



# Milne's Neighbourhood Forum



## Minute of meeting held Thursday 03 November 2011 in Urquhart Parish Hall

**Present**

Peter Bush, Mosstodloch, Chair  
 Anita Milne, Urquhart  
 Jennifer Shaw, Lhanbryde  
 Paul Ralph, Urquhart  
 Kay Griffin, Fochabers  
 Jackie Owsnett, Fochabers  
 Gill Stewart, Lhanbryde  
 David Mackay, Garmouth  
 Ness Smith, Urquhart

**Apologies**

Cllr George McIntyre  
 Cllr Douglas Ross  
 Sylvia Reid, Fochabers  
 Anita McDonald, Mosstodloch

**In Attendance**

Stuart Smith, Paintball Group  
 David Henderson, Paintball Group  
 Angela Hinchliffe, Volunteer Centre Moray  
 Kayleigh Hysert,  
 Ian Meoller, Grampian Police  
 Mike Harvey, Grampian Police  
 David Millar, Community Learning and Development Worker, Milne's/ Laich  
 Fiona Rolt, Minute Secretary

Item		Action
1	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Introductions were made round the table.</p>	
2	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received as noted above.</p>	
	<p><b>Paintballers</b></p> <p>The meeting agreed to hear from Stuart and David who were seeking support from the Forum to start up a Paintball Group in the Milne's area.</p> <p>Stuart and David informed the Forum that they wished to set up indoor paintball sessions in Milne's High School on Friday and Saturday evenings. These sessions would be aimed at young people in with a view to involving them in an activity that they would enjoy and would give them something to do instead of hanging around the square.</p> <p>They have already spoken to Lennox Community Council who were supportive of the proposal. They have also approached the young people who were very interested and keen to take part.</p>	

	<p>Stuart and David have researched the costs of the project and estimate that 10 sets of equipment (protective gear, paintball guns, indoor softballs) would cost £1500.00. Including insurance they estimate they would need approximately £3000.00.</p> <p>They would hope to start up a league so that as many young people as possible could be involved.</p> <p>David and Stuart’s proposal was met with real enthusiasm from those present and it was agreed that they should meet again with representatives from the Forum to progress their project. Angela agreed to be involved, as did Anita, Fiona, David Millar and Ian Moeller. It was agreed to meet next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm in Lhanbryde Community Centre.</p> <p>Stuart and David thanked members for listening to their proposal and for being so supportive. They left the meeting.</p>	<b>Working Group – as named</b>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Youth Involvement Group/ Youth Issues in Milne’s Area</b></p> <p>To follow on from the previous item it was agreed to take agenda item 7 now and to hear from Angela Hinchliffe, Volunteer Centre Moray.</p> <p>Angela explained that her job as Youth Development Worker was to encourage and support young people to volunteer and to gain through volunteering. She also worked with organisations to encourage them to take on young volunteers and to put in place the necessary mechanisms to ensure that the young people are properly supported.</p> <p>Angela was involved in the Better Community Engagement (BCE) project and received a great deal of positive feedback as a result of that project. Her issue from that project is the number of underused community facilities and the lack of opportunities for young people to meet and just be together, not necessarily taking part in activities, but just in each other’s company.</p> <p>Angela issued two handouts to illustrate some of her thinking. She believes that communities need to take ownership of provision and not just expect the local authority provision to be the answer of what to do with young people, particularly since that service is stretched to capacity and with an ever reducing budget. Angela also stressed that there was a need to get young people to buy into a service which is community led as that will be the future for community facilities in Moray.</p> <p>In her opinion, the area most notable in the Milne’s area for youth issues is Fochabers, but she believes that we shouldn’t just target one village. We need to spread it out and look at other villages too. Angela stated that the current provision is okay, but it is not enough and how that is changed is down to the community representatives. She urged community representatives sitting round the table to get involved.</p> <p>David Millar explained that CLD staff are out talking to young people in Fochabers and have ascertained that they (the young people) are keen to have something in the Institute.</p> <p>Ian Moeller agreed that the “Pinnie” in Fochabers has become a regular meeting place for young people particularly on a Friday night. They are coming from a wide area including Elgin and Buckie. There are huge concerns about young people coming to harm unintentionally and through the excessive use of alcohol.</p> <p>Ian went on to say that the news is not all doom and gloom and that apart from the mess most young people are fairly respectful and are not overly abusing alcohol.</p>	

