



Speyside Area Forum

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Meeting
Tuesday, 9th July 2019
Aberlour, 7.30 p.m.

1. Welcome

Sandy Henderson welcomed everybody to the Meeting.

Present: Sandy Henderson (Friends of Feming Hospital), George Mackenzie (Aberlour Community Association), Andrea Fuller (Edinvillie), Margaret Grant (Edinvillie), Patricia Grant (Tomintoul), Jenny Herschell (Tomintoul), Tricia Lawson (Glenlivet), Fiona Toovey (Glenlivet)

2. Apologies

Hugh Fraser (Aberlour Community Association), Patti Nelson (Cabrach), Jim Hart (Archiestown), Cllr Laing, Cllr Ross, Ian Todd (Moray Council), Bruce Milne (SFRS)

The Forum noted that Cllr Laing was unwell and wished her a speedy recovery.

3. Minutes of meeting – 19th March 2019

Proposed: Margaret Grant, Seconded Patricia Grant

4. Matters Arising

a) Speyside Car Share Scheme – Noted that a co-ordinator and drivers still required.

b) Speyside Map project – Ian Todd has provided A4 size boundary map of Speyside ASG. Information regarding Dufftown has now been received from Dufftown 2000. No response received from Rothies, Knockando, Carron & Glenrines which is disappointing. Working group to progress on receipt of information

c) Electric Bus – Update given

d) Speyside Way – no update provided from Cllr Ross

5. Police Matters

It was noted that there was no representation from Police Scotland.

6. SFRS Update

SFRS had indicated that there was nothing of significance to report.

7. Treasurer's Report

Previously circulated. The year end accounts as at 30/4/19 were reviewed.

Approved: Fiona Toovey, Seconded Patricia Grant

It was agreed to add George MacKenzie and Andrea Fuller as signatures to the bank account.

8. LEADER application

An update was given and concern was expressed about the outcome and in particular the reasons cited by Moray LEADER. It was noted that Stagecoach are trialling an Elgin/Aviemore route and reintroducing the 36 Sunday service for the summer months. All were encouraged to promote the services and timetables were issued for distribution.

It was noted that a comment had allegedly been made by Cllr Ross announcing the outcome of LEADER's decision at a meeting held in Rothies and that Andrea had been contacted by several people regarding this. Andrea advised that she had written twice to Cllr Ross for his comments/version of events but no response had been received.

9. Alice Littler Park

George provided an update on the current situation with regards to the Alice Littler Park and Aberlour Community Association's ongoing dialogue with Moray Council. It was noted that Cllrs Laing and Wilson had supported a proposed lease of the entire Park to ACA (ACA already hold the lease for the play park area). However, ACA were now pursuing a Community Asset Transfer for the whole Park, including Car

park area. The Forum had previously supported ACA's Expression of Interest for the Arena and agreed that a further letter of support should be issued endorsing the ACA's application for the entire Park (Arena/recreation ground including play park/car park). It was noted that ownership of the Park had only transferred to Moray Council due to the Long Lease (Scotland) Act and that the only way to return it to the community was via an Asset Transfer.

10. Update from Councillors.

No Cllrs were present and no updates had been received.

11. Community Issues and updates from Community Groups

General issues:

- a) Grass cutting: it was considered that the policy adopted by Moray Council was considered to be short-sighted. It was noted that in certain areas only edges/small patches of grass were being cut and concerns were raised about the number and quality of cuts. It was noted that verge cutting had not taken place and that this was impacting on the area. In addition, the cost of grass cutting incurred by village halls/community associations was impacting on the financial position of the local voluntary organisations. Andrea to issue a letter to MC expressing the Forum's concerns.
- b) Car Parking: It was noted that it had been reported in the local press that Moray Council had seen a huge increase in fines received. Concern was expressed at the level of car parking charges imposed within Moray compared to other areas.
- c) Glenlivet: Tea in the Park is running again this year (5th – 25th August) although in a slightly different format.
- d) Tomintoul: Games Day 20th July. Volunteers were still needed.
- e) Edinville: SWI had now closed but "members" were hopeful of forming another Club. Ride the North passed through the area on 25th August – Edinville and Aberlour will again be working together to provide catering for the cyclists

12. AOCB

- a) Low Carbon Event: An update was given.

13. Dates of Next Meeting

10th September 2019 The Green Hall (Kirkmichael) 7.30 p.m.