



Speyside Area Forum

Annual Report
Year ended 30th April, 2017

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October, 2016



Speyside Area Forum

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Chairman's Report Year ended 30th April 2017

The Speyside Area Forum is the only organisation which is recognised by the Moray Community Planning Partnership as operating across the entire Speyside ASG area and our membership currently comprises elected representatives from local community groups and associations.

One of the key objectives of Area Forums is to “support the implementation of strategic issues (priorities)..... included within the Moray 2026 Plan”. During the last 12 months, Speyside Area Forum has played an active role in addressing the 5 priorities listed in the 2026 Plan.

The top priority identified for Moray was the requirement for a “growing, diverse and sustainable economy.” The Moray Growth Deal bid was launched this year. Representatives from the Forum attended briefings and provided verbal updates to Forum members at our meetings. Members were also encouraged to ensure that residents within their individual communities completed the on-line survey.

The Forum also considered ways of trying to increase Speyside's presence at Expo in 2017 however given the limited timescales available it proved difficult to obtain agreement amongst the four local visitor centres. The Forum continues to look to offer support to local organisations tasked with promoting the area.

Unfortunately, 2017 saw the closure of the last 2 remaining banks in Speyside which may have an impact on our local economy. The Forum, on behalf of local businesses and residents, lobbied the banks directly, contacted the local MP/MSP's and also launched a petition opposing the closure of the Clydesdale Bank in Aberlour. Discussions also took place about the provision of mobile banking across the area. The Undiscovered Speyside website, commissioned and maintained by the Forum, continues to support tourism in our area. To date, over 18000 people have been recorded as visiting the website from all corners of the globe including USA/Canada, New Zealand and even Bangladesh.

The Forum has continued to provide support to the Moray Transport Forum and this year has seen the introduction of additional bus routes in Speyside which is of benefit not only to residents but also to tourists.

The “health and well-being of our citizens” is another priority for Moray but it is difficult for the Forum to directly address this aspect of the 2026 Plan. However we did liaise with Moray Health & Care Partnership and as a result a series of Vintage Teas were held in Speyside. Forum members also received a brief introduction into a course designed to help identify vulnerable people in communities.

The Speyside Area Forum has 2 representatives on the Money for Moray Participatory Budgeting team. To date this working group has delivered £120k of funding for projects which have provided economic benefit to the rural areas of Moray as well as £40k for projects which aimed to tackle social isolation. In the last 18 months, successful applicants from within the Forum catchment area have received monies totalling in excess of £35,000 as a result of this funding. The Money for Moray team are currently working on the delivery of 2 new areas of funding – economic benefit as well as the health/well being of residents in Moray. The Speyside Forum also continues to play an active role within the Moray Forum.

The Forum continues to act as “a means and reference point for consultation by Community Planning Partners.” The most recent consultations include the proposed mothballing of Inveravon School and the Moray Growth Deal. Forum members are also informed about engagement at a National level e.g. Community Empowerment and Common Good Property as well as Proposed changes to UK Parliament constituency boundaries.

The three Speyside/Glenlivet Councillors did not seek re-election in May 2017. The Forum therefore decided to hold a Hustings event and all residents from across the entire Ward, not just the ASG, were invited to attend, listen to the candidates and to participate in a question and answer session. The event was well attended and the Forum was congratulated on a well-run and informative event.

I would like to conclude this report by thanking my fellow Office Bearers and the members of the Forum for all the hard work you have put in over the last 12 months. It is quite a challenge to try and understand the workings of the Community Planning Partnership let alone all the plans and strategies they produce. However, it is also very easy to lose sight of what we, as a Forum, have actually achieved for Speyside and the contribution we have made in helping deliver the Moray 2026 Plan

Sandy Henderson
Chairman

September, 2017

Independent Examiner's Report on Accounts

Speyside Area Forum

Year ended 30 April 2017

It is recognised that Speyside Area Forum does not have Charitable status but my examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the Accounting Records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an Audit Opinion on the Accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a) To keep Accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - b) To prepare Accounts which accord with the Accounting Records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached

Signed:

Date:

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Speyside Area Forum

Treasurer's Report Year Ended 30th April, 2017

Our only source of Income is the Annual Grant from The Moray Council. The Grant for 2017 was £1269.00 an increase of £59.00 on 2016.

