



Speyside Area Forum

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Tuesday 2nd October 2018
Glenrinnes Hall 7.30 p.m.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Present : Sandy Henderson, (Chair, Friends of Fleming Hospital), Andrea Fuller, Vice Chair (Edinville), Jean Grimshaw (Rothies), George McKenzie and Hugh Fraser (Aberlour), Margaret Grant (Edinville), Charlie Alexander (Knockando), Frances Gill (Glenrinnes)

In Attendance : Cllr Laing, Bruce Milne (SFRS)

Apologies : Fiona Toovey (Glenlivet) Jim Hart (Archiestown), Patricia Grant and Jenny Herschell (Tomintoul), Andy Cherry (Rothies), Brenda Cooper (Craigellachie), Cllr Ross, Ian Todd (Moray Council)

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved : George McKenzie, Seconded Hugh Fraser

3. Matters Arising

- a) Speyside Car Share Scheme : No update from Pearl Paul – carried forward..
- b) GDPR – work is progressing to ensure compliance
- c) Community contact details – Rothies (Jean), Glenrinnes (Frances). Not yet provided: Tomintoul, Dufftown, Cabrach.
- d) Toilets: Paper to be submitted to Council at December meeting.
- e) Letter to Moray Forum issued, short MF meeting held.

4. Police Matters

No Police present at meeting but October Community Safety Report circulated to Forum members. Rothies – incident of 2 people fighting; 2 x benches stolen.

5. Fire Service update – Bruce Milne

SFRS appreciated the invitations to attend SAF meetings.

- a) Community Asset Register (shared resources of volunteers) – SAF members were asked to encourage community members to register.
 - b) Home Fire Safety visits – target is 80 households, currently 45 visited. SAF members encouraged to promote this free service particularly amongst, in particular, elderly, isolated residents and those with mobility issues. Early detection limits damage.
 - c) Thematic Action Plans e.g. bonfire & firework displays. Safety initiatives include recent presentation to Speyside High School pupils.
 - d) Recruitment – retained staff still required (1 person at each station). SAF members asked to promote vacancies.
 - e) CPR – free training can be delivered by SFRS. S2 pupils at Speyside High School recently took advantage of this.
 - f) SFRS Training/Exercises – joint training undertaken across stations.
 - g) Rothies defib – Jean advised that they were to run an open session.
- Bruce Milne left the meeting due to work pressures.

6. Discussion on presentation by Moray Speyside Tourism

A discussion took place following the presentation by Laurie Piper at the last SAF meeting. Further promotion of Speyside is beneficial; SAF to progress.

6. General Discussion

Great Places: SAF to encourage interested parties to register/book a place at upcoming event. Map of Rothies town updated. Hugh to progress Speyside map project.

7. Treasurer's report

Previously circulated. MC grant not received at time of receiving bank statement.

Explanation of email recently received from Ian Todd regarding Forum funds provided by Cllr Laing. MC not looking to recover excess Forum funds, although future annual grant will reflect number of Area Forums in existence. Update on report to CPPB provided by Andrea.

Current Forum funds need to take account of monies already set aside for various ongoing projects – transport, maps, tourism event, website upgrade.

8. Moray Transport Forum Update

- a) Rural Transport Convention 2018 – Sandy, Hugh and Andrea attended this.
- b) Moray Forum Transport Seminar – 22nd September 2018. Update given.
- c) LEADER application proposal – update given.

9. Update from Councillors

Cllrs have met to discuss budget proposals. Discussions with communities to take place. Cllr Laing provided explanation on “tourist tax”.

10. Community Updates

- a) Aberlour: CAT Alice Littler Park to be submitted shortly. Recent incident of fly-tipping reported to MC.
- b) Rothes: Spur – funding application submitted. Recent meeting held regarding Dux boards – to be put back into school building. Village Council to take over garden by East Bank; other garden renamed as the James Anderson garden. Armistice Day plans progressing. Update on bonfire night and defib training provided.
- c) Glenrinnies: internal hall decorations to be undertaken in next 2 weeks. External refurbishments progressing.
- d) Knockando: Hydro scheme proved difficult so now regrettably abandoned.
- e) Edinville: recently hosted Ride the North. Catering provided jointly by Edinville and Aberlour.

11. AOCB

- a) Moray Way Feasibility study: SAF to put forward 1 or 2 members to join steering group.
- b) Licensing consultation – Andrea asked MFCHA to respond.
- c) Moray Landscapes/Special Landscape Areas – Andrea to issue letter supporting proposals. Communities encouraged to respond.
- d) Speyside YP: update given

12. Date & place of next meeting: AGM

Tuesday 13th November 2018 7.30 p.m.
Venue: Knockando (confirmed)