

Buckie Area Forum

Minutes – Wednesday 22 August 2012

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Barry Taylor welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies for Cllr D Ross, G Rose (BAF), L Adam (MC), S Warren (BAF) and Cllr R Shepherd.

Present at the meeting were Z Ali (BAF), A Beresford (BAF), N Johnson (BCHS), TI MacPherson (R&ACC), E Marandola (BAF), T McLellan (BAF), I Moir (BAF), D Reid (BAF), B Taylor (Chair BAF), G Jeffrey (Vattenfall), I Todd (MC) and Inspector Blakelock (Grampian Police)

In attendance were councillors G McDonald, A McKay and J Mackay

AGM

1. Chair's report

B Taylor gave his report detailing the activities of BAF in the past year (copy attached).

2. Treasurer's Report

I Moir gave the financial information for the BAF and Regen accounts, year end Dec 2011 (copy attached).

3. Stand down of office bearers

The office bearers stood down and Ian Todd led the election of office bearers.

4. Election of office bearers

Chair - B Taylor proposed by A Beresford, seconded by T McLellan. No other proposals were put forward and B Taylor resumed control of the meeting.

Vice Chair - A Beresford proposed by T McLellan, seconded by Z Ali. No other proposals were put forward.

Treasurer - I Moir proposed by B Taylor, seconded by A Beresford. No other proposals were put forward. I Moir will stand down as Treasurer at the end of this financial year (Dec 2012). His replacement, Z Ali, was proposed by B Taylor, seconded by A Beresford. No other proposals were put forward.

Secretary - E Marandola proposed by I Moir, seconded by D Reid. No other proposals were put forward.

5. AOCB

The constitution will be reviewed at a future meeting. D Reid queried the format of the Area Forum re the new 'powers' section that may be added and B Taylor explained to the meeting that this protects office-bearers from liability. I Moir suggested that the AGM be held within 3 months of the financial year end which means having a 15-month financial year ending 31 March 2013.

B Taylor then closed the AGM and opened the BAF meeting.

1. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes were read and approved, proposed by Alan Beresford and seconded by T McLellan.

2. Matters arising

- Buckie High School N Johnson advised that the new head boy and girl are Liam Allan and Anja McRae and he will invite them along to the next meeting.

3. Regen Update

- Phase 1 of the Fishwives' Walk is complete, £18K from BAF and £2K from Keith Area Forum. For completion of Phase 2 we must decide where to start/end the walk in Buckie. The Heritage centre

will be asked for input but it should link with the Speyside Way. I Moir pointed out that areas of Buckie (eg car parks) require signs and asked about the walk signs. G McDonald replied that a brochure on the walk will be produced and this type of information will be included. BCHS and Keith Grammar School are both in the planning stages for having an annual sponsored walk so it could tie in nicely with the Fishwives' Walk.

- There is a private individual looking to organise a farmers' market in the town, dealing in 'proper' produce rather than the crafts etc on offer in the farmers' market in Elgin.
- BCHS are having a farmers' market on Friday 5th October.
- It's A Knockout was successful and raised approximately £8K for local good causes.
- The Ceilidh on 25 August following the Speyside Ultra Race has sold 70 tickets, contact B Taylor, A Beresford or G McDonald for tickets.
- Version 2 of the Buckie maps will soon be available. Version 1 was very well received, especially by tourists.
- Radio BCK has drawn up a constitution but it has still to be approved. The way forward is to use <http://www.mixcloud.com/> and type Radio BCK into the search box to access recordings. This is a means of broadcasting for free. They have an outside broadcast unit which means they can cover events such as It's a Knockout. They will apply for a SCIO once constituted and having a Charity Number will enable them to get the best broadband deal. Moray Council Buildings department will have to sort out wiring etc to get the broadband installed. Money may be available from the European Fisheries Fund. They hope to involve the community, schools and community planning partners in future programming. NHS has paid to broadcast on local radio stations in the past and Moray Council may be another source. N Johnson pointed out that the Music Technology course at BCHS could potentially link to Radio BCK.
- There is an 'expression of interest' recorded for 11 Cluny Square. A SCIO would need to be set up which would be a subsidiary of BAF. There will be further meetings with Moray Council Legal and Properties departments re repairs and the valuation and surveys required. Payment for these surveys has yet to be decided as MC is reluctant to foot the bill. G Jeffrey pointed out that paying for the surveys then allows some potential for bargaining on price in the future. A McKay asked what the demand may be for using the premises. Groups who have expressed interest are CAB, Radio BCK, an internet café, BCHS S5/6 area, Arts & Crafts workshops and groups currently using the Town's House. B Taylor stressed that this is still the very early stages and a community consultation would be carried out should BAF decide the project progresses. I Moir asked if MC definitely have the title deeds and G McDonald replied that yes they do, but they do not have detailed plans for the property.
- Buckie 10K race would like help with buying socks for each competitor.
- BAF have been approached to again sponsor the Buckpool Golf Club Winter Open.

4. **Youth Matters**

No issues were brought up.

5. **Community Issues**

- BOWL The project is moving forward, B Taylor will forward the relevant email. Visibility of the project is an issue for council planning but nothing should be visible from Buckie. It will be 8-10km beyond the Beatrice oil platform. There are also issues with the infra-red lights to be addressed.
- Ceilidh B Taylor asked for support for the runners as they cross the finish line.
- MOWE B Taylor will forward the link to members
- There will be a consultation on the proposed community empowerment and renewal bill, responses required by the end of September. B Taylor will forward the link.

- Road closures/buses I Moir commented that the Enzie Braes closure will affect the bus timetables and asked about another closure in Portessie. A McKay will look in to whether sufficient notice has been given to bus companies and, if necessary, BAF will express concern.
- Car transporters are often stopped outside Regency garage which may inconvenience motorists given the proximity to the new roundabout and the bus stop across the road. Inspector Blakelock will talk to officers to see if they are aware of any problems.
- Inspector Blakelock said that the new police station on East Cathcart Street is not 'signed and sealed' but it's likely that they'll be in by Xmas. Community planning partners, including BAF, will be invited for a tour of the new premises. There are no holding cells in Buckie, all detainees go to Elgin for Health & Safety reasons.
- Linda Adam, Community Support Officer, is leaving her current post in September and B Taylor, on behalf of BAF, thanks Linda for all the help and good advice she has given. T McLellan, through his involvement with Cullen Town, agreed.
- Cathcart Clinic/ Kist There will be a meeting at Lady Cathcart at 7pm to discuss the future of the Kist. TI MacPherson asked again about the state of the building at Cathcart Street and what could be done about it. B Taylor stressed that this type of issue is a key point of the community empowerment and renewal bill; an important document that all members should be interested in.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th October at 7pm in the Town's House

B Taylor thanked everyone for attending and brought the meeting to a close.

Chair _____
Date _____

Secretary _____
Date _____