



Speyside Area Forum www.undiscoveredspeyside.org

Tuesday, 6 June, 2017
Craigellachie Hall
7-30 pm

MINUTES

Participants : Sandy Henderson, Ian Todd, Jean Grimshaw, Jenny Hershell, Patricia Grant, Andrea Fuller, PC Craig Dammer, Bruce Milne, Walter Wilson, Derek Ross, Louise Laing, George McKenzie, Charlie Alexander, Bill Burgess, Margaret Grant, Brenda Cooper (Craigellachie), Jean Tweedie, Hugh Fraser, Andy Cherry, Anne Griffan, Greg Saraf

1. Welcome and Apologies
 - Pearl Paul,

2. Presentation by Ann Griffin, NHS - Vintage Teas

Anne explained vintage teas for +60s & providing advice/health/welfare etc. Presentation, and tescos/coop support, - highlight community assets and any issues. Report done for priorities from that meeting and feed back to Anne McKenzie – works for health & social care for Moray. Areas are Buckie, Forres, Fochabers Keith, Speyside, Elgin, Lossie. Did Dufftown and Tomintoul. Speyside one is at Aberlour on 15 June – almost at capacity re info stands. Lots of clubs attending. If transport required dial in and possibly can be arranged. No bookings Knockando/Archiestown yet but all are invited. Draft programme to be circulated. Aim is to keep staff connected and not isolated. Forum possibly to provide transport if required. Jean to get posters for Rothes as not sure if circulated. In NHS social media, will be in Northern Scot. To distribute to Toulmor & Thistledown, Spierans, Add to Whats on in Northern Scot, Inside Moray Margaret Cowie Health & Welfare officer has highlighted individuals who have issues in area. Sheltered housings. Knockando church. Once report done if any issues a community meeting will be arranged for the local area. Next week is carers week – seminar 14 June in Elgin town hall for informal carers.

3. Minute of previous Meeting for approval – 7 February, 2017
Proposed Andrea, Approved Hugh

4. Matters Arising

Hugh circulated Clydesdale bank letter re petition & response. Hugh had meeting today re getting ATM reinstated. Bank building is up for lease. Will need planning consent to get it reinstated. HLF application unsuccessful.

5. Police Matters

Getting incidents of note. 2 driving without insurance or crash helmet. Hugh confirmed it is still happening. Hugh called police had been on roof of visitors centre. Damage to toilets at trainstation visitors centre – damage of £800, giving attention. 60yo was drunk, 20 yr old driving motor cycle Tomintoul B9008 no insurance.

Hugh overtaken by car on High St Aberlour, general speeding issue – will mention to speed officers. Smiley faces say should put up occasionally – does make you think what the car behind is thinking.

Fire – if any q's

Staff availability good – Rothes 1 short, Tomintoul ok, Dufftown good, Aberlour ok – no concerns. No stats re alarmed areas in local area. Doesn't seem to be wilful fires. Target of 1000 fire surveys, did over 1800 in Moray – fitting smoke detectors – best route to reduce fatalities. Area is changing/ ageing demographic. Attending community meetings and assisting with slips/trips and falls. Great if can get support of CPR free training. In Elgin have just gone live with out of hours support. Happy to get our assistance to raise awareness etc. George asked if go to schools to raise awareness of starting fires and risk in wood. Used to be in curriculum but changed and now head teachers are responsible – do a cat (community action team) team and will discuss at Moray community safety hub – education present, sometimes the local crews go out – needs addressed early to nip in bud. Is a fire reach programme for problem kids to divert them away and thus reduce anti-social behaviour. George mentioned they are taking the paper out of waste paper bin.

6. Community Engagement Group Development Day – update

Andrea added is good to get fire and police here

Andrea attended as Federation rep when Agenda can't go. 3.5h mtg today. Karen Delaney assist with support for learning opportunities to go through life and asked how her role and life long learning forum fitted into community engagement group.

Presentation from Tracy Jervais (NHS and health and social care) – asked for permission to set up an engagement network for speaking to communities and NHS would put money into.

Reporting structure and complying with themes and community planning partnership and roles with area forums and role we do. Was request for continued funding of forums.