There has been suggestion that this Grant support may be under threat but we can only wait and see.

Overall, we have a Surplus of £675.46 for the year. It was agreed, during the year, that the Forum would fund a Speyside Seminar on Tourism and we await advices from Moray Speyside Tourism

We finished the Year with liquid funds of £3,539.00

Hugh R Fraser
Treasurer

June, 2017



Speyside Area Forum

Trustees Report Year ended 30th April, 2015

The Forum was established by formal Constitution dated 27th August, 2007.

The Objectives of the Forum are:

- a) To identify and support the implementation of the strategic issues to be addressed by The Moray Community Planning Partnership (MCP) and included within the Moray Community Plan (MCP).
- b) To engage with all the sectors of the Community across the area to establish the key issues and concerns of local people.
- c) To bring together the main community organisations and local residents in the locality to work in partnership.
- d) To identify local priorities and contribute to the production of a Speyside Area Action Plan
- e) To invite existing community groups or newly formed groups to take responsibility for addressing particular actions within Speyside Area Action Plan.
- f) To ensure local people are informed about the development of the Forum and progress with the Forum Action Plan.
- g) To provide a means and reference point for consultation by Community Planning Partners.

Membership of the Forum is constituted by representatives from the Community Organisations within the Forum area. These are Aberlour Community Association, Archiestown Village Council, Cabrach Community Association, Carron Community Association, Craigellachie Village Council, Dufftown and District Community Association, Edinville Community Hall Council, Glenlivet and Inveravon Community Association, Glenrinn Community Centre, Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association, Knockando Community Association and Rothes Council.

Meetings are held every six weeks, or as circumstances dictate, and are attended by Elected Members for the Ward, a representative from Grampian Police, if available, and other Local Authority representative for specific issues.

The current Office Bearers are:

Chairman:	Sandy Henderson, Aberlour Community Association
Vice Chairman:	Bill Burgess, Carron Community Association
Secretary:	Fiona Toovey, Glenlivet and Inveravon Community Association
Treasurer:	Hugh Fraser, Aberlour Community Association.

The position of Secretary is by Honorarium with the other appointments being by election at the Annual General Meeting.

The source of funding is by Grant from The Moray Council. The Forum has no Fixed Assets.

A Web Page is established named Undiscovered Speyside for the purpose of promoting and marketing Speyside.

Administration Costs of £450 were incurred during the year for Secretary's Honorarium.

Hugh R Fraser
Treasurer

October, 2017



Speyside Area Forum

Financial Statement

Year ended 30th April, 2017

Income	2017	2016
Funding Grant - The Moray Council	£1,269.00	£1,210.00
Bank Interest	£1.82	£1.36
Anon Donation for Speyside Visitor Centre		
<i>Total Income for the Year</i>	£1,270.82	£1,211.36
Expenditure		
Cost of Meetings	£200.00	£450.00
Honorarium	£200.00	£450.00
Secretarial Expenses		
Postages & Stationery		
Travel Expenses	£55.10	£173.70
Speyside Transport Consultation		£248.00
Web Expenses	£140.26	£109.19
The Moray Forum		£200.00
<i>Total Expenditure for the Year</i>	£595.36	£1,630.89
<i>Surplus / Deficit for the Year</i>	£675.46	-£219.53
Financial Reconciliation		
Balance Brought Forward	£2,863.54	£3,083.07

Surplus / Deficit for the Year	£675.46	-£219.53
Closing Balance	£3,539.00	£2,863.54

General Bank Balance as at 30th April **£3,539.00** **£3,083.07**

Treasurer : _____ Date: _____

Chairman : _____ Date: _____

Examiner: _____ Date: _____