**Buckie Area Forum**

**Minutes of AGM held via Zoom at 7pm on Thursday 30th June 2022**

**Present:** Christine Allan (CA), Colin Burch (CB), Susan Chalmers (SC), Ian Collacott (IC), Michelle Good (MG), Iain Grieve (IG), Ernest Kopp (EK), Emma Marandola (EM), Gordon McDonald (GM), Linda McDonald (LM), Jim Murray (JM), David Pirie (DP), Tracey Rae (TR), Leah Rossvoll (LR), Sonya Warren (SW)

**Apologies:** Cara Kennie, Kevin McDermott, Morag Stewart

The meeting was opened at 7pm by GM, who welcomed attendees, gave a brief description of the role of the forum, and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

**Minutes of the previous AGM (held on 17/6/2021):** These were approved as an accurate record pf proceedings (proposed IC, seconded LR)

**Matters arising:** Membership list changed to include newly elected councillors.

**Office bearers’ reports:**

**Chair:** GM gave a report on the main events over the past year. Aileen Park from Blackwood Group gave a presentation on community support. Hilda Puskas and Keith Henderson from Moray Council respectively gave presentations on the draft Town Centre Improvement plan and Buckie South Masterplan. No meetings of Moray Area Forum have been held in the last year. A report has been produced by the Harbour Advisory Committee. The BAF website has been revamped, and an event calendar is now available. Minutes from local community groups may be displayed here. BAF no longer rents space in Buckie Townhouse. BAF has taken advertising space at Buckie Thistle football ground. GM thanked office bearers.

**Secretary:** IC reported that we have renewed our Zoom licence, and that a company, Business Stream, has submitted an invoice (which BAF does not believe it is responsible for paying). He gave a brief synopsis of the harbour report (information given in appendix 1).

**Treasurer:** IG gave an update on finances. The BAF account has a balance of £10940-92. Of this total, £6605-24 belongs to BAF. The remaining £4335-68 is held on behalf of Buckie Community Monitoring Group. The Regen Group account has a balance of £12396-55 (details in appendix 2).

**Chair of Regen Group:** SW reported that the group was working with the Town Centre Regeneration consultation. The “Little Norway” project has been discussed with Prof. Reid. Some local paths require upgrading or maintenance. Memory walks for dementia sufferers are under discussion.

**Election of office bearers:** GM asked TR to take the chair while this process was completed. TR gave her thanks to all office bearers.

**Treasurer:** Iain Grieve was unanimously re-elected to serve for the next year (proposed EM, seconded by IC).

**Secretary:** Ian Collacott was unanimously re-elected to serve for the next year (proposed CA, seconded by EM), with Emma Marandola serving as alternate.

**Vice-chair:** Emma Marandola was unanimously elected to serve for the next year (proposed by GM, seconded by IG).

**Chair:** Gordon McDonald was unanimously re-elected to serve for the next year (proposed by IG, seconded by EM).

TR passed the meeting back to GM. GM proposed that BAF representation on outside bodies (Harbour Advisory Committees) should remain as it is. Morag Stewart is the representative for Buckie and Findochty, and Iain Grieve the representative for Portknockie and Cullen. This was unanimously agreed. GM proposed Leah Rossvoll to continue to represent BAF on Moray Transport group (seconded IC, unanimously agreed). BAF has links to LOIP through several members, and this arrangement will be continued, likewise representation on FAB DTSG. Attendees were happy for BAF to hold funds for LOIP and DTSG.

**AOCB:** EM raised the issue of discussing youth representation with guidance teachers and pupils, with a view to gaining representation from students. We will take holidays and exams into account in arranging meetings, and also attempt to ensure that representation is reflective of the range of opinions of students.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

**Appendix 1 Harbour Committee Report (March)**

Cllr Warren chaired meeting.

**Actions.**

Pier 1 joints- working with consultancy dept, cost has increased greatly . Target date for completion is end of June.

Hole in harbour wall , repair work should be completed this financial year. Repair was completed in October but storms caused more issues.  Sticking plaster fix for now.

Ice Plant up and running- good feedback.

Fork Lift purchased, waiting for registration.

Sale of pilot boats end of April.

CCTV - quotes back- Application for Marine Funding from Scottish and UK government.

**User Feedback & Maintenance.**

Ladders on Pier 2 - not much foothold.

Dredging of Basin 4 not done- Will happen when opportunity arises. Lifeboat concerns as some places depth of 1/2 metre

Cargo Shed roof damaged

Cargo Shed doors sticking and in poor state.

Lack of fenders in both quays for cargo boats.- on jobs list to do

Old station yard needs tidying up. Spoken about for 2 years . Cost 20-30K to tidy area.

Ice Plant Loyalty Scheme - No chance of loyalty scheme at present give cost of fuel at premium.

**Commercial Update**

Windfarms going ahead . Harbour Board needs to be consulted on where boats are going . Increase in harbour usage . Good for Buckie.

Formed Water Safety Group  regarding Port health and safety.

Needs signage as hazards need to be highlighted.

Contact Darren/ David Grant  for more details.

Shipyard - North Shed refurbished, concrete floor and new rails to go in.

Lifeboat - Security fencing up for about 8 weeks. Metal work repaired/ repainted and roof fixed.

**Appendix 2**

**Treasurers Report**

Buckie Area Forum 30th June 2022

The Balance on Accounts Previous Year (June 2021)

* Regen Group Account Balance: **£12654.98**
* Buckie Area Forum Account Balance: **£13525.13**

Buckie Community Monitoring Group (Held in Forum Account) **£5738.79**

Balance of Area Forum Account (Total - Buckie Community Monitoring Group Funds = **£7786.34**

The Balance on Accounts 29th June 2022

* Regen Group Account Balance: **£12396.55**
* Buckie Area Forum Account Balance: **£10940.92**

Buckie Community Monitoring Group (Held in Forum Account) **£4335.68**

Balance of Area Forum Account (Total - Buckie Community Monitoring Group Funds = **£6605.24**

There are no outstanding transactions.