

Buckie Area Forum

Minute of Buckie Area Forum Meeting on 14th October 2009

Present

Barry Taylor (**Chair**), Alan Beresford (**Vice Chair**), Gillian Rose (**Secretary**), Alistair Farquhar (Buckie Festival), James Smith (Buckie Community Council), Gillian Jaffrey (BCHS Rep), Alexander Thatcher (BCHS Rep), Ian Moir (Treasurer), Zafar Ali, Thomas I McPherson, Trevor Geddes, Anne Doble,

In attendance

Cllr Joe Mackay, Cllr Gordon McDonald, Ian Todd (CSU),

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

Anna Parker (Uniformed Organisations), Peter Souter (MDCP), Gillian Bailey (CSU), Cllr Gary Coull, Cllr Douglas Ross, Cllr Anne McKay, Mairi Page, Cllr Anita McDonald, Cllr Ron Shepherd

2.0 Moray Towns Partnership Update

Cllr McDonald attended this meeting as Chair of the Regeneration group. Each town had to give update, Buckie had achieved quite a lot in such a short timescale and the MTP were quite impressed. A discussion was held around the possible finances for next year. Cllr John Russell keen to keep a budget. Scale probably won't be the same as this years was £100,000 across the four towns. To date Buckie have not spent much of their allocation only an estimated £8,000. Tesco developers contribution £150,000 for town centre and Cllr McDonald insisted that decisions where this should be spent should be between Buckie Business Association, Community Groups and Elected Member. Although not all of the monies will be available as some will possibly be spent on the roads system

3.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 19/08/2009

Proposed by Alistair Farquhar, seconded by James Smith.

4.0 Matters Arising

3.0 Cllr McDonald explained that Cluny School was in fact a permanent speed restriction and Millbank School is only temporary when the schools are in, hence the reason for them having a flashing sign. Cllr McDonald suggested that every school should be the same throughout Moray. There are still ongoing issues with speed around Findochty and Portknockie schools.

6.0 Ian Todd from the Community Support Unit handed out a document with information on the new Community Support Unit. The vacant Elgin post has been frozen and only the part time Buckie and Keith posts have been advertised. The closing date for applications was the 13th October and interviews are to be held on 6th November. Ian

Todd mentioned that GR and BT had met with Gillian Bailey to do a needs assessment for the Forum. This will be done with all groups to identify their needs as part of phase 1.

7.0 The Big Man walking is due to make an appearance this weekend. Alistair Farquhar informed the group that the forecast was good so hopefully it will be a success. It starts at 4pm and among the puppeteers is a Blue Peter presenter who will be filming for the BBC Programme to be screened at a later date. Alistair said that those volunteering to be stewards should meet at around 3pm.

Childcare Audit – the closing date has now passed for questionnaires and Nick Brown is now working on the report.

Roadside Banners – Cllr Ross and Cllr McDonald put forward a motion to reverse the ban of Roadside Banners in Moray. It was agreed that any constituted group could now put up banners by the side of the road as long as they were non profit making.

Linzee Gordon Park – Cllr A McKay looked into this and this was not a public right of way as questioned at the last meeting.

5.0 Moray Forum Update

Discussion was held about the new CSU & the Consultation. There was a presentation from Jacqui Larkin regarding leader funding. 2 people from each forum are to have a go at Leader applications. It was agreed Alan and Barry to do this and feed back to the group.

6.0 Arts and Crafts including Photo Competition

Cllr McDonald, Chair of the Regeneration Group informed the Forum members that the festival was a great success. 32 stalls were booked and of those 28 were keen to come back to another event next year. The Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire Clare Russell opened the event and spent a couple of hours chatting to stall holders and browsing their crafts. Milton Drive Community Project provided the refreshments for the day with three separate groups benefiting from the proceeds and they were keen to provide this again in the future. The Photo Competition was also a huge success with 205 entries. There were 12 finalists for a calendar and the judges also awarded 4 commendations. The winner was Donna Cowie from Buckie

7.0 Buckie Community Radio

Meeting and discussions with various people have taken place. From those who have attended the meetings there are a variety of skills and technical knowledge and expertise. Nick Brown is the lead person on this project and will have some assistance from Brian Anderson who helped set up Moray Firth Radio and also have assistance from 3TFM who came up and did the initial Radio Day.

8.0 Eco Bags

The bags are selling well and are available from Taylors Pharmacies, Cluny Auctions, Ice Cream Cabin, JMK, Buckie Yarns, Moravian Motors, Home Bakery and J & M Publishing. They are on sale for £2.50 and community groups are also being invited to buy them to sell and boost their funds.

We also have a number of entries from BCHS and St Peters Primary School for the design of a bag for next year. Barry asked the Head Boy and Head Girl if they could judge the competition which they agreed to do.

9.0 Youth Matters

Barry Taylor, Gillian Rose, and Fiona Herd met with Gillian Jaffrey and Alexander Thatcher along with other reps from the school. They discussed what sort of things the teenagers were looking for. BT,GR,FH left the group to have a discussion by themselves and create a mind map. The feedback was really positive and the group did some evaluation through tutor groups at the school. To get opinions of all age groups. BT explained that funding may be an issue 11-25 yrs. Lengthy discussion on possible available premises. It may be possible to approach local Businesses to see if there are any suitable venues.

Gillian and Alexander are carrying this forward and will update the forum in future meetings.

10.0 Housing Research

BT received an email from Kim Sui asking if she could attend a forum meeting and it also contained a brief of what she was looking for. He read this out to the group and it was agreed by all that we should invite Kim to the next meeting.

11.0 Community Issues

Ian Moir gates at Linzee Gordon Park. Should be closed for safety of children. Fair people remove the gates. Action: James Smith to take this to the BCC

MDCP – got money for feasibility study for Cathcart Grove possibility of relocation.

RNLI – 150th Anniversary in June week long activities – Regeneration group involved and updates will follow.

12.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Buckie Community High School 2nd December 2009 at 7pm.