

BUCKIE AREA FORUM  
MINUTES  
16 January 2019

Present: Linda McDonald (BAF), Emma Marandola (BAF), Leah Rossvoll (BAF), Gordon McDonald (BAF), Ann Mitchell (B&DCC), Neil Johnson (BHS), Christine Allan (BAF), Morag Stewart (BAF/ B&DCC)  
In attendance: Ian Todd (TMC), Cllr Theresa Coull, Cllr Gordon Cowie, Cllr Sonya Warren, Cllr Marc Macrae, Cllr Donald Gatt, Cllr Tim Eagle

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Chair Linda McDonald opened the meeting at 7:00pm, welcomed everyone and noted apologies for Iain Grieve (BAF), Gordon Morrison (SFRS), Neil Campbell (Police), Robert Lecamp (Portgordon Village Hall), Jo Farquhar (Buckie Festival) and Alistair Farquhar (Buckie Festival).

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting (21 November 2018) were proposed by Ann and seconded by Gordon with no amendments required.

**3. Matters arising from previous minutes**

Buckie Harbour Advisory Group - Cllr Cowie advised us of the next meeting dates: 06/03/19 (Buckie 5:30pm & Findochty 7pm), 20/03/19, 26/09/19

Toilets - There are no notices up to advise of library toilets' opening hours. Cllr Cowie has asked for the gate to be locked at night to stop trespassing and vandalism.

BABS coffee morning - There is no update as yet, Linda will see Anita.

Community minibus - Leah has collected 1100 P&J tokens for the community minibus, an excellent amount.

**4. Correspondence**

TSi Moray has a new website: [www.tsimoray.org.uk](http://www.tsimoray.org.uk)

**5. Treasurer Report**

Regen £7,578.42

BAF £9,032.41

Full report and spreadsheets from Iain were distributed.

Gordon queried the bill to Canary Dwarf on the Regen Account as this should be paid from the BAF Account. This was agreed and to be changed.

**6. Locality Planning - Buckie East**

Christine reported that things are quiet at the moment. Ian told us that an officer is working on the statistics from engagements taken with the local community and he has asked for a summary.

**7. [www.buckie.co](http://www.buckie.co)**

Most businesses are listed on the site and all are encouraged to participate. Facebook links to the site help boost visits.

**8. Bucks4Buckie**

Linda and Gordon met with Eilidh Webster and Hilda Puskas (Moray Council), following this meeting they approached Tesco to ask if the developer contribution money could be used for B4B and it can.

Planning is in the early stages; Moray Council asks that it is done by April.

£20,000 will be available (£15,000 Tesco and £5,000 Regen)

Morag, Christine and Linda will be involved as last time.

There is demand for Fishwives' Walk leaflets from Elgin library and this was arranged through internal Council deliveries.

**9. Town House**

There are some new lets. Gordon will meet the choir to arrange accommodation for them (they need storage space). Neil will see BHS cleaners to ask if any of them are interested in the hall keeper position.

Chairperson's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Moray Area Forum**

The next meeting is 21 January 2019. There is not much happening at the moment and Linda has not received minutes of the previous meeting.

**11. Youth Matters**

In 2018 five senior pupils won a national award for Local Area Planning; congratulations to them.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year pupils have been involved in the Place Standard process, Neil will give us feedback when the results are available.

**12. AOCB**

Moray Towns Partnership meetings are awkward for attending being at 4:30pm and, as there is no money budgeted for MTP, are unlikely to be well attended going forward.

Budget - meetings 23/01/19 and 27/02/19.

Local Plan update/ public meeting on funding - 12/02/19, Fishermen's Hall.

The 2018 HMIE inspectors were happy with local community planning, five will be returning w/c 11/03/19 to meet locals e.g. LOIP and Regen members.

There was a brief discussion about a huge pothole at the Oakwood outside Elgin, Cllr Cowie told us BEAR Scotland is responsible for that stretch of road.

Linda asked councillors if they wished to raise any other points, but they had nothing else to raise.

**The next meeting will be 20 March 2019, 7pm in Buckie High School Community Lounge.**

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