

BUCKIE AREA FORUM  
MINUTES  
20 June 2018

Present: Linda McDonald (BAF), Emma Marandola (BAF), Zafar Ali (BAF), Leah Rossvoll (BAF), Gordon McDonald (BAF), Iain Grieve (BAF), Ann Mitchell (B&DCC) Morag Stewart (B&DCC), Adam Chisholm, Alistair Farquhar (Buckie Festival), Linda Sherman (Fishermen's Hall Trust), Glen Campbell (Fishermen's Hall Trust), Christine Allan (B&DCC),  
In attendance: Cllr Theresa Coull, Ian Todd (TMC)

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Chair Linda McDonald opened the meeting at 7:30pm, welcomed everyone and noted apologies for Neil Johnson, Robert Lacamp, Doug Annand, Ian Moir, Jo Farquhar, Cllr Gordon Cowie, and Inspector Strachan.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting (21 March 2018) were proposed by Leah and seconded by Moray with two amendments required; Neil Johnson and Iain Grieve were listed as being both present and having given apologies, they were not present.

**3. Matters arising from previous minutes**

The next Moray Transport Forum meeting is in Lhanbryde 22 September 2018.

**4. Correspondence**

Strategic Planning Reference Group - meetings are 31 May, 21 June and 24 July 2018; Alistair attended the May meeting.

Finance Options for Shared Ownership workshop - 10 July 2018.

Fishermen's Hall Trust - Linda Sherman asked for a letter of support from BAF, all agreed

Tracey Rae sent an email about the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

Ian Todd explained that this comes from the Local Empowerment Bill where Local Planning has been tasked to reconfigure 10-year plans to Local Action Plans. The Community Support Unit has been asked to provide a step-by-step guide to the engagement process and produce a 10 Step Plan through consultation with communities from the ground up rather than from the top down. They aim to find out what communities want then to respond to these priorities. HMIE showed that Buckie has good community engagement. The 10 Step Plan aim is to build a better future for our children and young people through attainment, employability and having a greater voice in community affairs. The locality plan for Buckie is part of Moray Community Planning Partnership. Some communities need more funding than others and there needs to be focus on where best to spend, Buckie Central East will be a pilot area. It is **very** important that BAF are represented; Moray, Christine and Anne are involved but as representatives of B&DCC, BAF needs a rep too. Gordon asked what money is available, Ian explained there is a 12-month post funded at the CSU to increase resources to the area. Tracey will come along to the next BAF meeting, and Ian encouraged everyone to look up Bellshill Academy as this is a good example of how this funding can be used.

Glen Campbell gave us an update on the Fishermen's Hall. Since forming in January the group has received huge support from the community, and all their decisions have been made in consultation with local people. They take over the lease next week and hope that the hall will continue to be well used and be an asset for the town. They are fully constituted and got charitable status on Friday as "The Fishermen's Hall Trust known as Friends of the Fishermen's Hall". They are now the only group with an interest expressed in the hall, so all energies can be focussed on going forwards. Glen thanked everyone for their support so far and asked that we continue to write letters of support as this will assist their Community Asset Transfer, send to [friendsofthefishermenshall@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofthefishermenshall@outlook.com). Zafar asked how to book the hall and Glen said all the information and forms will be available via their website which goes live 01 July. Gordon asked Glen to send him the links to add to the Buckie.co site.

**5. Treasurer Report**

Zafar presented accounts for BAF and Regen, bank balances as at 31 March 2018 £9427.64 and £8548.42 respectively.

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**6. Buckie.co website**

Gordon asked that we send him all relevant information and links for inclusion in the page. The Banffshire Advertiser will share their news pages. There will be a free business register. Community areas will get their own spaces. BAF agendas and minutes will be included. There will be an events calendar and all groups are encouraged to add their information e.g. to avoid having numerous coffee mornings on one day then none the following week. Town's House bookings will be possible through the website. The website is a BAF initiative so related events will feature e.g. Bucks 4 Buckie. Gordon encouraged us to give him any ideas we may have.

**7. Regen**

Moray Towns Partnership money has come to an end. We will keep an eye on the new Moray Council budget to see if this funding features in future. Developer contribution money (Tesco) must be used for town centre marketing projects which is too restrictive a brief for a participatory budgeting event. This money must be spent, or it will revert to the developer. Gordon will ask Sam at Tesco for guidance to see how exactly we can spend the money. An application to the Common Good fund may be made and this money used for a PB event.

**8. Town's House**

The bookings at the hall are ticking over nicely. If there are scheduling conflicts we can work with the Fishermen's. The Town's House was on the Community Asset Transfer list in error, so this is no longer an immediate concern. The public toilet can not be closed as the library must have this facility. When a new school is built for Buckie High, the library will likely be relocated there but there is no definite date for this happening.

Ian Todd told us that the Three Kings group in Cullen are taking over the lease for one third of the community centre buildings with a view to CAT in the future. Also, Moray Council will be reviewing all public toilets.

Cllr Coull spoke about the SNP minority administration council and told us they'll produce their own budget for February. They will listen to communities and encourage ideas on how to proceed. They will look at changing the internal running of the Council, but no compulsory redundancies are planned. Moray is a good place to visit, work and stay.

**9. Moray Area Forum**

TSI money is available, £1 million of Leader money. TSI have overview for Leader, please contact TSI for criteria.

**10. Youth Matters**

None

**11. AOCB**

Buckie Festival - Alistair told us that the Dad's Army shows were very successful and he'll forward details of future productions.

Taylor's Chemist - Alistair said their refurbishment is due to be finished in July, and they'll be able to do private flu jabs.

Harbour Advisory - Gordon asked about Fraserburgh being awarded the windcat contact and asked councillors to come back to us with their reactions and a 'plan B'. No notification has been received for the next meeting, Gordon will ask for a meeting to be arranged.

Transport - Leah advised that if transport is required for the elderly to access, please contact Anita at Lhanbryde Dial M.

Linda thanked everyone for coming and closed the AGM at 8:15pm.

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