Community Planning Officers Group (CPOG) – sit between CEG group and Planning Board. We had concerns that the decisions of CEG were getting made by another body. All agreed we can all work together but our voice needs heard above the CEG. Discussion re whether those at top wish to hear what we're saying. Basically all agree that communities need to highlight what communities need and can't be stopped. Council doesn't have money and so all agreed something needs to be done. George Alexander attended and there will be 3 more elected members on the group. Structure of CEG members needs looked at – only a few members from communities. CEG, Community Planning Board, and officers group - loip (local outcome improvement plan) – Patricia asked not to use acronyms without

Community planning partnership needs to prioritise services – the CEG chair is the Moray forum rep.

7. Money for Moray – update

18 individuals – federation/forum/CCs participator budgeting – given pot of money and local people decide where the money to be allocated rather than councils. Have distributed 120k funding from Scottish Govt and Moray council. This economic development fund is for rural areas and there was for 34k to Speyside. 40k of social isolation fund and Speyside also got some. Meeting on June 15 (vintage day) hoping for further 60k – hopeful to go to Money for Moray. Would like you to advertise fact that received this money.

8. "Knowing Who, Knowing How" - update/the way forward

Karen Delaney asked us to mention – from community development plan. Is about community safety and would like to pilot a community safety training session in area. So can identify where something isn't quite right – eg recognising what isn't right and knowing what agency to go to (eg child protection, elderly person wandering). Where would we want to hold it and if interested in helping. If council property could we use a hall. Are we happy to run with, and where.

Anne added on – suggested getting all to be dementia friends – free training session available through Alzheimer Scotland. Forum agreed we were in favour. To confirm the venue to Andrea. Fire suggested services/venue available if needed.

9. "A Councillor's view - one month in" – update from Speyside Councillors

Derek – steep learning curve. Moray council did induction – valuable. Administration formed between Conservatives and 6 independents. One councillor resigned 2d later. Derek will serve on

audit and scrutiny committee, Children and young peoples committee, communities (housing) and planning. Has attended youth employment conference, shaping influential third sector, moray fed halls mtg, and various council mtgs. Highlighted attended foster carers event and achievements of some of supported children. Has found out what so many voluntary staff have been doing for communities. So far working well with others councillors.

Walter – knew would be hard work. Lot of paperwork, chair of police and fire committee, planning, local review body, economic development and infrastructure, policy resources, community planning board, CNPA rep, moray leisure. Will need to be a full time councillor – not possible part time. Had a little community engagement so far.

Louise – planning board, licencing board, children & young people, CEG, communities, housing appointments. Struggling with technology. Diary filling up. Assisting constituents.

10. Community Issues and Update from Community Groups

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Hugh asked are we getting a grant from council. Public liability insurance is in place £107.

Aberlour – main issue is Alice Littler park 2012 toxic law 175 yrs or more, tenant gets ownership of asset. Unless tenant opts out of the act, which moray council has not done. Policy and resources committee said they would look at all land with a view to selling off for housing development. On 17 May Stephen Cooper called Hugh and said the park is now owned by the council. He emailed a letter to Aberlour CA – it should have gone to the memorial fund that owns the land. Tenant doesn't have to tell the owner with the legislation. For the council to opt out it needs to go to a full council meeting. Hugh has contacted Douglas ross and he will write to [roddy burns] 0 we're depending on you to tell us when next full council meeting will be. All 3 councillors have communicated with hugh. Stephen is offering to come to Aberlour to meet Hugh to discuss the concerns and will talk about how council will mitigate against these concerns. Took 18m for the council to tell. Land was protected as public park and leased to council in perpetuity.

Hugh mentioned Moray had lost land because of this law.

Littler Trust needs to arrange a meeting with Stephen Cooper. Our councillors are happy to opt out if they get a change to opt out. End Sept next full meeting.

Council stopped supplying dog mess bags - £14m cuts due by next April. Paying £7k per year. Folk are happy to pay for them.

Bins for events - £30 for community event. Highland games is not classed – Louise will investigate. Bike event too.

11. Treasurer's Report

Circulated by Hugh. Fewer meetings last year and had transport consultation previous year Transport down last year. Concern if not spending the money raised by Hugh. Now Forums getting higher profile and so partnership agencies will be looking for us to provide more. Nurture through Sport cash is using our bank. Deposits for sailing fund paid.

Approved – Bill Burgess, Seconded -Patricia

12. Any Other Business

Query re ownership of Victoria Bridge Aberlour – we were asked to take over but we said no. We're not sure who took it on. Aberlour distillery showed interest but not heard further. Colin Whittle of R&R Urquhart is going to put syndicate to Chivas.

13. Date and Venue of Next meeting - 15 August, Carron hall