



Milne's Neighbourhood Forum



Minute of meeting held Tuesday 13 January 2015 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
 Liz Bodman, Teindland
 Lansana Bangura, Garmouth
 David Mackay, Garmouth
 Belinda Boyter, Kingston

Apologies

Sandy Anderson, Teindland
 Mike Reid, Fochabers
 John Fettes, Innes Community Council

In Attendance

Ian Todd, Community Support Manager, Moray Council

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>These were noted as above.</p>	
3	<p>Minute of the previous meeting</p> <p>Item 3. Inclusion: "It was also agreed to establish a working group to progress this initiative".</p> <p>With this addition the minute was approved. Proposed Jim and seconded Anne.</p> <p>Peter asked that in future the minutes be circulated in advance of the meeting and not just a few days beforehand. This was noted.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>4.1 Item 3. The Paths Working Group has been established and membership has grown with links being formed with other relevant organisations. The next meeting is to be held on 05 February in Garmouth.</p> <p>4.2 Item 5.1. The Transport Seminar was finally held on 29 November 2014. The delay was due to the time it took to produce the guide – everyone should have received their copy through the post. The seminar itself was very positive and feedback has also been positive. The Transport Steering Group met this morning and has started to look</p>	

	<p>at the way forward for the Group and what will be the next steps. Anita thanked David for raising this issue 3 years ago as this led to the Transport Seminars and Passenger Forums.</p> <p>Jim raised the issue of the No 10 being full and unable to pick up any more passengers. Anita informed him that this had been raised at the meeting this morning. The problem seems to be that there is a bottleneck in Huntly which means that a bigger bus cannot be used on this service. Moray Council's Transport Unit has raised it with both Stagecoach and Aberdeenshire Council to see if a solution can be found.</p> <p>Gill pointed out that changes to timetables also caused problems. This too had been raised as this morning's meeting. The Transport Steering Group were assured that Stagecoach were looking to establish a period of stability and timetables were less likely to be changed unless absolutely necessary.</p> <p>Anne raised the issue of people with disabilities finding it difficult to get up the steps. Kristian (Stagecoach Area Manager) had explained that there was a shortage of "low-liners" and they are finding it difficult to ensure that they have enough to meet the needs of the travelling public.</p> <p>Anita informed the meeting that there seemed to be a lack of understanding about the availability of the Dial M service. Chris Hall, Moray Council Transport Unit has offered to come out to speak to Forums and this may be an offer we wish to take up.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Anita tabled her report.</p> <p>This was approved. Proposed Anita and seconded Jim.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Financial Support for Community Councils, Community Associations and Area Forums.</p> <p>Ian explained that Councillors had been made aware of an issue of parity i.e. Area Forums and Community Councils were supported financially by the Moray Council but there was no support given to Community Associations. It had been agreed by the Council that these organisations should be consulted and so this paper had been prepared. The Moray Forum would be responding on behalf of the Area Forums so all comments will be included in their response.</p> <p>Anita thought that Area Forums should be allowed to financially support groups in their area, provided that the groups contribute to the Area Action Plan and Community Planning Partners strategic objectives.</p> <p>Ian explained that Forres Area Forum have agreed to spend a chunk of money to promote a community seminar to contribute to their Action Plan.</p> <p>Peter pointed out that the paper seemed to suggest that we would have to apply for the grant rather than it being awarded automatically. Anita thought that we should refute that – it just puts more work on already hard working and over-committed volunteers.</p> <p>Jim pointed out that Milne's Neighbourhood Forum was in the process of re-building and really need to promote itself more widely. Ian agreed that that was legitimate expenditure.</p> <p>David informed the meeting that Garmouth and Kingston Amenities has a small amount of money which can be allocated to groups. If all organisations worked together and in partnership then we could devise a way of supporting</p>	<p>Anita, Fiona</p>

	<p>groups in a cohesive way.</p> <p>Anita informed the meeting that there had been a suggestion that the funding be administered by tsiMoray. This was strongly rejected by the planning group as they thought that tsiMoray would take out administration costs which would ultimately reduce the amount of money available for allocation.</p> <p>Fiona reminded the meeting that an Area Action Plan will require to be drawn up. This will require input from the local community and community groups – requiring a considerable amount of funding if it is to be effective.</p> <p>Ian agreed to supply copies of Action Plans from other areas.</p>	<p>Ian</p>
7	<p>Integration of Health and Social Care</p> <p>Anita suggested that rather than trying to formulate a response to the consultation in this meeting that we agree to set up a short life working group to respond. This was agreed. Anita, Anne, Liz and Gill were asked/ volunteered to draw up the response from Milne’s Neighbourhood Forum. Liz was unable to get involved at this time.</p> <p>Anne pointed out that, as far as she knew, Enable had not seen this document or been informed about the consultation.</p> <p>It was agreed that the timescales for this consultation be raised at the Community Engagement Group.</p>	<p>Anita, Anne and Gill</p> <p>Fiona</p>
8	<p>Around the table – Issues and concerns in your area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim suggested that MNF should join SCVO if we were not already members. He felt that SCVO would be able to give a lot of practical support to an organisation such as the Forum. He also suggested that we need to “beef up” the constitution. He will put suggestions in writing and send to Chair and Secretary for inclusion at EGM. • David explained that he received a lot of information through the Neighbourhood Watch and would like to circulate Forum members for them to circulate to their contacts. This was agreed. • Jim raised the question of Data Protection and should we be registered? It costs £35.00 per annum. Peter supported this proposal. Fiona wondered if this was necessary as the Forum was established by the Moray Council and operated through the Community Planning Partnership. Ian will check this out. • Anne raised the issue of problems with the road at the side of her house and also water running through her garden. David suggested that he take on both issues. 	<p>Jim</p> <p>David</p> <p>Ian</p> <p>David</p>
9	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne passed on information about a conference in Edinburgh on Monday 02 February 2015 – “Public Sector Excellence in Scotland: Continuous Improvement and Best Practice” 	
10	<p>Date time and place of next meeting</p> <p>Extraordinary General Meeting – Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 7.00pm in The Institute, Fochabers (Venue to be confirmed).</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.20pm.</p>	