

Buckie Area Forum

Wednesday 15th June 2011 at Buckie Townhouse.

Welcome & Apologies

The chair welcomed those present and noted the following apologies:

Cllr Gary Coull, Cllr Douglas Ross, Cllr George McIntyre, Cllr Anita McDonald, Cllr Ron Shepherd, Alan Beresford, Anna Parker, Alistair Farquhar.

Present

Barry Taylor (Chair), Sarah Murray (Secretary), Ian Moir (Treasurer), Sonya Warren, Tam McLellan, Zafar Ali, Iain Macpherson.

In Attendance

Cllr Gordon McDonald, Cllr Joe Mackay, Cllr Anne McKay.

Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

Speyside Way Race – a meeting was held last night and the ceilidh has been confirmed to be held at Buckpool Golf Club on August 27th at 8pm. Tickets will be on sale from the office bearers or from Buckpool Golf Club.

John Ferguson – The chair said he is off ill at present but is still responding to all emails. Regarding the previously discussed Code of Conduct, this has been delayed due to John's illness but any queries should be emailed to either Sarah or John. Iain Macpherson asked what this was about and the chair explained that it had been felt that some kind of code of conduct is needed for area forums and it is loosely based on the Community Councils one.

Lease of Townhouse – Ian Moir asked the chair to clarify what rooms we currently have use of – the chair said we have the hall and the small room off the hall at the moment. I.M asked about room 2 but Gordon McDonald responded saying that this was kept for use by the council at present.

Proposer – Tam McLellan

Seconder - Sonya Warren.

Moray Forum Update

The chair read out the update received from Alan Beresford.

Moray Transport Seminar – discussion took place regarding the issues that could be a problem; Iain Moir **felt** that maybe the age group could be an issue? Insurance issues were also raised. At present the steering group are trying to build up a bigger picture of the needs of the service.

Entertainment Fees – Sonya Warren asked what the council are trying to achieve and if they are planning on charging every group a fee? Lots of discussion took place regarding the fees and how it would/could affect the different groups. This is an on-going discussion for the Moray Forum and they are trying to come to an agreeable outcome.

CSU – The officer for Buckie is now Linda Adam due to changes because of the budget cuts. The CSU now have to be asked directly to attend any meeting, they cannot just turn up. Ian Moir asked why Linda has been allocated to Buckie when we already have 2 officers but the chair responded saying that Gillian Bailey is higher up than Linda and Gillian Rose is now an officer.

Community Warden – Ian Moir said these are now being managed directly through the council rather than the police and they no longer have access to police radios and are instead having to use mobiles. Discussion took place regarding this.

Youth Matters

The chair mentioned that there is now a new head boy and head girl. Discussions took place over getting younger pupils on board.

Tam McLellan asked if anything had been heard from VCM. The chair said they are keen to get involved and have been given David Barnett's details to discuss matters directly with him. Concerns over VCM's reliability have been raised due to dealings in the past over Cullen Youth Café. Praise was given for Fiona Herds work with the Youngsters but she is severely limited by time. The chair will contact David Barnett to see if VCM have been in touch.

Community Issues

There is to be a SSE exhibition in the Townhouse on 5th July from 12.30pm-7.30pm. It will be in the form of a drop in session with teas and coffees provided.

An issue was raised regarding dropped kerbs in Buckpool but Gordon McDonald responded by saying this was a planning issue although it could be changed in the future. This seems to be a big issue in the Buckpool area.

Ian Moir gave a short finance update regarding the money in the Forums accounts – There is currently £5928 in the BAF Account and £2337 in the Regen Group Account. Ian also asked what charges apply for the hire of the Townhouse hall, the chair responded by saying that charges had been set at £6 per hour for non-members or £5 per hour.

Discussions took place regarding the hire of the Townhouse hall and future management.

Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 17th August at Buckie Townhouse at 7pm.