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Minute of meeting held Tuesday 10 November 2015 in Lhanbryde Community Centre

Present

Paul Ralph, Urquhart, Chairperson
 Mike Reid, Fochabers, Vice Chair
 Anita Milne, Urquhart, Treasurer
 Fiona Rolt, Lhanbryde, Minute Secretary
 Liz Bodman, Teindland
 David Mackay, Garmouth
 Gill Stewart, Lhanbryde
 John Fettes, Garmouth
 Sandy Anderson, Teindland
 Jim Mackie, Garmouth
 Lansana Bangura, Garmouth

Apologies

Fiona Mackie, Garmouth
 Anne Speake, Kingston
 Ian Todd, Community Support Manager, Moray Council

In Attendance

John Fensome, Kingston
 Chris Fettes, Garmouth
 Winifred Linn, Kingston
 David Morrison, Lhanbryde

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Paul thanked everyone for staying on after the AGM to attend the Forum meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>These were noted as above.</p>	
3	<p>Minute of the previous meeting</p> <p>These were approved. Proposed Gill, seconded John.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matter arising.</p>	
9	<p>Around the table – issues/ concerns in your area</p> <p>As David Morrison had attended the meeting to discuss a particular issue it was agreed that Item 9 be taken now.</p> <p>David Morrison raised the proposed development of the Tennant Arms as a convenience store. He pointed out that although Lhanbryde was bypassed in the 1990s the congestion has not been relieved – it is almost as bad as before. The application is for the demolition of the building, which was an old coaching inn, and to build a new convenience store with parking for 16 cars.</p> <p>David questioned the need for another store directly opposite the one he runs, selling the same goods. Another location, perhaps replacing those shops that used to operate in the middle of the housing estate, would be more</p>	

	<p>acceptable.</p> <p>David pointed out that there are busy times when the stopping and through traffic is considerable and this is exacerbated by having two bus stops practically opposite. He went on to say that the entrance to the houses behind the shop often gets blocked. David also questioned the delivery access for the proposed shop – would this mean goods being off-loaded in the street?</p> <p>David added that the applicant also proposed installing an ATM and that these facilities added to the traffic problems as people tended to park right at the machine.</p> <p>And what about pedestrian safety when crossing the street from one shop to the others?</p> <p>Paul reported that he had checked the planning application and it was within permitted development so it was only necessary to notify the immediate neighbouring premises.</p> <p>Gill pointed out that the local plan was pushing the development of tourism so there was more need for a hotel or a B&B rather than a shop.</p> <p>David Mackay queried if it was a listed building but apparently it is not. Anita remembered that previous alterations to the building had to be undone as they were not in keeping with existing developments.</p> <p>David Morrison said that the narrowing of the street due to bus stops was already a problem without the addition of more traffic. He went on to say that there was no room for a stacking lane so queuing in the road to get into the car park would cause more problems.</p> <p>Winifred Linn commented that the new building was just a box and not at all in keeping with the surrounding buildings.</p> <p>There is also an issue of sustainability – can Lhanbryde support two stores?</p> <p>There is a petition for people to sign if they wish and Gill encouraged those who wished to comment to do so online.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Forum could write to the Council passing on the views of the meeting, but it was thought not appropriate for the Forum to oppose the proposed development.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>This was noted. Anita pointed out that this year's grant had not yet been received but should be issued shortly. Proposed David, seconded Jim.</p>	
6	<p>Moray Forum Transport Steering Group - update</p> <p>The next Moray Transport Seminar is to be held on Saturday 21 November 2015, 10 o'clock for 10.30am start. It is open to anyone who is interested and if you want to attend let Fiona know. The programme will include service developments since the last seminar. This seminar is being jointly funded by Stagecoach and HiTrans.</p> <p>Fiona explained that an application for a project worker was nearly finished and it is hoped that it will be ready in time for the December meeting of the Integration Fund Group.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lansana left the meeting 7.45pm.</p>	
7	<p>MAF Paths Working Group - update</p> <p>Jim explained that this was a work in progress and that the group were still doing the "spade" work. Anita added that although the Group were concentrating on the Fisherman's Walk they were also looking at other paths</p>	

	<p>in the Milne's area.</p> <p>Jim is keen to attend an event on funding being delivered by Paths for All on 19 November. This was approved and travelling expenses were agreed.</p>	
8	<p>Area Action Plan – priorities for the Milne's Area Forum, linking with Moray 2023 – A Plan for the Future</p> <p>Fiona explained that the proposed meetings for this were overtaken by other events being delivered by the Community Planning Partnership and she thought that people would not come out twice. It was agreed that the Group should reconsider the time scale and perhaps hold meetings in the New Year. Fiona will arrange a meeting of the sub-group before Christmas.</p>	Fiona
10	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>10.1 The Community Planning Partnership has produced a 10 year plan – Moray 2023. This is being consulted on at a series of meetings taking place this week and next week. These meetings will also be used to consult on the Integration of Health and Social Care. This consultation is an opportunity for the Partners to check that the priorities identified are still correct. The Milne's area meeting is on Tuesday 19 November at 7.00pm in Milne's High School and members are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>10.2 David Mackay informed the meeting that Garmouth Amenities Association is to operate a "pop-up" shop for 3 months to give the owner of the local shop time to find buyer who will keep the shop going. The worry was that if the shop closed it would never re-open again and another service would be lost to the people of Garmouth.</p> <p>10.3 Paul informed the meeting that he has deposited a copy of the Local Plan 2015 with Lhanbryde Community Centre to be held here for people to examine.</p> <p>10.4 Anita informed the meeting that Lhanbryde Community Challenge had launched their Community Library which is based in the Community Centre. The library will be open Monday to Thursday 10.00am to 2.00pm. The library is operated on a trust basis – all the books have been donated and borrowers are trusted to bring books back when they have finished with them.</p>	
11	<p>Date, time and place of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, 08 December 2015 at 7.00pm. Venue to be confirmed. Inchberry suggested. Subsequently venue was confirmed as Lhanbryde CC.</p> <p>Mike submitted his apologies in advance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Meeting finished at 8.05pm.</p>	