

BUCKIE AREA FORUM

MINUTES

22 November 2017

Present: Linda McDonald (BAF), Emma Marandola (BAF), Zafar Ali (BAF), Lynn Curran (BAF), Leah Rossvoll (BABS), Adam Chisholm (Radio Buckie), Jo Farquhar (Buckie Festival), Alistair Farquhar (Buckie Festival), Gordon McDonald (BAF), Ann Mitchell (B&DCC), Morag Stewart (B&DCC), Christine Allan (B&DCC).

In attendance: Cllr Theresa Coull, Cllr Gordon Cowie, Dougie Annand (SFRS), Teresa Clark (Police), Tracey Rae (TMC),

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Linda McDonald welcome everyone to the meeting and noted apologies for Ian Moir (BAF), Ian Todd (TMC), Cllr Sonya Warren, Neil Johnson (BHS), Cllr Tim Eagle, Denise Robson , Robert Le Camp , Pringle George

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Leah Rossvoll and seconded by Gordon McDonald with no amendments required.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising from previous minutes.

4. Secretary's report (inc. correspondence)

There were no items from the Secretary.

5. Treasurer's report

As at 24/10/17 £8,759 in the BAF bank account, and at 29/08/17 £7,126.67 in the Regen account

6. Moray Area Forum

There is a meeting planning for Monday 27/11/17.

7. Buckie Regeneration Group (update)

B4B: (Gordon McDonald) Bucks for Buckie has been launched and there have been a few enquiries already. Ads have appeared in the local paper and application forms are available at the Access Point, the Library, and BHS reception. The closing date for applications is 31/01/18 then the shortlist will be done by the Regen Group along with Linda, Morag and Christine who have experience with Money for Moray. The approved applicants will take part in presentations 10/03/18 in Highfield Hall. The presentations are two minutes maximum with additional two minutes for questions if required. All present must vote for ten projects. Tracey Rae came along to the Kracker and spoke personally to lots of groups and reports that there is a good 'buzz' about it. Gordon noted that Tracey has gone above and beyond in supporting the initiative.

Findochty Church Lights: switch on will be Sunday 26/11/17 at 6pm, all welcome

Website: Canary Dwarf will produce the site and the £3,200 cost will be met, as agreed by BAF, by the Area Forum budget; it qualifies as 'admin'. The Regen group will have part of the site.

8. Youth Matters

Leah told us that a band have asked Radio Buckie to record their album for them.

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9. Community

Police: nothing to report

Fire: they will lose two members next month due to work commitments. Dougie commented that the controls for the High Street/Cathcart Street traffic lights have not been forthcoming and asked Cllr Cowie to look in to this. Cllr Cowie said the engineer (Elaine Penny) and the Police will decide what is appropriate.

Harbour Advisory Committees (Buckie, Findochty, Portknockie, Cullen): The slip will be up and running shortly.

Money for Moray: Next meeting 7pm 23/11/17 and the presentations will be 03/12/17 in Lhanbryde. Twenty-three groups will be presenting, £73K has been requested with £55K available. Moray Transport: Leah asked if she could host an information coffee morning through BAF to discuss transport problems in the community. Tracey said this would qualify for assistance from BAF for the venue, but not the food. There will be a seminar 24/03/18 in Lhanbryde. On 08/01/18 there will be changes to the Stagecoach services 35 (every 30 mins) and 38 (hourly).

10. AOCB

Alistair told us of the production 'Bond' showing in Portgordon Hall 03/12/17. 2018 shows will include 'The Tailor of Inverness', 'Dad's Army' radio scripts, and 'The Owl and the Pussycat'.

Alistair also reported that Moray is close to getting World Host recognition.

Cllr Cowie told us that there will be consultation with communities regarding the Council budget but has no definite dates yet.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be at 7pm on 17 January 2018 in Buckie High School.

Future meetings: 21 March 2018, 20 June 2018 (AGM)