Some community associations had also provided some funding. Awaiting meeting with NHS. The scheme has 27 drivers who have undertaken 1027 journeys. The forum agreed to support the scheme to apply for Fairer Scotland funding.

Blind Corner

Councillor Paul reported that she and Margaret Stuart had visited the junction at Victoria Street/Spey Road. The existing signage includes a 30mph sign, a junction on the left sign and a sign for Craigellachie Village Hall. Councillor Paul is unsure whether further signage can be added. Ralph Newlands, BEAR Scotland to be emailed re same.

Roths Youth Facilities

Councillor Paul indicated she has requested Robin Weeden, Community Learning & Development attend the next meeting regarding youth facilities in Roths.

4. Future of Speyside Council/Speyside Area Forum

It was noted that the Speyside Council had met last week and were of the opinion that the Council be dissolved. The Council will seek the advice of OSCAR re same and probably

wind up in September. Speyside Council's funding will be distributed as per regulations. Sandy will write to groups to encourage attendance at the area forum meetings. Linda is available to visit groups on an individual basis if necessary.

5. Update Community/Action Groups

Craigellachie Playpark

Linda reported on behalf of Heather Shaw that the Craigellachie playpark group had submitted an application to the People's Millions, had received £1,000 from a local businessman and held a meeting to discuss fundraising.

Glenallachie Residents

Andrea reported that the residents had held a meeting in the tearoom prior to their meeting with the distillery. At the meeting with the distillers, Chivas were very receptive and keen to support the residents to connect to mains water, although not every resident wants to change their water supply. The distillery will be checking out the legal position re the requirement to provide a water supply. Uncertainty regarding who is responsible for pipeworks. Distillers have requested copy of estimates from Mrs McGarthland.

6. Treasurer's Report

Janice reported that she had £36.80 in petty cash. Income to date was £5,804.15, expenditure £3,551.03, leaving a balance of £2,253.12. Janice indicated there was still some midnight football funding in the account. The forum are keen to do this again if other funding can be secured.

7. Community Issues

Linda reported that she had received a copy of a letter to the Moray Council from an Audrey Marr, regarding traffic calming in Aberlour. Linda has been unable to contact Mrs Marr to determine if she has had any response from the Council. It was noted that Dufftown have similar concerns regarding traffic calming measures which BEAR Scotland have introduced.

8. Correspondence

Mrs Marr's letter – see Community Issues

9. Any Other Competent Business

Linda distributed copies of the Keep Scotland Beautiful information which Councillor Paul gave her at the previous meeting.

It was noted that Dufftown Library will not be moving into the school. It will be staying where it is and expanding into the rent office. Issue of disabled access will be addressed. Sandy Henderson suggested meetings should be held bi-monthly. John Fleming suggested the frequency of meetings should be determined by what is happening.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16th June 2009 at 7.30pm in The Cottage, Rothes.

