

# Buckie Area Forum

Minute of the meeting for Buckie Area Forum held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Cullen Primary School.

## **Present**

Barry Taylor, **Chair**  
Alan Beresford, **Vice Chair** (Portknockie Community Council),  
Gillian Rose **Secretary**,  
Ian Moir **Treasurer** (Buckie Community Council),  
Alistair Farquhar (Buckie Festival),  
Cllr Ron Shepherd,  
Cllr Gordon McDonald,  
Gillian Bailey, CLDT  
George Stewart, MDCP  
Peter Souter, MDCP  
Zillah Jamieson, Cullen & Deskford Community Council  
Carron Hunter, Cullen Allotments  
Anna Parker, Uniformed Organisations

## **In attendance**

Steve Childs, North East Credit Union, Linda Adam, Area Support Worker

## **1.0 Welcome & Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting by introducing Linda Adam, Area Forum Support Worker. Linda who has now started in her position and will now be covering the Buckie Area instead of Michelle Gillibrand. The Chair asked everyone to introduce themselves. He then invited notes of apology. Apologies received from Cllr Ross, Cllr Coull, Cllr McDonald, Cllr McKay, Michelle Gillibrand, Ian MacPherson. The Chair stated that item 3 would be removed from the Agenda as the relevant paperwork was not available.

## **2.0 Previous Minutes & Matters Arising**

Anna mentioned that her name had been omitted from the attendance. Anna Parker proposed the minute and Alistair Farquhar seconded them.

## **Matters Arising**

**Gollachy Road** – The road has now been widened and has made a big difference.

## **3.0 North East Credit Union Presentation – training dates**

Steven Childs of NECU gave the forum a brief presentation followed by a question and answer session. NECU has an office in Aberdeen and 20 service points throughout the area. It is a non profit making organisation. The credit union is beneficial to people with no access to bank accounts and has a very low interest rate better than store and credit cards. To set up the credit union in Buckie they are looking for 3 or 4 more volunteers to do the training to make sure all shifts can be covered. Anyone interested should contact The Well 836369.

## **4.0 Financial Report**

The Treasurer gave a financial update. The Account is currently standing with at £2596.99. Income of £750.85 had been received since the last report and expenditure of £75.00 plus cheques of approx £130.

## **5.0 Feedback from the Moray Forum Meeting 16/03/09**

Alan reported that the following was discussed and agreed to at the last Moray Forum meeting-

- **Allotments**

Some land has been allocated. Council Officers are currently drawing up an allotment policy which can be used throughout Moray. It is hoped to have this in place very soon.

- **Forum E-Mail Addresses**

The cost and practicalities have been discussed. Barry read out some correspondence he had received from Roy Anderson. We cannot use the '.moray.gov.uk' attached to The Moray Council email addresses as we are not employed by them. We could set up a 'hotmail' email account and have email's diverted from the yourmoray.org website which would have to be filtered through the Council's email system. It was explained that information from these emails could be requested under the Freedom of Information Act. It was agreed that this was not a problem and the group were happy to go ahead with this. **Action: Linda**

- **High Vis Armbands for Primary School Children** - Alan informed the Forum that funding has been established from Tesco and Stagecoach. Asda has been approached but no response has been received. There is enough money to provide bands to all Pre-school to P3 children and it is hoped that any more funding secured could extend that to P5.

- **Moray Voluntary Service Organisation (MVS)** - It was agreed to let each individual forum discuss the proposed establishment of a Volunteer Sector Forum. Paperwork to be circulated. **Action: Gillian**

## **6.0 Moray Towns Partnership – Update and Future Updates**

**Arts and Crafts** – An Open Meeting has been arranged for April to get more people involved. The initial idea has progressed really quickly. It has been decided to leave the Primary and Secondary schools out of the festival this year due to timescales and finding the best time of the year for the schools to take part.

**Retailers Association** – First meeting went very well and good turnout. Alan McBeth is assisting in drafting a constitution for the association. It was decided to be Buckie Business Association rather than Retailer Association. Some good advice was had from Nick Brown on good practice and rotating roles of chair etc.

