



Speyside Area Forum

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Meeting
Tuesday, 5th June 2018
Glenlivet Hall, 7.30 p.m.

1. Welcome

Present: Sandy Henderson, Chair (Friends of Fleming Hospital), Andrea Fuller, Vice Chair (Edinville), Margaret Grant (Edinville), Jean Grimshaw (Rothes), Pearl Paul (Rothes), Fiona Toovey (Glenlivet), Ken Fraser (Craigellachie), Bunty Campbell (Glenrinn), Jenny Herschell (Tomintoul), Patricia Grant (Tomintoul)

In attendance: Cllr Ross, Ian Todd (Moray Council)

2. Apologies

Hugh Fraser (Aberlour Community Association), George Mackenzie (Aberlour Community Association), Tricia Lawson (Glenlivet), Jim Hart (Archiestown), Andy Cherry (Rothes), Brenda Cooper (Craigellachie), Jane Tweedie (Craigellachie), Cllr.Laing

3. Minutes of previous meetings

Proposed: Jean Grimshaw, Seconded Margaret Grant Approved.

4. Matters Arising

- Application to Transport Scotland Low Carbon Travel & Transport Programme (European Regional Development Fund 2014-2020) - decision on funding imminent.
- GDPR – Andrea has previously circulated some information. MFCHA awaiting professional advice from Ordered Co. Further advice to follow.
- Speyside CC – Andrea had discussed membership with the Chair of the CC. It was agreed that the best way forward was for the SAF and SCC to “touch base” on a regular basis and not to become members of each other’s committee. A meeting on transport within Speyside had already taken place.
- Community contact details for Scottish Government – Andrea had still not received contact details from Aberlour, Rothes, Dufftown, Cabrach, Tomintoul and Glenrinn.

5. Police Matters

Representatives from Police Scotland were not in attendance. June report to be distributed. It was noted that CCTV in Aberlour appears to have had the desired effect on vandalism although anti-social behaviour is still evident. There is a growth in “drug problems” in Aberlour – Police aware. Parents parking on zig-zag lines outside Rothes Primary School still an ongoing issue.

6. Budget Issues

Toilets:

Aberlour & Craigellachie: Aberlour has written to Moray Council but no response received. Funding for 2018/19 allocated to the communities. Ken to check if Craigellachie wrote to MC and required support from SAF – **Update: no letter will be issued; noted.**

School Crossing Patrols

Moray Council will withdraw this service in Aberlour at end of school summer term. Aberlour have raised issue with Richard Lochhead. Letter from Moray Council not received – Cllr Ross to follow up. **Actioned.** Statistics on road usage etc required.

Other

Tomintoul reported that there are no bins for plastic items in The Square. Cllr Ross agreed to look into this – **Actioned, bins to be placed within The Square.**

7. Treasurer’s Report

Year end statement as at 30th April 2018 previously distributed.

Monies being held on behalf of Nurture Through Sport should hopefully be allocated/no longer held by SAF by the Summer. Financial Statement and report: Proposed: Patricia Grant Seconded Pearl Paul.

8. Transport

- a) Andrea advised letter will be issued to Speyside Car Share Scheme inviting them to attend Moray Transport Forum meetings – Andrea to obtain copy of letter/find out who letter was addressed to
- b) No. 36 bus – no response from Stagecoach to Hugh Fraser’s letter. Nicola Moss (Moray Council Transportation Manager) is meeting with them and will raise concerns relating to Sunday service. SAF were concerned about lack of publicity relating to the introduction of this service and what effect this would have on its financial viability.
- c) Dial M – It was felt that at times the provision of this service was restricted due to the availability of the bus and/or drivers at certain periods of the day/week. Andrea agreed to check if somebody can travel on a Dial M bus if it has already been booked by somebody else who is travelling in the same direction. SAF felt that promotion/publicity of the Dial M service needs to be reviewed/improved. Andrea advised that Moray Council are reviewing the “zoning” of the Dial M service.
- d) Andrea (Transport representative for Speyside) gave an update of a meeting she had arranged with Sandy Henderson, Hugh Fraser (SAF), Marion Ross (SCC), Anne Hodge (Dufftown & District CC), Jim Hart (Archiestown) and Ian Gibb (Inchberry) – aim of the meeting was to consider transport needs/concerns across the Speyside area. Update to be provided at next SAF meeting.
- e) Moray Transport Forum seminar – Saturday 22nd September – Lhanbryde
- f) Moray Car Share Scheme – letter of support had been issued by SAF in connection with an application to LEADER for 1 x electric car and 2 x electric bikes to operate from Aberlour (application ties in with application by Moray Council to Transport Scotland).
- g) Pearl mentioned that Frank Burns, Manager Rothes Combination Distillers, was keen to look at how residual heat could be used in connection with electric cars in Rothes.

9. Update from Councillors

Cllr Ross provided an update on the situation regarding Moray Council and its councillors. He explained the background to the Moray Alliance Group. It was noted that Cllr Wilson does not appear to be active in his representation of the Speyside ward/attendance at Council meetings – SAF members agreed to obtain feedback from their respective communities and to provide an update at the next Forum meeting.

10. Tourism

- a) Speyside Visitor Centre: 1,182 visitors in May, just over 2,000 welcomed since opening on 29th March 2018.
- b) Rothes Visitor Centre: Number of visitors increased, many looking at their ancestry. Windfarm money now received. Rothes tartan to be registered.
- c) Tomintoul: Centre opened 25th March 2018. Have welcomed more than 2,000 visitors.
- d) Moray Speyside Tourism (MST): Concern was expressed regarding the lack of contact from MST and apparent lack of interest in holding a tourism seminar. Agreed to invite Laurie Piper to next Forum meeting (Andrea to action)
- e) Updated information on “Accommodation” and “Eating Out” still not received for inclusion/deletion from website (www.undiscoveredspeyside.org)

11. Community Issues

- a) Aberlour: Refurbishment of Old Station building now complete. A Memory Day (Heritage) in Speyside Visitor Centre was a success and will be repeated.
- b) Rothes: A ceremony will take place for Commonwealth Games Boxer on 2nd July at the Cottage – all welcome. Rothes 3 windfarm meetings to take place. Update for website regarding description of Rothes to be provided to Bob Fuller, webmaster. Funding is being applied for to enable feasibility study to be undertaken on proposed route for the Rothes/Craigellachie spur.
- c) Edinville: Will be hosting Ride the North again this year – Saturday 25th August. Catering to be provided jointly by Edinville and Aberlour Fleming Hall committees.
- d) Glenlivet: Tea in the Park will take place in August.
- e) Glenrines: Amount of community benefit arising from Dorenell still cause of concern to affected communities. Foundation Scotland will administer fund.
- f) Craigellachie: Whisky auction was very successful. Macallan to paint public toilets. Community does not benefit from any windfarm money. Speeding an issue in the village, mainly from the Keith area.

g) Tomintoul: Speed signs required in village – Nicola Moss to be contacted with request for a “smiley face”.

12. AOCB

a) Moray GP Practice “roll out” – meeting likely to be held in Speyside, transport will be provided.

b) Aberlour Medical Practice – public event Wednesday 13th June, between 1 and 5pm. Topic – new approach being adopted to support people with chronic health conditions.

c) Primary Care Improvement Plan – Andrea/Sandy to attend meeting in Elgin

13. Date & time of next meeting

Tuesday 21st August, The Cottage, Rothes 7.30 p.m.

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