



Speyside Area Forum
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Minute of the Meeting held at
The Cottage, Rothes
7.30pm Tuesday, 19th May, 2015

Present: Bill Burgess, *Chairman*; Hugh Fraser, *Treasurer*, Jenny Herschell, Patricia Grant, Sandy Henderson, Andrea Fuller, Charles Alexander, Jean Grimshaw, John Fleming, Fiona Toovey, Michelle Ness

In attendance: Cllr Pearl Paul, PC Roy Thomson, *Police Scotland*, Willie Chisholm, *Station Manager, Fire and Rescue Service, Aberdeenshire & Moray*

Apologies: Cllr Fiona Murdoch, Cllr Mike McConachie, Ian Todd, *Community Support Unit*, Bunty Campbell, Mabel Donald, Tricia Lawson

Welcome: Bill Burgess, Chairman welcomed Members to the Meeting.

1. Minute of Previous Meeting – 14th April, 2015

Proposed, Sandy Henderson, seconded, Patricia Grant.

2. Matters Arising: Nil

3. Police Matters: The Police Report had been circulated and was in similar terms to the previous Month's Report
Crime is at an all time low.
Crime detection rate is up
Cllr Paul raised the problems with vehicle parking on double yellow lines

4. Fire & Rescue Service: The regular Report had been circulated along with the Business Plan for Speyside & Glenlivet area. Mr Chisholm gave an overview of his role and responsibilities. He advised the meeting that free home fire safety checks are available through the Fire Service

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Report was circulated and reported liquid funds of £3,083.07. The Report was approved by Andrea Fuller, seconded Sandy Henderson.

The Moray Council have agreed the same level of funding as last year but queries remain on how the monies should be used

6. Community Issues:

There had been no communication from The Moray Council regarding the Developer Contribution Approvals at the April Meeting of the P & R Committee and she had taken the matter up with Jim Grant. As a result letters have now gone out and were received by Email on the afternoon of this Meeting.

Mr Fraser raised the state of the 'Flood Alleviation Pond' at the entrance to Rothes as this detracts from the general appearance of the area. There are difficulties with the land owner but Cllr Paul is trying to get a solution

Dufftown Community Council are working on getting new Post Office Services as the previous facility has closed down

7. Community Asset Transfers

Tomintoul – Two CAT's are progressing – one for the Museum & Visitor Centre and one for the Hostel
Dufftown – The Clocktower is on hold for the meantime. A CAT for the Community Shed is not possible
Aberlour – This was approved at the P & R Committee Meeting on 17th February, 2015 and is now in the process of property ownership being transferred to Aberlour Community Association. A condition, not previously stated by TMC has arose in that TMC looked to Aberlour Community Association meeting part of the cost of road maintenance. This is stated at 5% or £500 whichever is the lower. This has now been withdrawn by The Council

8. Planning for Real

The Dufftown Steering Group have had a number of successful Meetings with the Public
Good ideas for the Village are emerging

9. Moray Transport Forum

Hugh Fraser gave an overview of the arrangements. Places **must** be booked

10. Any Other Business

Hugh Fraser reported that The Fleming Hall and the Old Station Tearoom are now exempt for Water Rates.
This will save Aberlour Community Association £1,2/300 per annum
Hugh Fraser advised the Members of a forthcoming fundraising event at Ballindalloch Castle for Aberlour Child Care Trust. This is on 13th June

With no further business to discuss the Meeting closed with everyone thanked for their presence

Date and venue of next Meeting

7.30pm, Tuesday, 30th June, 2015 - venue Kirkmichael Hall.