**Continental Markets** – Local Butchers etc have been contacted and they have no problems with a continental market coming to Buckie. It was hoped to have the first one in April however it has transpired that Moray Council need to be involved with Planning Permission needed, the Roads Dept. to be consulted as well as Environmental Health and a trading license needs to be applied for. As there are other towns keen to have markets as well, it is hoped that all towns get a package together.

**Social Enterprise** – Buckie Community Radio still in early stages. Highland Enterprise possibly getting involved.

**Moray Towns Partnership** – Hoping to have finance confirmed very soon. A request for £100,000 for 4 towns has been requested and confident match Leader funding will be approved too. This should allow £50,000 for each town.

**Homecoming Funds** – Forms are available to all community groups to apply for this funding. Very simple form to complete however there is criteria to meet.

**New Business** – another meeting is likely to be called before the next set BAF Meeting to discuss the possibility of a new business coming into the town.

**Eco Bag** – General consensus was to have a dark coloured bag with 'BCK' and Buckie Lugger. Suggestions were given for white font; having more than one design was suggested; a light coloured bag with multi coloured writing; a number associated with the BCK like the fishing boats; Fair Trade fabric used. Chair to contact David Barnet to suggest that senior pupils can come up with a couple of designs and suggestions. This will also be open to the public via the local paper.

**Action:** Cllr Gordon McDonald

## **7.0 Youth Matters**

Fiona Herd gave an update on youth matters in Buckie.

Fiona Herd and Linda Adam to meet Juniors at Buckpool Golf Club to get them involved in fundraising for a the new juniors room similar to the work done with the Skatepark.

It was asked if other clubs could come forward for assistance with funding. No other Clubs have asked for assistance to date.

CLD held an Awards Presentation night with Youth Achievement and Dynamic Youth awards presented. Since then Buckie High School have approached CLD and asked if they want to be part of their awards night.

A meeting is to be held on April 6 to determine wider interest into forming a committee to take the Buckie Festival forward. It is hoped to have this set up for Sept/Oct and to have lots of youth involvement.

## **8.0 Future Presentations**

A number of requests have been made to come along to the Forum Meetings e.g. Allotments, Transition Towns, Police. It was decided to invite Karen along to next meeting for a presentation on Transition Towns.

## **9.0 Community Issues**

**Nightclub** – Ian Moir asked for opinions on a local nightclub that has applied for a licence till 3am. BAF Members thought that this was just a renewal as this nightclub has been open till that time for some time.

**Printer** – A discussion took place regarding purchasing a printer for the Buckie Forum use. Linda Adam had a quote of £138 from the Moray Council. It was thought that a cheaper printer could be purchased elsewhere. It was explained that software for the printer would not be allowed on the Moray Council laptop and if anything went wrong the Council would not repair it.

**Community Group** - Barry mentioned that he has had correspondence from another Community Group asking about the Forums involvement in the community and how we fit in with other community groups. This is now in the hands of the other community group who will discuss at a later date.

**Linzee Gordon Park** – Barry has had correspondence from Buckie United Football Club who have recently had a problem accessing the pitch and facilities at Linzee Gordon Park due to another community group using the facilities. Barry wrote to Ken Brown to try and resolve the matter and believed that agreement had been reached between both groups. There is apparently an agreement in place allowing Buckie United to use the facilities from March – Sept. each year with the Rugby Club getting use from Sept – March.

**Better Community Engagement** – Pilot project, expression of interest to be submitted through Moray Forum to Scottish Government.

**Cullen Allotments** – Was progressing well Carron Hunter asked for thanks to be passed to Michelle Gillibrand for her involvement with the Allotment project.

**Buckpool Golf Club Juniors Room** – Discussion of the progress. Cllr Ron Shepherd agreed to visit the Club with Barry to view the layout and suggest possible solutions.

#### **10.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.00pm in Portknockie Primary School