

# Speyside Area Forum www.undiscoveredspeyside.org

Meeting Tuesday, 13th November 2018 Knockando, 7.30 p.m.

#### 1. Welcome

Sandy Henderson welcomed everybody to the Meeting.

**Present:** Sandy Henderson (Friends of Feming Hospital), Hugh Fraser (Aberlour Community Association), George Mackenzie (Aberlour Community Association), Andrea Fuller (Edinvillie), Margaret Grant (Edinvillie), Frances Gill (Glenrinnes), Charlie Alexander (Knockando), Patricia Grant (Tomintoul), Jenny Herschell (Tomintoul), Jean Grimshaw (Rothes)

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

#### 2. Apologies

Brenda Cooper (Craigellachie), Andy Cherry (Rothes), Pearl Paul (Rothes), Cllr Laing.

# 3. Minutes of meteting – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

Proposed: Frances Gill, Seconded George Mackenzie

#### 4. Matters Arising

a) Speyside Car Share Scheme – no update from Pearl, carried forward. It was noted that they had been awarded the Volunteer Driver of the Year at the Grampian Volunteer Transport Awards ceremony.

- b) GDRP Ian Todd to amend and forward a revised version of the application form for membership.
- c) Community contact details Jenny Herschell to act as Tomintoul contact.

d) Speyside Map project – Ian Todd to provide A4 size boundary map of Speyside ASG. Hugh to forward email requesting input from all communities

# 5. Police Matters

It was noted that there was no representation from Police Scotland. SAF members felt it was a better use of Police resources if they were able to attend SAF meetings than individual community association meetings. Community Safety Reports were distributed amongst SAF members.

Updates: A man had been arrested following a recent fight in Rothes.

An incident involving speeding and dangerous had been reported in Aberlour which resulted in a person appearing in court.

#### 6. SFRS Update

Nothing to report

# 7. Treasurer's Report

As per report issued at AGM which preceded this meeting.

# 8. Budget "engagement" Update

Andrea reported that she had attended a JCC meeting – guest speaker was Roddy Burns, topic "Close the Gap". Concerns had been raised about the timing of the "engagement" exercise and cuts which had already been identified.

#### 9. Update from Councillors.

Cllr Ross advised he was now the Moray representative on the Cairngorms National Park Board

# **10. Transport Update**

The next Moray Transport Forum meeting will take place later this month.

LEADER project: update given. Match funding will be required to support this application – it was agreed that the sub-group would continue to investigate possible funding sources including approaching renewable energy companies operating in the area. Members of the SAF agreed that it was in order to use Forum funds

to support this project. Requests for letters of support will be issued shortly and all communities are encouraged to respond.

# 11. Community Issues and updates from Community Groups

Aberlour: CAT application submitted. The Speyside Visitor Centre had welcomed large numbers of the community to view their display of war memorabilia as part of the WW1 remembrance celebrations. Rothes: Production of the Tartan has commenced. Christmas Lights switch on  $= 9^{th}$  December. Craigellachie: There is an issue concerning Moray Council and notice boards (M4M application) Glenrinnes: Internal decorations of the hall have been completed.

Tomintoul: Big turnout recorded for Armistice celebrations

Knockando: Committee are reviewing plans for the refurbishment of the kitchen and meeting room.

Edinvillie: Concerns have been raised regarding the proposed development by Springfield Properties. **12. AOCB** 

Jean advised members to be aware of recent incidents involving computer hacking.

Forum members acknowledged the lack of attendance by representatives from certain communities during 2018 and agreed to consider what action to take in 2019

#### 8. Dates of Next Meeting

To be advised.