



# Milne's Neighbourhood Forum



## Minute of meeting held Tuesday 19 August 2014 in Lhanbryde Community Centre

### Present

Paul Ralph, Urquhart, Chairperson  
Anita Milne, Urquhart, Treasurer  
Gill Stewart, Lhanbryde  
Fiona Rolt, Lhanbryde, Minute Secretary  
Anne Speake, Kingston  
James Mackie, Garmouth  
Peter Bush, Mosstodloch  
John Fettes, Innes Community Council  
Liz Bodman, Teindland  
Lansana Bangura, Garmouth

### Apologies

Sandy Anderson  
Cllr Douglas Ross  
Ian Todd

### In Attendance

Item	Action
<b>1 Welcome and introductions</b> Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made round the table.	
<b>2 Apologies</b> These were noted as above.	
<b>3 Presentations from Ian Douglas, Local Access Officer and Michelle Gillibrand, Local Outdoor Access Forum</b> Unfortunately Fiona had been unable to secure attendance at the meeting by either Ian or Michelle. Jim was invited to give an outline of his idea for the Fisherman's Walk.  Jim explained that he had discovered that historically fishermen from Garmouth and Kingston used to walk along the coast to Lossiemouth to deliver their catch to the railway station for selling in Elgin and further afield. The wooden bridge over the Lossie, which is now in a shocking state of repair, was apparently built to make their passage safer, rather than have them wade across the river.  The Moray Coastal Trail which seems to take a similar route to that of the fishermen needs to be improved and promoted. Jim's idea is to promote this walk as the Fisherman's Walk and so promote both tourism and our local fishing heritage. It may also help to find funding to improve the bridge over the Lossie.  It was agreed that this was worthwhile project. Jim to source further research and Fiona to contact Ian Douglas with information.	<b>Jim Fiona</b>

4	<p><b>Minute of the previous meeting</b></p> <p>This was approved. Proposed Gill, seconded Anita.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>5.1 Transport Working Group. The Group had been working on the Transport Guide, which is currently in draft form. It is to be launched at the Transport Seminar to be held in Lhanbryde on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Stephen Cooper, who spoke at the last seminar, was very impressed with the work that had been done and would ensure that the guide was produced. It is hoped to get sponsorship for the guide and that it would be delivered to every home in Moray. Anita thought that this was a piece of work which showed the value of the Forums and the work that they do.</p> <p>5.2 Self-Directed Support. Fiona has raised this issue at both Moray Forum and Community Engagement Group meetings. It was agreed at the CEG that the Chair (Cllr Stewart Cree) would write to the authors of the questionnaire asking them what steps they had taken to ensure its accessibility.</p> <p>Ann explained that the Learning Disabilities Group and Enable are to meet in the next two months. Both groups are very concerned as to how the results from this questionnaire may affect people's financial arrangements.</p> <p>She also informed the meeting that assessments for SDS have sometimes been carried out without people's guardians being present. This has been raised with Moray Council who have apologised and promised not to do so again.</p> <p>5.3 Save Milne's High School campaign. Rhonda was not present to report on progress, however, it was noted that there is to be an Open Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> August in Lhanbryde Community Centre. It was agreed that MNF would support this new group with admin costs (room hire).</p>	
6	<p><b>Open Forum Meeting – 09 September 2014</b></p> <p>Suggestions for Open Forums to date are:- Equalities and Health and Social Care.</p> <p>As Moray is currently setting up a new structure to do with integrating Health and Social Care it was agreed that this should be the topic for the next Open Forum. Robin Paterson is to be approached to do a presentation. Invites to be sent out to various groups and organisations. It was agreed the venue should be Fochabers if it is available.</p>	Fiona
7	<p><b>Community Engagement</b></p> <p>Fiona explained the structure of the Community Engagement Group and where it fitted in with Community Planning and Area Forums. She went on to say that the Group was in the process of clarifying its remit but that it was clear that part of its function was to draw attention to the National Standards of Community Engagement and to encourage all parties to adhere to these standards.</p> <p>On that note, Anita informed the meeting that a local organisation had received a consultation questionnaire on the Moray Physical and Sensory Disability Strategy on 23 July, with a return date of 21 July! It was agreed that this should be raised at the Moray Forum and CEG.</p>	Fiona

8	<p><b>Around the table – Issues and concerns in your area</b></p> <p>No issues raised.</p>	
9	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member's attention was drawn to the advert for a volunteer for Lifeline and Telecare Services for the Fochabers area. This is also showing on tsiMoray's website and Lennox Community Council has placed it on their notice board.</li> <li>Leisure Review. The meeting for the Milne's area is on 23 September at Milne's High School. It was agreed that Jim should attend on behalf of MNF.</li> <li>Dr Gray's Hospital. Anita raised grave concerns about the future of the services to be provided at the hospital. It appears that many of the departments are short of staff and in some instances struggling to meet waiting time targets. Also it looks as if the Paediatric Ward will be operated on a daytime only basis. A member of Elgin South Forum has been in contact with Richard Carey of NHS Grampian with regard to these concerns. His response was that NHS Grampian is currently reviewing the provision of services on the A96 corridor.</li> </ul> <p>Anne thought that we should be campaigning against removal of services as well orchestrated campaigns have been proven to work. It was agreed that both Community Councils should be asked to support this.</p> <p>It was also agreed that we should write to Richard Carey to ask that someone attends a future meeting to explain what is happening to our hospital services. Cllr Ross has raised concerns about this issue so it would be useful to find out what response he has had.</p>	<p><b>Jim</b></p> <p><b>Paul</b></p>
10	<p><b>Date time and place of next meeting</b></p> <p>Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.00pm in Urquhart Parish Hall</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.