



Milne's Area Forum



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Forum*

Minute of meeting held Tuesday 09 August 2016 in Urquhart Parish Hall

Present

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

Apologies

Anne Speake, Kingston

In Attendance

Ian Todd, Community Support Unit Manager Moray Council

Item		Action
1	Welcome Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.	
2	Apologies These were noted as above.	
3	Minute of the previous meeting Liz pointed out that the NB at the end of Item 12 was not part of the discussion at the meeting and therefore should not be included in the minute. It was agreed to delete this note from the minute. With that amendment the minute was approved. Proposed David, seconded Anita.	
4	Matters Arising 4.1 Item 4.1 Development of the Tennant Arms. It was reported that the public meeting was adjourned due to a technicality. It will be reconvened at a future date. 4.2 Item 4.4 Paul has yet to contact Gordon Morrison. Fiona will take on this task. 4.3 Item 10.2 Garmouth and Kingston Heritage Trust. David reported that the Trust was experiencing problems with the Heritage Lottery moving the goalposts with regard to what they will fund. However, the group are planning a series of heritage walks using volunteers. He went on to say that it was a healthy work in progress.	Fiona
5	Treasurer's Report Anita apologised for the late circulation of the annual statement. She also circulated the Treasurer's Report. Anita confirmed that she maintains a	

	<p>separate spreadsheet for the Money for Moray grant.</p> <p>Both statement and report were noted. Proposed Jim, seconded Mike.</p>	
6	<p>Money for Moray – Saturday Bus Club</p> <p>Paul reported that discussions are ongoing with BABS regarding the provision of the service. It is hoped to have the service up and running as soon as the agreements etc., including operator's licences are signed.</p> <p>Times will be reviewed after 3 months to ensure they are meeting needs.</p>	
7	<p>Open Meeting – 25 August 2016</p> <p>Fiona reported that the venue was now Urquhart as Inchberry was not available.</p> <p>Fiona asked that information be circulated as widely as possible as the success or failure of the meeting depends on the information getting out to a wide audience. She added that she hoped there would be a good turn-out.</p>	All members
8	<p>Moray Forum Transport Steering Group</p> <p>Anita reported that the invitations for the upcoming Moray Transport Seminar are now being delivered and speakers have been confirmed. If members wish to attend she will need to know as soon as possible as she has to confirm numbers for lunch.</p> <p>She reported that the Steering Group continues to work well and demonstrates excellent partnership working between transport providers.</p>	All members
9	<p>MAF Paths Working Group - update</p> <p>The working group met a couple of weeks ago. Letters have been sent to the appropriate land owners requesting permission to carry out work on the path. One positive response has been received so far.</p> <p>Details have now been finalised for the Paths for All funding seminar. It will be held on 02 September in Lhanbryde Community Centre. A poster has been produced and widely circulated. Booking is available on line.</p>	
10	<p>Around the table – issues/concerns in your area</p> <p>10.1 Gill informed members that Lhanbryde Community Challenge is holding a fundraising event in the shape of an ABBA tribute night on 18 November. Tickets will be on sale shortly.</p> <p>10.2 David reported that Garmouth will be the venue for the lunch break for the Long Cycle run from Aberdeen to Inverness on 28 August. They are expecting 600 plus cyclists.</p> <p>10.3 Jim had heard that Moray Council were proposing to cut back on the provision of classroom assistants and expressed concern about the impact this would have on the support available to additional needs pupils. Could this be a topic for a future open meeting?</p> <p>10.4 David raised the issue of appointed guardians which seemed to be being proceeded with in some schools in spite of changes to this proposal by Scottish Government.</p> <p>10.5 Jim also raised the issue of an 11 year old child who made a statement in class which was then followed up by Social Work and the Police without the parents' knowledge.</p> <p>It was agreed that the above three issues were of concern and should be explored in more detail. Paul said that there was a policeman in the village who was part of the Child Protection Unit. Perhaps he would be prepared to come along to a meeting? Paul will follow this up.</p> <p>Paul will also investigate who would be the appropriate person in Moray Council to attend an open meeting to discuss these issues.</p> <p>10.6 Anita reported that Lhanbryde Community Centre was vandalised</p>	<p>Paul</p> <p>Paul</p>

	during the holidays. This was duly noted by the local Neighbourhood Watch representative!	
11	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>11.1 Liz expressed concern that a number of MAF meetings have been cancelled and dates re-arranged at short notice. Paul agreed that this was not good practice and asked that members submit apologies, giving as much notice as possible. The dates have been set and it was agreed that meetings will go ahead unless it was clear that there would be no quorum.</p> <p>11.2 Planning for Real. A Working Group has been formed to take this project forward. The group is being supported by Sarah Crowe from the Community Support Unit. The agreed area is Lhanbryde and Urquhart and the area immediately around these two settlements. The group are in the process of building the model based on the maps provided by Moray Council.</p> <p>Paul thought that this initiative was very positive and would be good for other communities to come up with their ideas for improvements for and in their communities. He thought the process would suit Garmouth/ Kingston and Fochabers.</p> <p>A number of communities in Moray have either completed or are undertaking Planning for Real projects.</p> <p>Ian explained that a key outcome of Planning for Real is to write an Action Plan which identifies the issues and the actions required to take these forward – how they are to be fulfilled and who will make this happen; what funding is required and where this can be found. The plan also builds in a 3 and 6 month review and who is responsible for that. PforR brings in local people to work in partnership with each other, other organisations and statutory agencies.</p> <p>11.3 Jim reported that Innes Community Council are meeting with the Practice Manager from the Fochabers Practice with a view to setting up a Patient Participation Group.</p> <p>11.4 Anita reported that, through the Moray Dial-a-Bus service, it is hoped to start up an on demand service from the Garmouth/ Kingston area to Fochabers to help people get to appointments on time. This service should be available from mid-August, but will not run during term time.</p>	
12	<p>Date, time and place of next meeting</p> <p>Open meeting – 25 August 2016 at 7.00pm in Urquhart Parish Hall</p> <p>Forum meeting – Tuesday 11 October 2016 at 7.00pm, Garmouth Golf Club. David to arrange and confirm with Fiona. Jim and Lansana submitted their apologies for this meeting.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.10pm</p>	

Future meeting dates:-

25 August 2016 – Open Meeting, Urquhart Parish Hall

11 October 2016

22 November 2016 - AGM

17 January 2017

14 March 2017

09 May 2017