

BUCKIE AREA FORUM  
MINUTES  
28 October 2015

Present: Linda McDonald (BAF), Emma Marandola (BAF), Zafar Ali (BAF), David Lawrence, Gillian Rose (BAF), Ian Moir (BAF), Iain Grieve, Neil Johnson (BHS)

In attendance: Cllr Gordon McDonald, Cllr Gordon Cowie, Cllr Sonya Warren

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Chair Linda McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting (held in the meeting room at the Town's House as the hall has a regular booking) and noted apologies for Ian Todd (TMC), Tracy Rae, Neil Johnston (BHS), Alistair Farquhar (BAF), Jo Farquhar (BAF), Ian McPherson (BAF), Tam McLellan (BAF), and Nicola Warren (BAF)

**2. Minute of previous meeting**

The minute of the previous meeting held 26 August 2015 was approved, proposed by Gillian Rose and seconded by Ian Moir.

**3. Matters arising from previous minutes**

The BAF Christmas Light is up.

**4. Correspondence**

TSI Moray bulletins were available to read; in future they'll be forwarded to everyone by email as they are received.

Moray Health and Social Care Partnership invite the forum to attend a workshop in BCHS 7pm-9pm 16/11/15 re the three-year plan to "identify and address key health and social care priorities for people in Moray".

**5. Treasurer's report**

Zafar hasn't seen any payments go through for payment for the hall/Area Forum public liability insurance; Sonya will check this. Once sorted, we should display a notice in the hall.

Ian asked for details of the £1773.43 for computer equipment; all capital expenditure, McAfee security. The balance of funds in the bank for the BAF account is £6868.62 and the Regen account is £xx.

**6. Bank account signatories**

Zafar had the forms for signing. Any two of five signatories must sign: Linda McDonald (Chair), Zafar Ali (Treasurer), Alistair Farquhar (Vice Chair), Nicola Warren (Secretary), Gillian Rose (hallkeeper).

**7. Moray Area Forum**

At the meeting 26/10/15 Graham Jarvis gave a 90-minute presentation on sustainability in education/ schools. Documents are available on the council website. The Moray Federation of Community Halls and Associations are investigating which halls could be used in emergencies eg flooding. Ian asked if halls are charities and the councillors replied that some are. They are in the remit of the Community Support Unit. They are still looking at buses for coastal-to-rural routes. They are finding out about TMC's policy on road signs for advertising. The next meeting is 22/02/2016.

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**8. Buckie Regeneration Group (update)**

The cinema will have its first showing Sunday 15/11/15 in the old gym hall at BHS. Highfield Hall is not suitable for the projection equipment. Regen will pay for padded cinema-style seating, approximately £7-8K, via TMC procurement. These will belong to the Regen group and will be available for use by BAF, but will be stored at BHS. A logo and high-resolution picture are required by the cinema company. An organising committee will be formed, comprising members of BCHS film club and Regen. They will investigate how to go about doing online sales, will do usherette duties and organise refreshments. Local groups will be offered the chance to do the refreshments and they can keep their profits. Regen will underwrite any losses during the 3-month set-up phase. We need approximately 120 covers per day to break even, hall capacity is 200. Profits will be split 50/50 Regen/ BHS. BCHS will cover janitorial costs. It will have to be advertised on posters, Facebook (Emma), Keith Community Radio.

The Wi-Fi is still not up and running properly. Over 1000 email addresses have been registered to use it and we'll try to get it working in time for the Buckie Christmas Cracker 21/12/15. Businesses advertising on the Wi-Fi home page would help make it sustainable. Ian asked if this would impact the local newspaper but it wouldn't as they're different mediums.

Gillian reported that the lift in the Town's House is out of order and cannot be used. It is unlikely the Moray Council will pay for the repairs. Gordon McDonald will arrange a meeting with Nick Goodchild.

**9. Youth Matters**

It was noted that the 'youth' section in the Banffshire Advertiser is very good.

Emma asked how the minibus fund was getting on and Neil said the target was reached (7 months early), the bus has been ordered and should be delivered in 8-12 weeks.

David and Ian both expressed concerned that High Street is effectively closed when BCHS pupils use the crossing at Pozzis at lunchtime. Gordon Cowie reported that the officers are not progressing with the suggestions from earlier this year (traffic lights in square, crossings up High Street) and will formulate a new plan in 2016.

Ian asked how sustainable Highers and Advanced Highers are at BCHS and Neil explained that solutions such as pupils going to college for some subjects are available but transport (i.e. bus services) is the impediment. Sonya suggested they use the Dial M bus and Neil will look in to this.

**10. Community**

The Forum has been invited on to the Harbour Advisory Board. The dredger should be here March 2016. The plans to fill in a basin have been shelved. A 'skills academy' is a possibility. Ian asked if there would be a helipad and Gordon McDonald said it would depend what the companies ask for.

**11. AOCB**

None

**12. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be at 7pm on 24 February 2016, venue to be confirmed.