



Speyside Area Forum

www.undiscoveredspeyside.org

Tuesday 21st August 2018
The Cottage, Rothes 7.30 p.m.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Present : Sandy Henderson, (Chair, Friends of Fleming Hospital), Andrea Fuller, Vice Chair (Edinville), Jean Grimshaw and Pearl Paul, (Rothes), Jenny Herschell (Tomintoul), George McKenzie and Hugh Fraser (Aberlour), Fiona Toovey (Glenlivet)

In Attendance : Cllr Laing, Cllr Ross, Ian Todd (Moray Council), Laurie Piper (Moray Speyside Tourism), Kim Masson (Stagecoach)

Apologies : Margaret Grant (Edinville), Jim Hart (Archiestown), Patricia Grant (Tomintoul), Andy Cherry (Rothes)

The Forum expressed their condolences to Margaret on the loss of her father.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved : Pearl Paul, Seconded Fiona Toovey

3. Matters Arising

a) Speyside Car Share Scheme : Irene Shaw is now the contact – Pearl to check if Moray Transport Forum have been in contact.

b) GDPR – work is progressing to ensure compliance

c) Community contact details (item 4d of previous minutes) – Aberlour now received. Rothes, Dufftown, Cabrach, Tomintoul and Glenrinnies not yet provided.

d) Cllr Wilson – Has now resigned from Cairngorm National Park Board. Only contracted to attend 2 (Council) meetings p.a. Archiestown response read to Forum members.

4. Police Matters

No Police present at meeting. Speeding an issue through Rothes and Aberlour – average speed readings do not accurately reflect the true position.

Community Safety Report issued.

5. Presentation – Moray Speyside Tourism (Laurie Piper)

A comprehensive update was provided on the work carried out by MST and a handout issued. In 2019, MC funding will cease, HIE funding to be reviewed

Laurie outlined the role of MST and the 5 strategic themes.

Examples of activities include :

a) Inbound Destination Workshop November 2017

b) UKinbound Annual Conference 2018

c) ITB Berlin March 2018

d) Visit Scotland Growth Fund Campaign 2017/18

e) Visit Scotland Expo 2016/17/18

d) Digital Tourism Scotland 2016-18

e) National 5 Travel & Tourism Education Project 2016-18

f) Engagement & Advocacy 2018

g) 2018/19 upcoming activities include Tourism barometer, Discover Moray's Great Places Scheme, LEADER Slow Adventure 2019

An analysis of visitor numbers and economic benefit was provided.

A discussion took place on tourism related issues :

a) Maps – Jenny/Hugh to bring an example of Cairngorm map to next meeting

b) Travel & connectivity – agreed improved dialogue was needed. Kim to action.

c) Ancestry/heritage – are options available including Great Places scheme. Pearl to liaise with Hugh

d) Question from Jim Hart – previously responded to by Laurie to Jim. Noted that MST are not responsible for transport but actively lobby for improvements to transport.

6. Budget Issues

Toilets: Paper to go to MC in September with a view to review funding. JCC have formed a working party to progress.

7. Treasurer's report

Previously circulated. Nurture Through Sport – monies returned to funders. 2018/19 MC funding not yet received.

Approved: Fiona, Seconded: Pearl

8. Moray Transport Forum Update

- a) Dial M – update given. Stevie Robertson willing to meet with us/Transport sub-group to progress
- b) Seminar – 22nd September 2018. Update given.
- c) 36 Bus – update on usage for Sunday service will be provided and fed back to Transport Forum. Sunday service was trialled hourly in order to ensure it remained as attractive as the Saturday service.
- d) Whisky Trail brochure – errors acknowledge and will be corrected if reprinted.
- e) Aberdeen/Inverness Airport connectivity discussed.
- f) Moray Coast tickets available – reduced prices when ID shown.
- g) Update given on success of bids by MC & Moray Carshare Scheme, both of whom were supported by SAF.
- h) SAF, Moray Carshare Scheme & TGDT unable to pursue funding application to introduce similar scheme to Tomintoul area at present due to current workloads – will review when next round of funding available.
- i) LEADER application proposal – discussed. The support/input from Marion Ross, Chair of Speyside CC was acknowledged and appreciated. Forum paid for initial round of printing costs.

9. Update from Councillors

- a) Cllr Laing – Macallan meeting regarding recent road blockage issues
 - Budget meetings

- b) Cllr Ross - Toilets & telephone boxes

Both involved in issues relating to Fleming Hospital.

Was acknowledged that Speyside is a very large ward and it is difficult to cover with only 2 Cllrs active in the area.

10. Community Updates

- a) Aberlour: CAT Alice Littler Park – Forum agreed to issue letter of support; neighbouring communities invited to do so. Update on visitor numbers given.
- b) Rothes: Spur – funding application in progress. Tartan registered. Number of visitors increased.
- c) Tomintoul: Currently no Chair of community association. Nicola Sturgeon recently visited. 7000 visitors to area by end of July. Dark Skies application submitted. Businessmen's website in progress.
- d) Glenlivet: Final week of T in the Park. Dorenell ongoing – Foundation Scotland to administer fund.

11. AOCB

- a) Speyside Forum asked to issue letter encouraging the Moray Forum to be more proactive in promoting work of local area forums. Agreed
- b) Medical bins can be provided (subject to assessment) by MC and uplifted along with normal green bins
- c) Mobile Banking – RBS have introduced a “toggle” which can be used by disabled people.

12. Date & place of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd October 7.30 p.m.

Venue: Glenrinnies (to be confirmed)