



## Milne's Area Forum



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### Minute of meeting held Tuesday 19 May 2015 in Lhanbryde Community Centre

**Present** Paul Ralph, Urquhart, Chairperson  
 Mike Reid, Fochabers, Vice Chair  
 Anita Milne, Urquhart, Treasurer  
 Sandy Anderson, Teindland  
 Lansana Bangura, Garmouth  
 Liz Bodman, Teindland  
 Gill Stewart, Lhanbryde

**Apologies** Fiona Rolt, Lhanbryde, Minute Secretary  
 John Fettes, Garmouth  
 Cllr Margo Howe, Moray Council  
 Fiona Mackie, Garmouth  
 Jim Mackie, Garmouth  
 Ian Todd, Community Support Manager, Moray Council

**In Attendance** Cllr Douglas Ross, Moray Council

Item	Action
<b>1 Welcome and introductions</b> Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.	
<b>2 Apologies</b> These were noted as above.	
<b>3 Minute of the previous meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Mike Reid and seconded by Gill Stewart.	
<b>4 Matters Arising</b> 4.1 Item 4.2 – Data Protection – The Chair confirmed that the Area Forums were covered by the Council's Data Protection policy. 4.2 Item 8 – Food Allergens – The open forum meeting held on 14 April at which James Harris of the Council's Environmental Health Department had given a presentation on this subject had been well attended, and well received. The presentation would be put on the Milne's Area Forum page of Your Moray.	FR
<b>5 Treasurer's Report</b> The Treasurer tabled her report. There were no questions on the report, which was, therefore, approved. Proposed by Gill Stewart and seconded by Mike Reid. The Treasurer tabled expenses sheets for anyone who wished to claim	

	<p>expenses for costs incurred on behalf of the Forum. She advised it was important that the Forum should have an indication of costs should it be necessary to submit a budget in future to the Council. Whilst very few currently claimed any expenses in order to make attendance at Forum meetings as equitable as possible it would be necessary to consider this as a cost heading in any budget.</p> <p>Another heading that would have to be considered was insurance. There was some confusion over whether Forums required their own individual insurance, as Community Councils are covered by the Council. Cllr Ross agreed to look into this before the Secretary speaks to Highland Council who has agreed to cover Forums through a scheme they run for voluntary and community organisations.</p>	DR
6	<p><b>Draft Developer Obligations Supplementary Guidance – Public Consultation</b></p> <p>The link to this consultation had been circulated on the agenda. It was agreed that it was important for the Forum to respond, particularly as they cover the Milne’s ASG area, and that in future development of community facilities would be, in the main, considered on an area wide basis.</p> <p>It was agreed that members should feed in any comments to the Chair by Friday 19 June in order to give him time to respond.</p>	All
7	<p><b>Financial Support Review for Community Councils, Area Forums and Community Associations</b></p> <p>It had now been confirmed that the status quo would remain in respect of funding for Community Councils and Area Forums for the financial year 2015/16. However, the Chief Executive of the Council had asked for a review to be conducted on the cost of community engagement both in terms of finance and time.</p> <p>A discussion ensued on the value that should be put on volunteers’ time, and it was agreed that this would vary according to individual input – whether it be through participation or skills and experience they contribute to the Forums, or other community organisations. It was agreed that all contributions should be recognised as having a value.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer should look at this issue and draft some guidelines for recording purposes.</p>	PR/FR/AM
8	<p><b>Moray Forum Transport Steering Group</b></p> <p>An update was provided on the work being undertaken by this Group.</p> <p>Lansana Bangura raised the problem some people were encountering with collecting repeat prescriptions due to lack of buses, and it was agreed that this matter would be raised at a future meeting of the Steering Group.</p>	FR/AM
9	<p><b>Paths Working Group</b></p> <p>The Chair gave an update on this Working Group. The next meeting was still to be arranged.</p> <p>One issue that had surfaced during the surveying work being undertaken by the group into the use of the Coastal Trail was the lack of bins for dumping dog poo. The Chair had followed this up with the Council and they will only provide bins if they are close to an existing refuse collection route due to budgetary constraints</p>	

10	<p><b>Area Action Plan</b></p> <p>It had been agreed that it was important to engage as widely as possible with the community on the priorities for the Milne's Area. The working group, therefore, wished to know the views of the Forum as to whether this should be done on an Area wide, or community basis. Cllr Ross advised he felt it should be done on an Area basis, and the Forum agreed with this.</p> <p>The Working Group to present proposals to the next Forum Meeting.</p>	Working Group
11	<p><b>Community Issues</b></p> <p>Rural Broadband – Liz Bodman raised her concerns over this issue and advised she had written to both the local MSP and MP on the subject. She asked whether this was something the Forum could support in trying to improve broadband, particularly in the more rural areas. The Chair agreed to write to both, and it was agreed that Liz would send him a copy of the letter she had sent.</p>	LB/PR
12	<p><b>Proposed Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>The proposed meeting dates through to May 2016 were tabled, and agreed.</p> <p>It was proposed that the next Open Meeting should be on the subject of recycling and also litter, and held in the latter part of September.</p>	FR
13	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair advised that Peter Bush had resigned as a member of the Area Forum as he had moved away from the area.</li> <li>• Health and Social Care Integration – Consultation – Whilst the Forum had responded to this consultation, there was no record of it in the papers that were presented to the Council. The matter had been raised with the Chair of the IJB at a meeting of the Moray Forum, and she had agreed to look into the issue.</li> </ul>	
14	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in Speymouth Hall.</p> <p>Liz Bodman tendered her apologies.</p>	