	<p>At this point in the meeting the Police representatives were called away and left the meeting.</p> <p>Angela asked – so where do we go from here?</p> <p>It was agreed that a group of interested adults and young people should sit down to find out what was wanted and how that could be achieved by working together. Angela said that the Volunteer centre will support volunteers, up-skilling adults to enable them to work with young people. David also offered support from CLD.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the project could be kick started by offering a couple of activities to encourage the young people in and to have volunteers to talk to them about what they want to see developed. Angela is keen for this to be developed across the Milne’s area and not just focussed on Fochabers and Lhanbryde.</p> <p>A sub-group was formed with the following representatives: Peter, Ness, Gill, Anita, Angela, David (or Susan Reid), Fiona and two young people (who will be found and supported by Angela). The meeting of this group was proposed for 10 November 2011 at 7.30pm in Lhanbryde Community Centre.</p> <p>Angela was thanked for her input and both she and Kayleigh left the meeting.</p>	<p><b>Sub-group as named</b></p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 06 October 2011 were agreed. Proposed: Gill. Seconded: Jackie.</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>4.1 Flood Action Group, Garmouth and Kingston. David Mackay informed the meeting that the Group had met with the Flood Forum and this was very helpful to affected residents. However, there has been no further support from the Moray Council. On his advice, the Forum will just wait to see if any further support may be required.</p> <p>4.2 Transport Seminar. Peter reported that this had been a brilliant event with 80 plus attending of which 51 were older people. The feedback has been very positive. Three main actions from the seminar are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce a report from the day</li> <li>• Set up a Passenger Forum</li> <li>• Create a Transport Providers’ Network to improve partnership working</li> </ul> <p>Peter stated that the seminar was an example of good partnership working with support from Moray Community Health and Social Care Partnership, Volunteer Centre Moray, Lhanbryde Community Challenge, Handy Persons’ Service to name but a few. The lead organisation was Moray Forum and it will be the Moray Forum that will be taking forward the recommendations.</p> <p>Future developments could involve looking at transport issues for young people and for people with disabilities.</p> <p>4.3 Moray Economic Strategy. Peter has reported his views to the Moray Forum and has circulated members with his comments. The meeting concurred with his views.</p> <p>4.4 Local Licensing Forum. This item is actually to do with the proposed changes to the implementation of the Public Entertainment License (PEL). There has been an initial consultation which Anita responded to</p>	

	<p>in her role as President of Moray Federation of Community Halls and Associations (MFCHA). Anita agreed to circulate her response for information. She informed the meeting that a full consultation will probably go to community hall representatives and it was agreed that it would be appropriate for this to come to the Forum too. Anita agreed to this.</p> <p>4.5 “Worried About Winter?” event. Anita and Fiona attended this event and whilst it was a good opportunity for networking amongst the agencies it was poorly attended by members of the public – partly due to the late circulation of information and partly due to the (apparent) lack of publicity. Fiona and Anita spoke to Jane Mackie (head of Community Care) and had suggested that the event should be rolled out into the other areas and be offered for a shorter period of time i.e. a morning or an afternoon. Jane thought that this was a good idea and may look to the Forums to support this type of delivery.</p> <p>4.6 LEADER seminar. Anita reported that this had been a good seminar with a lot of useful presentations from groups/ organisations that had been supported through the LEADER funding.</p>	<p><b>Anita</b></p> <p><b>Anita</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Volunteer Centre Moray membership</b></p> <p>Peter proposed that Milne’s Neighbourhood Forum should register as a member of VCM, particularly given the involvement of Angela in developing youth initiatives in the area. It was agreed that good partnership working was important to the Forum and being part of the Volunteer network would support this. The proposal was seconded by Ness and agreed by the meeting.</p>	<p><b>Fiona</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Local Council Elections 2012</b></p> <p>Anita suggested that the Forum might like to organise a “hustings” for the upcoming local council elections. It was agreed that this required a bit of thought and further discussion and so was referred to the next agenda.</p>	<p><b>Fiona</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Community Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innes Community Council has been re-formed. Peter requested that the Forum should look to developing active partnerships with the two Community Councils that cover the Milne’s area. It was agreed that closer liaison with the CCs was relevant and should be promoted.</li> <li>• David Mackay informed the meeting that there had been a strong push for traffic calming measures in Garmouth. Several schemes have been proposed and rejected. The most popular scheme from the residents’ point of view was “20’s Plenty” but apparently this scheme has now been scrapped. Garmouth will be requesting full consultation about any schemes to be implemented and will be looking for support from the Forum to ensure this happens – should it be required. David Mackay will keep the Forum informed of any developments.</li> <li>• Paul raised the issue about farm tractors in Urquhart speeding through the village and almost being the cause of accidents. Although farmers had been approached there was no improvement in the speed of the tractors. It has been suggested that there may be a case for traffic calming measures in Urquhart too and the Forum may be required to support this proposal. Paul will keep the Forum informed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>David Mackay</b></p> <p><b>Paul</b></p>

**Date, time and place of next meeting**

Thursday, 02 February 2012 at 7.00pm in Lhanbryde Community Centre