



Milne's Area Forum



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Forum*

Minute of meeting held Tuesday 07 July 2015 in Spey Bay Hall

Present

Mike Reid, Fochabers, Vice Chair
Anita Milne, Urquhart, Treasurer
Fiona Rolt, Lhanbryde, Minute Secretary
David Mackay, Garmouth
June Mackay, Garmouth
Jim Mackie, Garmouth
Fiona Mackie, Garmouth
Anne Speake, Kingston
Gill Stewart, Lhanbryde
Sandy Anderson, Teindland

Apologies

Paul Ralph, Urquhart, Chairperson
Lansana Bangura, Garmouth
Liz Bodman, Teindland
Ali Bruce, Police Scotland

In Attendance

Ian Todd, Community Support Manager, Moray Council

Item		Action
1	Welcome and introductions Mike Reid took the Chair in Paul's absence and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Apologies These were noted as above.	
3	Minute of the previous meeting Errata: Anne had submitted her apologies. With this correction the minute was approved. Proposed Gill, seconded Sandy.	
4	Matters Arising 4.1 Item 4.1 – Food Allergens. It was agreed that Fiona should circulate James Harris' presentation to all members. 4.2 Item 5 – Expenses forms etc. Mike reminded everyone to complete both the mileage forms and the volunteer hours sheets as even if not claiming reimbursement for mileage it is important to record what people are doing. This data can be used to argue for funding etc. 4.3 Item 6 - Developer Obligations. Mike attended a meeting on 17 June. He reported that the Moray Council want to know by the end of the year those areas of special interest. The idea is that the Council will eventually be able to put pressure on developers to get things fixed or if not they will fix and charge. 4.4 Item 11 - Rural Broadband. Paul has written to both MP and MSP. Not known if a response has been received. 4.5 Item 5 – Insurance. Anita reported that the Community Councils have	Fiona

	<p>their insurance contribution taken off before they receive their grant. The Area Forums have to make their own arrangements using the same scheme as the CCs through Highland Council. Jim proposed that we arrange insurance as soon as possible. This was seconded by David. Anita to organise.</p> <p>4.6 Item 7 – Financial Support to CCs etc. The guidelines for recording time and mileage to be drawn up and emailed out to everyone. Mileage to be calculated at 45p per mile, hours to be calculated at £10.00 per hour for basic volunteering and £25.00per hour for more specialised/ professional work.</p>	<p>Anita</p> <p>Fiona</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Anita circulated her report. One typo noted – 2015 not 2105. She informed the meeting that Moray Council will accept the Annual Financial Statement before the AGM but the accounts must have been independently examined before submission.</p> <p>The accounts were approved. Propose Mike, seconded David.</p>	
6	<p>Moray Forum Transport Steering Group - update</p> <p>Fiona reported on the work of the Group. She informed the meeting that the Council have been very supportive of the work that is being carried out through the Steering Group.</p> <p>Anita informed members that the Council are very willing to support any initiatives by community groups to use Council minibuses in the evening and at weekends.</p> <p>Anita and Fiona attended the Aberdeenshire Community Transport Forum which was very informative. Aberdeen University are developing a web-based data base to help inform the work of THINC and should mean that staff will be better informed to help people requiring information about transport to healthcare appointments.</p> <p>David pointed out that there was still a lack of connectivity between buses which resulted in long waits for connections.</p> <p>Jim raised an issue which although not about transport was related to the whole area of access to healthcare. It seems that there is a problem in the link between Fochabers Health Centre and the chemist in Lhanbryde particularly if emergency prescriptions are required. There also seems to be an issue in the length of time it takes for the dispensing chemist to get medicines from them being ordered (up to 1 week). It was agreed that this should be raised with Pam Gowans when Fiona and Anita arrange to meet with her re appointment times for Moray residents at ARI.</p> <p>Jim informed the meeting that the Scottish Rural Parliament have drafted an Action Plan which will be out for consultation. One of the themes is transport and developing an integrated transport system. The JCC have formed a sub-group to examine this document and it may be that it would be useful for a rep from the Steering Group to get involved in this group too.</p>	<p>Anita/ Fiona</p>
7	<p>MAF Paths Working Group - update</p> <p>The Working Group is meeting regularly and progressing the Fishermen's Walk idea between Kingston and Lossiemouth. The Engineers have been approached to help with the repairing of the bridge across the Lossie. David to pass information to Mike regarding history.</p> <p>Michelle Gillibrand (Moray LOAF) is interested in what we are proposing and will be called in to assist as and when required.</p>	<p>David</p>

	Anita mention that Paths for All have opened up their grant scheme for 2015 and it may be that we could get some money to progress this project.	
8	Area Action Plan – priorities for the Milne’s Area Forum, linking with Moray 2023 – A Plan for the Future Fiona apologised as this group had not yet met but will before the next meeting. Potential date 12 August at Lhanbryde.	
9	Around the table – issues/ concerns in your area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David reported that there had been 17 break-ins in 28 days in the area. The police are managing to progress some of these. David is trying to get wheelie bin stickers for every bin in Moray to alert people to this problem. Mike urged everyone to report anything untoward to David and to note time etc. Anita has received information about a unit to be built at the back of the industrial unit in Lhanbryde to house people with extremely challenging behaviour due to their severe autism/ learning disabilities. This is to replace the unit in Forbes which is old and not fit for purpose. An awareness evening is to be held in Lhanbryde on 21 July which was thought to be too soon to let people know. Anne thought that this location was one of the worst possible for this type of unit. It was generally agreed that the location would lead to the residents being more isolated and ostracised and would be difficult for them to access services. It was that both John Ferguson and Fiona McPherson be contacted to express the Forum’s opinion that the timescale for the awareness event was not appropriate for good community engagement. 	All members Anita/ Fiona
10	A.O.C.B. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Engagement Bill. This is now in statute. The Moray Forum heard a presentation by John Ferguson which was helpful. Fiona will circulate to members. Anne drew members attention to the proposal that the Council may look to opening “Special” Schools after spending time and resources to integrate these pupils into mainstream education. Enable are to try to find out what parents think of this proposal and she hopes to be able to report to the next meeting. Anita highlighted that the Moray Drug and Alcohol Partnership Strategy consultation has been extended to end of August. A representative from the Fire and Rescue Service would like to attend a future meeting. Fiona will liaise with her. David asked about MAF grants. Fiona explained that they were available to groups as small start-up grants or for specific projects but only in order to support the work of the Forum or to develop an aspect of the Action Plan. Anita will send him the forms. Jim asked if we were any further forward with the purchase of a laptop for the Forum. Fiona explained that she was happy to use her own laptop for the time being along with the portable hard drive already purchased. 	Fiona Anne Fiona Anita
11	Date, time and place of next meeting Tuesday, 08 September 2015 at 7.00pm in Garmouth Golf Club. Directions to venue: Drive into Garmouth and past the Village Hall. The wall of the park is on your left. At the end of the wall turn right onto a dirt track. Follow through to the club house. As you cross the first bridge, stop and check for golfers to your right. Door is at the far end of the building.	