

BUCKIE AREA FORUM
MINUTES
15th March 2017, BHS Community Lounge

Present: Linda McDonald (BAF), Ian Moir (BAF), , Leah Rossvoll (BABS), Stefania (8 to 8 dental), Iain Grieve (BAF), Zafar Ali (BAF), Keiran Robertson (BAF) and Leon Marandola (BAF).

In attendance: Cllr Gordon McDonald

1 Welcome and apologies

Chair Linda McDonald welcome everyone to the meeting and noted apologies for Alistair Farquhar (BAF), Jo Farquhar (BAF), Neil Johnson (BHS), Nicola Warren (BAF), Emma Marandola (BAF), Gillian Rose (BAF), Larry Duncan (Radio Buckie), Gordon Morrison (SFRS), Cllr Gordon Cowie, Cllr Sonya Warren.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no amendments required, proposed by Ian Moir and seconded by Leah Rossvol.

3 Matters arising from previous minutes

Boortmalt - Cllr Warren was to ask Nicola to get in touch with them and invite to the March meeting. Do not know if this was done.

Price for flowers for the Town Centre 20 self watering baskets and bedding plants £2,700. Price accepted. Gordon to confirm if Moray Council OK with use of the lamp stands and Cluny Square beds.

Mobile phone for Townhouse. A contract is being looked at. Cllr Warren to action. Ian Moir asked about the network and told it was likely to be EE.

Lift in the Townhouse has been fixed again.

4 Secretary Report

TSi monthly activities and funding advice received.

Details of Tartan Army Fund Raising Group for children socially disadvantaged received.
BOWL update.

5 Treasurer's report

Balance of accounts was as follows

BAF main account £6,600.67

Buckie Regen Group £9488.71 MTP Monies held by Moray Council

6 Moray Area Forum

AGM was cancelled.

7 Buckie Regeneration Group (update)

7.1 Struan

This is very unlikely to go ahead as the Moray Council officers have failed, to date, to prepare a report for committee approval.

7.2 Findochty CC is interested in outside lighting for the small Church of Scotland church on the hill and Buckie Regen Group have is willing to fund the capital for this project. The Church and the Community Council will pay to maintain and run thereafter (expected costs 50P per night).

Ian Moir was assured the lights were ground up and vandal proof.

The meeting unanimously supported this project.

7.3 Ground below Cluny Square north of NE Quadrant.

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Agreement reached with the Moray Council to clear ground completely and plant bulbs and put down mulch. This will take about a year to complete. Expected to be around £3,800.00

8. Presentation by BaBs Dial a Bus

Leah Rossvoll made a presentation on behalf of BaBs Dial a Bus and outlined the work done in the community in the Buckie area, including pricing arrangements. She then gave detailed answers to questions from the members.

9. Youth Matters

Nothing to report.

10. Community

Fire Service – Nothing to report.

Traffic Lights at West and East Cathcart Street - Hoped to be up by June.

Zafar asked about Highfield road and when this would be looked at. Ian Moir said a one way system would be a good solution.

10 Harbour Advisory Committees.

Buckie meeting was heated there was praise for the large ship that was recently brought in. There are arrangements being put in place for Buckie to be a standby harbour for offshore wind project run from Wick. The meeting also welcomed the new Harbourmaster.

Findochty also heated re charges for recreational boats. No European funding available for pontoons. If available capital funds used on existing pontoons this would only be good for another 5 years.

Portknockie – No information on when possible meeting to be arranged.

11 Money for Moray

There have been 18 successful bids. – Meeting to be held for Groups to do their presentations to try to secure up to £4,000 of the £40,000 available.

Ian Moir has said he has found out owners of the Highland Line walk and no longer needs the £300 that was secured for a feasibility study. Money to be returned by the Treasurer.

11. AOCB

11.1 Blinds for the Townhouse - quote is in for them but has not been taken any further yet.

One person has come forward for the Hallkeeper position.

Thanks recorded for Gillian for all help and work in the Hall to date.

12. Date and time of next meeting

21st June 2017, 7pm, Buckie High School Community Lounge. This will also be the AGM.