

Buckie Area Forum

Minute of Buckie Area Forum Meeting on 17th June 2009

Present

Barry Taylor (**Chair**), Gillian Rose (**Secretary**), Anna Parker (Uniformed Organisations), Alistair Farquhar (Buckie Festival), James Smith (Buckie Community Council), Gillian Jaffrey (BCHS Rep), Alexander Thatcher (BCHS Rep), Zafar Ali (Buckie Community Council)

In attendance

Cllr Joe Mackay, Cllr Anne McKay, Cllr Ron Shepherd, Cllr Gordon McDonald, Ian McPherson, Gillian Bailey (CLDW), David McKinlay, Mark Russell, Lindsey Newlands, Buckie Thistle Football Development,

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting by introducing David McKinlay and Mark Russell from Buckie Thistle Youth Development. He then invited notes of apology. Apologies received from Alan Beresford (Vice Chair), Cllr George McIntyre, Caron Hunter, Cllr Anita McDonald, and Cllr Gary Coull, Ian Moir, Mhari Page, Peter Souter, and David Barnett

2.0 Buckie Thistle Youth Development

Mark Russell gave the group an insight into the work that is carried out by the Buckie Thistle Youth Development team. There is a wide range of young people from primary school age to secondary that they have in the club and that they are currently training/playing for teams from the primary up to and including under 17s. Part of their development is to be aware of the environment around them and BTYD hope to get support from the forum to assist with the organisation of a Drug and Alcohol Awareness event along with schools, the police and other partner agencies. The format of this event has not been decided yet but it was agreed to keep it simple for this year. It was agreed that the forum would support them if they could and that we would be represented on their Committee.

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 20/05/09

The minutes were approved by Alistair Farquhar and seconded by James Smith.

4.0 Matters Arising

Community Issues

Gillian Bailey met with the resident who handed in the letter at the last meeting. During discussions it was found that they are not currently on the Village Hall Committee. Gillian is trying to get in touch with the Chairperson of the Village Hall Committee. She has left messages and to date no calls have been returned.

Youth Matters – Barry has been in touch with the Captain of Buckpool Golf Club regarding arranging for a golf professional to visit the club as suggested by Gillian/Linda. A decision will be made at next Golf Club meeting about this.

ECO Bags – Two quotes were received today. These need to be forwarded to the Regeneration Group. 3 quotes are needed if the cost is more than £5000.

5.0 Newsletter

The Chair brought to everyone's attention the content of the Newsletter distributed with the minutes and hoped to add more information in the coming months.

6.0 Youth Matters

Gillian Jaffrey, Head Girl and Alexander Thatcher, Head Boy attended the forum for the first time. They had nothing to bring up at this time and nothing had been passed on by David Barnett BCHS Rector.

7.0 Buckie Area Regeneration Update

Harbour – Still awaiting a meeting with Moray Council's Finance department and local Councillors

Buckie Business Association (BBA) – Is now set up and running. David Robertson taking role of Chair, Dougall Simpson Vice Chair, Alistair Farquhar Secretary and Ali Simpson Treasurer.

Website – to arrange a meeting with REAP who helped set up Keith Website.

ECO - Bags – as previously mentioned have received quotes and Barry to take this further with Alan McBeth.

Big Man Walking – £2000 allocated to assist this project from the Homecoming fund. No application to date for funding from the Regeneration group.

Buckie Community Radio - A total of £13,000 allocated from the MTP and Leader funding. Reni Millburn to give a talk on Social Enterprise. South Lanarkshire Council have offered to come up to Buckie and support with the set up presentations, workshops etc.

Childcare – arranging for Tenders for feasibility study. Alan McBeth arranging.

Credit Union – Already set up. Only £2 needed to open account with 2 forms of ID. Welcome new members. Open Wednesday 7-8pm, Friday 11.15 - 12.15pm.

Fish Wives Walk – Cllr R Shepherd has started to speak to land owners about access across their land. We want to get race up and running hopefully as part of the RNLI 150th Anniversary Week.

RNLI – Possibility of opening the Drifter for a week for use. Approximately £1000 for switching everything back on.

Flower Show – Received funding for staging and sponsoring a prize. The BCK logo is printed on the back of the flower show programme. The prizes have gone up from previous years. There is now a £50 for Best of Show prize. The event is to be held on the 22nd August at the Fishermen's Hall.

Part of the action plan is the need to get ideas in place for Year 2 by August. Already suggested marketing and branding of BCK, map of Buckie, internet café.

Town Centre Regeneration – In partnership with MTP we have applied for funding to include bus shelters, shop front improvements and an electronic tourist information point.

8.0 Arts & Crafts Festival

Arranged 12th September 2009 in Fishermen's hall. Catering was offered to the school to help boost their funds but was turned down due to not having the capacity at this time. MDCP were then offered the opportunity and have accepted. They are hoping to use 3 local Community groups to provide a coffee morning, soup and sweet and an afternoon tea. Forms for the festival will be finalised this month. There will also be a photography competition as part of the event. All photographs will be displayed on Fri 11th and three judges will select the winning 12 photographs to be included in a calendar. First prize will be £1000. Forum members will be in attendance and will hold a raffle. Names of volunteers at next meeting. The event will be advertised throughout the North East and a suggestion was received to advertise in 'The Knock News' flyer.

9.0 Big Man Walking

Alistair Farquhar informed the forum that a homecoming grant had been awarded. The Arts Development worker to go to schools to do some ancestry work. Buckie Festival team to meet next Wed. They need 12 close protection stewards. The event is scheduled for Sat 17th Oct. Starting from Buckpool Harbour to Ian Johnston Park. Need Barriers, Toilets, First Aiders, and a base – Lady Cathcart possibly

10.0 Community Engagement Fund

Alan was to give a brief talk on this but he is off sick. Barry read out a note passed on from Alan. "There is a meeting to be held on 1st July 7pm at Lhanbryde hall and that there are various Community groups that have been invited to attend. Joint Community Councils, Moray Area Forum, MVSO etc and also that he would like some responses sent back from the forms emailed out.

11.0 Community Issues

Community Council – Public Consultation document was handed to the Forum and responses have to be in by the Thurs 6th Aug. An electronic version could be emailed to interested parties who wish to respond.

Research – Gillian Bailey is to carry out research for a community project. Gillian asked the forum - Do we need a climbing wall? Would you use a climbing wall? And the members responded accordingly.

Schools 20MPH – The question was raised by Anna Parker as to why Fochabers have a flashing warning road sign and Buckie doesn't. Cllr G McDonald responded by explaining that the possible answer is that Buckie is permanently 20 MPH but in Fochabers the traffic needs to keep flowing so is switched on and off. There are ongoing issues surrounding 20MPH speeds around schools and various streets and is being dealt with by Community Councils and local Councillors.

12.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting
Portessie Hall 7pm 19th August 2009