

BUCKIE AREA FORUM
MINUTES
19 June 2019

Present: Linda McDonald (BAF), Gordon McDonald (BAF), Christine Allan (BAF), Morag Stewart (BAF/B&DCC), Susan Fenty (BAF), Emma Marandola (BAF)

In attendance: Tracey Rae (TMC), Cllr Gordon Cowie, Robert Williams (Police Scotland)

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Linda McDonald opened the meeting at 7:20pm, welcomed everyone and noted apologies for Leah Rossvoll (BAF), Cllr Donald Gatt, Cllr Tim Eagle, Cllr Sonya Warren, Neil Johnson (BHS), Ian Todd (TMC), Iain Grieve (BAF), Neil Campbell (Police), Jo Farquhar (Buckie Festival) and Alistair Farquhar (Buckie Festival).

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (20 March 2019) were proposed by Morag and seconded by Susan with one amendment required; add Emma Marandola to 'apologies'.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

Moray Food Bank has changed its name to Moray Food Plus. Tracey told us that the food recovery service will have a surplus when the schools are on holiday so if we know of any suitable recipients please let her know.

4. Correspondence

Business Stream (Town's house water) invoices have been being sent to Barry Taylor in error, Linda has written to them with the correct details.

BBC Scotland asked for feedback on their decision to reinstate the licence fee for over 75s. Linda will reply stating it is the wrong decision and it should remain scrapped.

E-mail sent to the BBC

5. Treasurer Report

Regen £10958.42*

BAF £7204.92

*£5000 committed for Bucks4Buckie

6. Buckie and District Community Council presentation (Kevin McKay)

Kevin was not present so we will reschedule.

7. www.buckie.co

Numbers of visitors to the site are growing, this was boosted by B4B but remain high. Facebook links help.

8. Regen

B4B was again very successful - thanks go to Tracey for all her work and support. Tracey commented that it went very smoothly and was a delight to be involved in. It was a relatively small audience so we could try to attract more voters for future events, and it needs to be more competitive so ideally lots more applications than money. Credit also goes to Money 4 Moray for their continuing help and guidance.

Gordon McDonald has resigned as Chair of the Regen group but will continue as a member. Sonya is willing to be Chair and proposes changing the format slightly which will require approval by the Forum at a future meeting.

9. Town House

£700 has been spent on an evacuation chair; this is a legal requirement and was highlighted in a report by Alex Burrell in 2010.

The heating in the building is set to be suitable for the books and archives in the Library.

The pane of glass in the lift needs replaced.

Some from Moray Council Estates will visit 20/06/19, Gordon Cowie will ask for a copy of their report.

10. Moray Area Forum

The last meeting was 27/05/19 on Moray Food Plus, integrated emergency services, Locality Management Group, restructuring Moray East/West, and Community Engagement Group.

The next meeting will be 26/08/19.

Chairperson's signature _____ Date _____

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11. Youth Matters

None

12. AOCB

A group of residents from Springfield estate visited to share with us their objections to an adjacent 11-home development, and to ask for help and advice. Gordon Cowie is waiting for further details about the planning application and both he and Gordon McDonald stressed that any objections put forward must be on planning grounds. The current Local Plan can be viewed in the Library. They can ask for a copy of the report once the objections phase has passed.

The next meeting will be 10th September 2019, 7pm in Buckie High School Community Lounge.

Further meeting dates:

12th November 2019

14th January 2020

10th March 2020

9th June 2020 (AGM)

Please note these are **Tuesday** evenings

Linda thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8:00pm.