



## Speyside Area Forum

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Meeting  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Kirkmichael, 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 (Edinville), Margaret Grant (Edinville), Patricia Grant (Tomintoul), Jenny Herschell (Tomintoul), Tricia Lawson (Glenlivet), Buntly Campbell (Glenrines), Charlie Alexander (Knockando), Andy Maine and Chris Britton (Police), Bruce Milne (SFRS)

### 2. Apologies

Hugh Fraser (Aberlour Community Association), Fiona Toovey (Glenlivet)  
Jim Hart (Archiestown), Cllr Ross, Ian Todd (Moray Council),

### 3. Minutes of meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Proposed: Patricia Grant, Seconded Tricia Lawson

### 4. Matters Arising

- a) Speyside Way - Noted no update received from Cllr Ross. Low Carbon event planned for November.
- b) Electric bus – had been off the road for some time due to a collision with a van. No usage numbers available to date.
- c) LEADER: update given.
- d) Grass cutting: letter to Moray Council deferred until next round of budget cuts released.

### 5. Police Matters

Tomintoul reported that a car accident was likely to happen at Lecht road end however this is a Moray Council Roads Dept issue.

Community Safety Report is produced by Moray Council based on contributions submitted by key partners. Distributed monthly to Forum members.

Noted that anti social behaviour has reduced significantly due to installation of CCTV at Speyside Visitor Centre.

Use of mobile phones introduced for Police to use instead of traditional radio.

### 6. SFRS Update

Reduction seen in dwelling fires in Moray due to home safety visits. 50% reduction in number of fires which is in part due to school talks undertaken in conjunction with the Police. An increase has been noted in number of Special Service Calls – most of these relate to helping Ambulance services gain access. False alarm call outs reduced.

Speyside: 60 Fire Safety visits conducted in Rothes; more need to be carried out in Dufftown, Aberlour and Tomintoul. Leaflets drops carried out – Forum requested to help promote these visits.

CPR event held for S2 Speyside High pupils

Safe Drive Stay Alive event – S4 upwards to be invited to attend (November).

Recruitment: each Fire Station should have 10 staff. Tomintoul has 10, additional fire fighters needed for Aberlour (1), Dufftown (1) and Rothes (2, possibly 3).

Drill Nights 7.00 – 9.30 p.m. Dufftown (Thursday), Aberlour (Monday), Rothes (Thursday), Tomintoul (Thursday) – anybody interested in joining the Fire Service can pop in to the station on these nights.

Local Management: New LSO appointed. Bruce's role is to manage the fire stations in Moray.

CPR training can be offered free of charge – can pop into Fire stations on drill nights to enquire.

Average cover: 72% rating daytime, 80% availability night time.

Thematic issues: chimney fire safety, bonfire safety talks to Speyside High School pupils.  
Private water supplies: SFRS have power to access these in the event of an emergency. Mapping is available to show burns, hydrants, rivers. 2000 litres of water carried per fire engine. Can log private water supply in control room (unique property number).

The Police and Fire Service representatives were thanked for attending this meeting and providing valuable updates.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

Previously circulated. .

Approved: George MacKenzie, Seconded Jenny Herschell

New bank signatories still to be actioned..

#### **8. Community Asset Transfers**

Letter of support had been issued in respect of the Alice Littler Park. Forum members agreed to issue a letter supporting Dufftown Community Centre asset transfer – Andrea to action.

#### **9. Participatory Budgeting Policy Statement & Framework**

Update given. It was felt that the original draft had “missed the point” about PB. Money for Moray Group are progressing this issue.

#### **10. Update from Councillors.**

No Cllrs were present and no updates had been received.

#### **11. Community Issues and updates from Community Groups**

Moray Forum – need for communities to register defibs with Scottish Ambulance

General issues:

a) Tomintoul:

i) Toilets- community association considering lease/CAT options. Community must have a facility.

ii) Phone Box – likely for removal but community wish it to be retained.

iii) Planetarium Observatory – didn't receive funding but on “Amber” list

b) Glenlivet:

i) Tea in the Park received 2,700 visitors

ii) Moray Council placed a portaloos at Cragganmore campsite but only until October

iii) Inveravon School: community requesting an update on its future (currently mothballed)

c) Aberlour:

i) CAT ongoing

d) Knockando:

i) Community Trust seeking committee members; Chair wishes to step down

e) Glenrines:

i) Bunty is the new Chair. Meeting with new committee to be held shortly

f) Edinville:

i) Public inquiry held in hall

#### **12. AOCB**

a) Transport seminar to be held in Aberlour. Transport Webinar also taking place (Tricia to register an interest)

b) Car Share Scheme – still no drivers at present in Tomintoul.

#### **13. Dates of Next Meeting**

12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Glenlivet Hall 7.30 p.m.