

BUCKIE AREA FORUM
MINUTES
19 September 2018

Present: Linda McDonald (BAF), Emma Marandola (BAF), Leah Rossvoll (BAF), Gordon McDonald (BAF), Ann Mitchell (B&DCC), Morag Stewart (B&DCC), Christine Allan (B&DCC), Neil Johnson (BHS)
In attendance: Ian Todd (TMC), Tracey Rae (TMC)

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Linda McDonald opened the meeting at 7:00pm, welcomed everyone and noted apologies for Zafar Ali (BAF) and Iain Grieve (BAF).

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (20 June 2018) were proposed by Christine and seconded by Morag with one amendment; Linda closed the *meeting* rather than *AGM*.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

A letter in support of the Fishermen's Hall has been sent.

Local Outcome Improvement Plan covered in section 6.

Buckie Harbour Advisory Group sent an email with April minutes, but this is the only correspondence BAF has received; as there has been no notification of meetings sent to Linda or Iain no BAF representative been able to attend. The next meeting is 27 September 2018, Linda will go as will Morag who has volunteered to be a second representative for BAF.

4. Correspondence

Buckie Cracker/ Lights committee have sent notification that the annual maintenance has been carried out any many of the lights require upgraded. This will incur additional costs, but the letter does say if the BAF and Regen lights are affected so Linda will get clarification. We agreed to carry on sponsoring the lights for this coming year.

Moray East Offshore Windfarm have sent updated address details.

There will be a project to set up a Buckie Community Sports Hub, a meeting will be held in BHS Community Lounge, 7:00pm, 31 October 2018.

TSi Moray AGM will be on 24 September 2018, 5:30pm at the Inkwell, Francis Place, Elgin.

Ian Todd confirmed that BAF and Regen financial statements have been sent to TMC.

5. Treasurer Report

Iain is waiting for records and information from Zafar before a Treasurer's Report can be compiled. The bank has informed Linda that currently there are no signatories mandated to the account, so Linda will pursue this as a matter of urgency. The current approximate bank balances for BAF and Regen are £5,000 and £8,500 respectively.

6. Locality Planning

Tracey explained that there are two pilot schemes in Moray, one in Elgin and one in Buckie Central East. In this first phase of the consultation they have been actively engaging with the public in schools, supermarkets and the mobile information bus and are encouraging everyone who lives in, works in or visits the area to complete an anonymous survey (paper or digital). The next phase will be in November and the consultation process is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2018. They need more community involvement.

7. www.buckie.co

Currently there are 133 businesses and 38 organisations listed on the website. We need to promote the site to increase traffic and Gordon suggested merchandising products and promotional materials; Buckie Luggie bags with buckie.co on the reverse were agreed to be a good idea. Gordon will investigate costs, the last purchase of bags cost approximately £2,000. Neil and Ian suggested running regular polls to engage the public and Gordon asked for suggestions. Traffic must increase so the site can become self-sustaining through paid subscriptions. The events area is the most visited. Ian suggested asking the public for historic photos of Buckie, as are regularly posted on the 'I'm Fae Buckie...' Facebook page. It was agreed to spend initially up to £1,000.00 on promotional material from the BAF account.

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8. Regen update

We applied for £51,000 from the Community Choices Fund but were unsuccessful.

We checked about how Tesco money may be spent (looking to use it for a PB event) but the criteria are strictly for Town Centre initiatives. Neil suggested using the website to ask the public for suggestions for Town Centre improvements (e.g. street furniture, flowers, benches). This was agreed to be a good idea and Gordon will organise. Possibly better on a Facebook account.

Debbie Weir (Community Support Unit) has organised a participatory budgeting (PB) event at Speyside High School 5 October 2018 for 5 to 25-year olds. Ian will give us feedback after the event as it will follow a different format to Bucks4Buckie.

Gordon will investigate how the Common Good Fund is currently being spent, and how it could be used i.e. PB. Ideally, we will have another PB event as we agreed that it is important to maintain the momentum after Bucks4Buckie.

9. Townhouse

Lynn Curran has resigned as caretaker due to other commitments. She has been paid, we'll look for a replacement and Linda has volunteered to cover in the meantime. The floor was damaged again and has been fixed. Christine asked for clarification on the closure (or not) of the toilets and Linda will investigate.

10. Moray Area Forum

The next meeting is 22 October 2018, 10:30am, Lhanbryde and future dates have been set: 28 January, 25 March, 27 May and 26 August 2019.

Moray Transport Forum seminar is this Saturday and will feature six speakers representing mobility and accessibility, Stagecoach, Scotrail, Dial M for Moray and the Moray Council.

11. Youth Matters

Nothing to report.

12. AOCB

The dates for meetings for the next year are as follows:

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Wednesday 16th January 2019

Wednesday 20th March 2019

Wednesday 19th June 2018 – AGM

Linda thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.