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Minute of meeting held Tuesday 26 January 2016 in Lhanbryde Community Centre

Present	Paul Ralph, Urquhart, Chairperson Anita Milne, Urquhart, Treasurer Fiona Rolt, Lhanbryde, Minute Secretary Gill Stewart, Lhanbryde James Mackie, Garmouth Liz Bodman, Teindland Anne Speake, Kingston Mike Reid, Fochabers, Vice Chair (from 7.35pm)
Apologies	Sandy Anderson, Teindland David Mackay, Garmouth Fiona Mackie, Garmouth Lansana Bangura, Garmouth John Fettes, Garmouth
In Attendance	Ian Todd, Community Support Manager, Moray Council

Item	Action
1 Welcome and introductions Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.	
2 Apologies These were noted as above.	
3 Input from Gordon Morrison. Gordon Morrison sent his apologies. Unfortunately last minute operational matters meant that he is unable to attend.	
4 Minute of the previous meeting These were approved. Proposed Anita, seconded Gill.	
5 Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Item 11.1 Development in Garmouth. It was confirmed that this will be raised at Innes CC meeting next week as it is more appropriate that the CC deal with this type of issues. 5.2 Item 4.1 Development of Tennant Arms. Paul confirmed that he has submitted comments regarding the potential traffic issues on behalf of the Forum. 5.3 Item 4.2 Garmouth Shop. This has now closed. The Amenities Association have circulated a questionnaire asking what residents want and if they will support another venture. Following this a public meeting is to be arranged. Sarah reported that she had yet to meet with Cllr Morton as he has been unavoidably unavailable. 	
6 Treasurer's Report Anita tabled her report. She informed the meeting that since the last report	

	<p>payments for hall rental, photocopying and an honorarium have been made. The report was approved. Proposed Jim, seconded Anne.</p>	
7	<p>Moray Forum Transport Steering Group</p> <p>Anita reported that a draft report of the recent Transport Seminar had been submitted to the last meeting of the Steering Group.</p> <p>Once again the time taken to travel from Garmouth to Fochabers for doctor's appointments was raised. Representatives from the Public Transport Unit of Moray Council explained that the Dial M service can be used to go direct from Garmouth to Fochabers. Chris Hall has offered to go to Garmouth and Kingston Amenities Association to explain how this service can be accessed. Anita will liaise with David Mackay to arrange this.</p> <p>At the last meeting of the Steering Group Craig Woodall, Area Manager for Stagecoach was in attendance and he hopes to be able to attend most meetings.</p> <p>Anita reported that she has been nominated by the Transport Unit of Moray Council to attend a new group being set up by Transport Scotland.</p>	Anita
8	<p>MAF Paths Working Group - update</p> <p>Jim reported that a number of members had spent the day going round the whole route to ensure that everyone knew the layout of the Coastal Trail.</p> <p>Anita reported that it would be worth looking into Development Grants from Cycling Scotland that had just become available to develop cycle routes.</p> <p>The next meeting of the group has yet to be arranged.</p>	
9	<p>Around the table – issues/concerns in your area</p> <p>9.1 Gill expressed her concern about the development of the Tennant Arms and is pleased that the Forum had put in a submission regarding the potential traffic problems. Anne echoed her concerns about the traffic.</p> <p>9.2 Ian explained that he had successfully applied to Scottish Government for £65,000 to be used to support rural development. This was matched funded by Economic Development and so a sum of £120,000 would be available to be allocated in a Participatory Budgeting exercise to support economic development (in its widest sense) in the rural areas of Moray.</p> <p>Anita stressed that this is very much a community led project and she is hoping that local people will get involved not only on the Steering Group but also in thinking about possible projects in their area.</p> <p>Ian directed members to You Tube if they wanted to find out more about Participatory Budgeting.</p> <p>9.3 Paul reported that the Review of Rural Groupings Supplementary Guidance had been received with responses required by 11 April. Copy to be left in Lhanbryde Community Centre for members to look at. Paul will review for next meeting as an agenda item. The Guidance is also available on the Council's website.</p>	Paul
10	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>10.1 Fiona drew members' attention to the proposals in England to pull together "blue light services" into a single integrated call centre. She was wondering if this could be a way forward to protect more local call centres which are under threat of closure. Paul will raise with Gordon Morrison. It was agreed that we would still like him to attend a future meeting.</p> <p>10.2 Anne raised the issue of evacuation procedures for wheelchair users in</p>	Paul

	<p>the Town Hall. Paul informed the meeting that he had been tasked with writing the procedure. He explained that due to the construction of the Town Hall the lift is not in a fire secure area and construction of a suitable area would cost thousands which the Council are not able to fund. He went on to say that the onus is on the group hiring the facility to ensure they could evacuate their wheelchair users safely and timeously.</p> <p>10.3 Jim reported an interesting statistic – the percentage of the population diagnosed with MS increases as you move further north. This will have implications for Moray.</p> <p>10.4 Jim reported that Innes CC have written to the Scottish Government re noxious weeds. The response they have received is that there is provision for enforcement but they don't!!</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Date, time and place of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 15th March 2016, 7.00pm in Inchberry?? Fiona explained that she had tried to book Inchberry for this meeting but had not received a response.</p> <p>The next Paths Group meeting was arranged for Tuesday 09 February at 7.00pm in Urquhart Parish Hall.</p> <p>Meeting finished at 8.15pm with thanks to all and the Chair.</p>	

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