

Buckie Area Forum

Minutes – Wednesday 18 April 2012

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Barry Taylor welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies for Doug Reid (BAF), Cllr Doug Ross (MC), Sonya Warren (BAF), Kieron Murdoch (BHS), Neil Johnston (BHS), Tam McLennan (BAF), Alistair Farquhar (BAF)

Present were B Taylor (Chair BAF), A Beresford (Vice-Chair BAF), Al Moir (Treasurer BAF), TI MacPherson (R&ACC), J Walls (BHS), Cllr G McDonald (MC), E Marandola (Minutes Secretary BAF), Cllr A McKay (MC), Linda McDonald, Hazel Thain, Julie McIntosh,
BAF Buckie Area Forum; R&ACC Rathven & Arradoul Community Council; MC Moray Council
BHS Buckie High School

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes were checked and approved, proposed by I Moir and seconded by A Beresford

3. Matters arising

- Asset transfer The form to register interest has been completed, Barry will verify it and return it to Linda Adam
- Sports Forum This will be held back until 2014
- Tesco Cllr McDonald will have the costings for the information boards soon. Only part of the money for traffic lights at Well Road/ Highfield Road has been received. Lights at the Cathcart Street junctions on High Street may possible also, traffic surveys will be done and information will then be available. A viewpoint in the square will require planning permission, positioning needs to be finalised.

4. Moray Forum Update

The Forum had its AGM, it has concentrated on two keys points; the transport seminar and community planning. The constitution was amended slightly re structure and between-meeting decision-making. Alan will give Emma information on a Communications Strategy for circulating to members. There was no change to office bearers.

5. Taxi Fare Review

A letter from Corporate Services re the Taxi Fare Review has been received. Emma will scan and circulate to members, comments by 30th April please.

6. Youth Matters

Josie Walls suggested that pupils come along to BAF starting at a slightly younger age so they come for a longer period of time, strengthening the tie between the school and BAF. She said there are two school heads and eight additional house heads, the school heads should come to each meeting and have a rota for house heads to come along as well.

Litter is an ongoing problem and it was felt that reporting back to the Rector is a good idea. Areas in the Central Belt use fines to tackle the problem but this needs the whole community's support. A concentrated effort between BHS, primary schools, wardens and so on could be a possibility, timed to coincide with provision of additional bins, beach cleans,

pollution awareness etc. BAF will support students to address this problem. Barry thanked Josie and Kieron for their attendance and input at meetings and wished them well as they leave school.

7. Community Issues

Information about a production of 'Stick Granny on the Roof' on Friday 20th April at the British Legion has been circulated to members.

The Buckie hustings have been cancelled due to lack of interest from some candidates and at this point it looks like Cullen will be cancelled for the same reason. Candidate Linda McDonald thanked BAF for trying to organise hustings.

Ian Moir asked when we would know what impact one Police force/ one Fire Service will have on Buckie.

SSE (wind farms) will use the hall again from 11am-9pm on either 9th or 10th May. Barry will check whether the last bill has been paid.

Dave Rodger (Vattenfall) would like to come to our next meeting.

Nick Brown would like to discuss the Whole Town Strategy at our next meeting.

Moray Towns Partnership will do a presentation on what has been done in the past three years, photos will be supplied by Jack Johnston, and it will also incorporate their forward plan for the next three years.

BAF owns 12 display boards, stored in the Town's House, and they are available for public use. BAF also has a camera, projector and screen for groups to use. BAF will make up a property list detailing items owned and their location. Signing-out sheets will be made available and a deposit scheme was discussed.

New Buckie Luggage bags are now available.

European Fisheries Fund money is available and Catalina Boda is very helpful on this subject.

£12K has so far been spent on the Fishwives' Walk; signage, path etc. Future maintenance will be the responsibility of the Forestry Commission and the Moray Council. TI McPherson asked about safety for walkers when on public roads.

The state of the Buckie Burn and Rose Gardens were discussed.

TI McPherson asked about the current situation regarding the disused buildings at Cathcart Street (clinic and Haldanes). A program of demolition to make the Haldanes site safe is due to start next week.

The Buckie Kist committee is waiting to hear about Lottery Funding.

The building formerly used as a Tax office still lies empty but there is an interested party.

Work has started at the Millbank garage site.

G Rose pointed out that there is no sign outside Buckie Library to let people know the library is in the building.

The next meeting, the AGM, will be on Wednesday 20th June at 7pm in the Town's House

The following meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd August at 7pm in the Town's House

Chair _____
Date _____

Secretary _____
Date _____