

BUCKIE AREA FORUM  
MINUTES  
21 November 2018

Present: Linda McDonald (BAF), Emma Marandola (BAF), Leah Rossvoll (BAF), Gordon McDonald (BAF), Ann Mitchell (B&DCC), Neil Johnson (BHS), Linda Boyd (Fishermen's Hall)  
In attendance: Ian Todd (TMC), Neil Campbell (Police), Cllr Theresa Coull

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Chair Linda McDonald opened the meeting at 7:00pm, welcomed everyone and noted apologies for Cllr Sonya Warren, Cllr Mark McRae, Cllr Donald Gatt, Iain Grieve (BAF), Morag Stewart (B&DCC), Christine Allan (B&DCC), Zafar Ali (BAF), Jo Farquhar (Buckie Festival) and Alistair Farquhar (Buckie Festival).

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting (19 September 2018) were proposed by Gordon and seconded by Leah with no amendments required.

**3. Matters arising from previous minutes**

Buckie Harbour Advisory Group - no update as Linda was unable to attend the meeting and Morag is not present.

Cluny Place toilets - The toilets will be closed over the summer. While the Library is open the toilets will be open, but access will only be through the Library. Linda will find out how this has been publicised.

Transport seminar - Leah told us it was well attended and there is a report in progress. Leah asked Linda to speak to Anita about the BABS coffee morning. There will be Stagecoach timetable changes and a roll out of new stock.

Locality Planning - An update report went to Community Planning last week. Local meetings have been held in the Legion and Portessie. Ian said BAF needs a member to attend; 3 members attend but need to clarify who represents BAF as all are also involved in other organisations. Information from communities has been collected and lots of narrative must be analysed, then reported to LOIP oversight group and Community Planning Board, then to Scottish Government. This planning must be 'place based' from the bottom up i.e. ideas from local areas. Audit Scotland and HMIE will inspect. Success of outcomes will be measured; issues identified > plan 1/2/3 years > measure the success of outcomes. Local involvement needs to be sustained. Neil Johnson spoke about how Buckie High School pupils' choices are affected. For example, some must travel to Elgin Academy to access courses and BHS must bear the transport costs. He also said that information gathering at present is time hungry and must be slicker to reach more of the community. 500 responses were given in Buckie. The Play Standard 10-point wheel takes 4 hours. Gordon asked that Locality Planning be a standing item on the agenda.

**4. Correspondence**

None

**5. Treasurer Report**

Iain sent Linda the following information:

BAF £7,152.25

Regen £6,058.42

Both accounts need updated signatories, Linda will arrange for herself, Gordon and Emma to be added. Canary Dwarf's payment was made from Regen but should be from BAF.

**6. www.Buckie.co**

The site is getting more hits but it's still early days. Gordon suggested a poll to engage folk, 'Will Brexit be good for Buckie?' and use the Facebook page to encourage participation. It costs between £2 and £16 to 'boost' a Facebook post and it was agreed that Gordon would do this. Locals are adding their own information and it's working well.

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**7. Regen update**

The Moray Towns Partnership meeting was 2 weeks ago, there are no funds available and no word if funds will be made available in the next budget.

Regen agreed to spend £100-150 to support LOIP in Millbank.

Gordon said we can try for £10,000 from Buckie Common Good for a PB event and will ask Tesco again if we can also use that money. Tesco must be spent by 2020.

**8. Townhouse**

Linda is covering as hall cleaner but we need to fill this post, so Neil Johnson suggested he ask the BHS cleaners if any are interested and this was agreed to be a good idea.

**9. Moray Area Forum**

Linda could not attend the meeting on 22 October and hasn't received minutes yet.

**10. Harbour Advisory Meetings**

The next meeting is 5 December, Gordon will go and will check with Morag, Anne and Iain also.

**11. Youth Matters**

Transport is the biggest issue that has been flagged up i.e. cost and availability of access to services/ social opportunities e.g. cinema. Leah will raise this at MTP.

**12. AOCB**

Richard (Tesco) will be organising community awards and awareness; Linda will invite him to the next meeting.

Leah will send Gordon information on the collection points for community bus P&J tokens.

Neil Campbell told us there's an officer dedicated to community work in Buckie doing foot patrols and dealing with, for example, speeding.

**The next meeting will be 16 January 2019, 7pm in Buckie High School Community Lounge.**

Linda thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8:10pm.