



Milne's Area Forum



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Forum*

Minute of meeting held Tuesday 10 March 2015 in Garmouth and Kingston Village Hall

Present

Paul Ralph, Urquhart, Chairperson
 Anita Milne, Urquhart, Treasurer
 Gill Stewart, Lhanbryde
 Fiona Rolt, Lhanbryde, Minute Secretary
 Anne Speake, Kingston
 James Mackie, Garmouth
 Liz Bodman, Teindland
 Lansana Bangura, Garmouth
 David Mackay, Garmouth
 Belinda Boyter, Kingston
 Mike Reid, Fochabers
 Sandy Anderson, Teindland
 John Fettes, Innes Community Council
 Fiona Mackie, Garmouth

Apologies

Cllr Douglas Ross, Moray Council
 Peter Bush, Mosstodloch

In Attendance

John Fensome

Item	Action
<p>1 Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the overcrowding – the main hall was in use by another group.</p>	
<p>2 Apologies</p> <p>These were noted as above.</p>	
<p>3 Minute of the previous meeting</p> <p>Paul asked if everyone was happy with the timings for circulation of minutes etc. Everyone agreed.</p> <p>The minutes were approved. Proposed Paul, seconded David.</p>	
<p>4 Matters Arising</p> <p>4.1 Item 8, point 1. Jim's suggestion to join SCVO had not been formally agreed at the previous meeting. This was now proposed by Jim and seconded by Anne and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>4.2 Item 8, point 3. Data protection registration. Paul suggested that the Council's data protection systems would suffice and agreed to investigate. Fiona reminded members that MAF comes under the Community Planning Partnership Board and was not a charitable organisation and that as long as we complied with the Data Protection Act there should be no issues.</p> <p>4.3 Item 8, point 4. Anne thanked David for his intervention – issues were now resolved.</p>	<p>Anita</p> <p>Paul</p>

5	<p>Constitution – Final document</p> <p>The finalised document has been circulated to members and no further alterations were required. Fiona will arrange for a “proper” copy to be printed for signing and once done will submit, via Ian, to the CPP Board for approval.</p> <p>Anita thanked Fiona for her work on the Constitution and to members for taking the time to read it through. Paul thanked everyone for their contributions.</p>	Fiona
6	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Anita tabled her report.</p> <p>Anita reminded members that the Forum was still able to give small grants to support start-up costs or with the administration costs of specific projects. However, this may change depending on the report to Policy and Resources on the Financial Support to Community Councils, Area Forums and Community Associations.</p> <p>She also pointed out that the development of the Forum’s Action Plan will require a reasonable amount of money if it is to be done properly.</p> <p>There were no questions on the report and it was approved. Proposed David, seconded Gill.</p>	
7	<p>Paths Working Group – verbal report</p> <p>Gareth Jenkins from Walk Jog Run Scotland attended the last meeting of the Group and had offered support for the project as far as he was able.</p> <p>An initial survey had been undertaken with 45 responses in total but that was done in fairly poor weather conditions. With better weather on its way we should get more responses and from a wider variety of users.</p> <p>Gill had received comments from dog walkers about the lack of “poo bins” at Inchbroom and also that the parking area required improvement.</p> <p>Paul agreed to check with Steve Williamson about the installation of poo bins. Belinda informed the meeting that she had asked for additional bins but was informed that the Council were not installing any more bins.</p> <p>Paul will also check with the Forestry Commission for their opinion on the “stick and flick” message.</p> <p>Interest in the project has been expressed by both Buckie and Lossiemouth Community Councils and Buckie Area Forum as they too are interested in or are currently undertaking development work on the Coastal Trail. With partnership working it would mean the development of the trail from Burghead through to Cullen. The Laich Coastal Trail Group has been formed with representatives from Burghead and Lossiemouth Community Councils and Hopeman Community Association. They wish to develop a tarred cycle route along their stretch of coastline.</p> <p>Members were informed that positive feedback has been received from everyone that has been spoken to – members of the public and relevant agencies/ organisations.</p>	<p>Paul</p> <p>Paul</p>
8(a)	<p>Additional Item</p> <p>Members were asked to agree to take an additional item at this point of the meeting – specifically the appointment of a Vice Chair as it had been agreed at the AGM that this post would be filled at a later date.</p> <p>Members agreed that this item should be taken at this point.</p> <p>Paul proposed Mike Reid for the position of Vice Chair. This was seconded by Belinda. There being no other nominations and with Mike’s agreement, he was duly</p>	

	elected as Vice Chair of Milne's Area Forum.	
8	<p>Around the table – Issues and concerns in your area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim informed the meeting that new allergen regulations had been put in place for those producing food. He was of the opinion that the NHS do not seem to recognise this and suggested that MAF could help to support people who have allergens get a better service from the NHS. <p>Anita informed the meeting that there was currently a survey being done by NHS Grampian for those on gluten free diets and urged everyone to spread the word.</p> <p>It was agreed to use the next Open Forum meeting for a presentation on the new food allergens and labelling regulations by Jim Harris from Environmental Health. Relevant groups to be invited from across the area also REAP and Community Foods Moray. This will be held on 14 April 2015 at 7.00pm in Lhanbryde Community Centre. Fiona will co-ordinate this event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anita suggested that Carnegie UK Trust may be a useful funding organisation for groups to investigate. David agreed, saying that the Garmouth Playing Field development had been supported by the Trust. John Fensome expressed his interest in the work the Forum was undertaking in the development of the Coastal Walk. He asked if the footpath between Garmouth and Kingston could also be included as, in his opinion, it was not safe. He pointed out that the route was used extensively, but the footpath could not be used causing problems for motorists as pedestrians had to use the road. <p>He also raised the issue of car parking on tight bends in Garmouth – he asked if double yellow lines could be painted to prevent this.</p> <p>David asked if he could respond to these points. This was agreed. David informed the meeting that the route between Garmouth and Kingston was designated as a country path and it was not possible to repair. However, he had been assured by the Roads Department that it will be scraped and built up again later in the year. He also pointed out that the Police do not recognise this route as a safety hazard.</p> <p>The meeting agreed, however, that letters of support from both the Forum and Innes Community Council to local Councillors would not be out of order. John agreed to raise this at the next Innes CC meeting.</p> <p>With regard to the request for double yellow lines on the tight bends, David thought that this was unlikely to happen as these markings require approval from the Scottish Government. Garmouth and Kingston Amenities Association had asked for a 20m.p.h. speed limit to be introduced but apparently this can't be done as there are no lamp posts to fix the signs to!!</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Fiona</p> <p>All</p> <p>Fiona</p> <p>John</p>
9	<p>Date time and place of next meeting</p> <p>Open Forum Meeting – Tuesday 14 April 2015 at 7.00pm in Lhanbryde Community Centre.</p> <p>Ordinary Forum Meeting – Tuesday 12 May 2015 at 7.00pm. Venue to be confirmed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Meeting closed at 8.05pm.</p>	