

Buckie Area Forum

Minutes – Wednesday 20 June 2012

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Barry Taylor welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies for Inspector Louise Blakelock, Fiona Herd (MC Youth Team), Jake Robertson, Neil Johnson (BHS), Cllr Joe Mackay and Alison Doherty (Vattenfall).

Present at the meeting were Z Ali (BAF), A Beresford (BAF), E Marandola (BAF), T McLellen (BAF), I Moir (BAF), D Reid (BAF), G Rose (BAF), B Taylor (Chair BAF), S Warren (BAF), Sgt A Wilson (Grampian Police), E Kidd (Buckie Area Libraries), J McIntosh, G Jeffrey (Vattenfall)

In attendance were councillors G McDonald, A McKay and D Ross.

The AGM was postponed due to an error at the Advertiser which meant that the public did not receive sufficient notice. The decision to reschedule the AGM for 22 August 2012 was unanimous.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes were checked and approved, proposed by Alan Beresford and seconded by Ian Moir.

3. Matters arising

- Buckie High School Barry will email Neil Johnson to invite the new head boy and girl to the next meeting.
- Tax Office The building formerly occupied by the tax office may now be used to relocate the police station.

4. Moray Forum Update

The reviewed draft of the Communications Strategy was read and I Moir suggested that expansion is required on some points. The next stage will be the Moray Forum meeting at the end of August 2012. J McIntosh suggested that provision should be made for those with additional communication needs eg visual, English not first language. Members should email Alan with any further thoughts. G Rose asked how feedback will be acted on in order to promote the positive and deal with the negative. The Passenger Seminar in April was well attended and the next one is in Buckie on the morning of 25 August 2012.

5. Youth Matters

The school Prizegiving ceremony is tonight so there are no Youth Matters on the agenda or representatives available to come along.

J McIntosh suggested that, as we have a recognised link with the youths of the community, we should have something similar for linking with our elderly community members.

6. Community Issues

- Armed Forces Day The Forum has been asked to attend the events on Saturday 23 June 2012. The pipe band will lead a parade from the British Legion to Cluny Square at 3pm.
- It's a Knockout The Regen group is again supporting this event which will be held in Linzee Gordon Park at 10am on 30 June 2012. Cllr McDonald asked for volunteers.
- Speyside Race Ultra Marathon There will be a ceilidh in Buckpool Golf Club following the race on 25 August 2012, tickets will be available soon via BAF and the Golf Club.

- Projector E Marandola suggested that the projector and screen be used in future meetings to show minutes/agendas to reduce the production of paper copies. This was agreed by those present.
- Membership forms Space for signature and date will be added to the new membership forms.
- Torch Relay I Moir gave congratulations to Nick Brown for organising the local torch relay which was in the style of the Olympic torch relay.
- Radio BCK D Reid has provided the Chair with a copy of Radio BCK's constitution and B Taylor will forward for approval.
- 11 Cluny Square There will be a meeting with officers on 25 June 2012 re asset transfer.
- Town's House the Town's House is leased to BAF on a month to month basis.
- Arts & Crafts E Kidd told the meeting that Arts & Crafts group have organised a 'taster day' for Saturday 14 July 2012 from 12 till 2. Entry is free, there will be a variety of crafts on show and craft kits will be available. There is also a free-to-enter exhibition on Saturday 11 August 2012 from 12 till 6pm. A Harvest Thanksgiving Festival will be held on 6 October 2012.
- Forum Links Forums are supposed to link with Community Planning partners eg NHS, Moray College, Police and Fire so, where appropriate, relevant partner(s) will be invited.
- Policing issues Sgt Wilson gave some information about recent events. A number of small local fires are being investigated with the aid of CCTV evidence. There have been 14 vandalism in the past month, 10 ongoing and 4 detected. The change to a single police force will make no change to ground level policing. Litter was discussed and this is an issue for the community warden. The fine for dropping litter is £40. The issue of cars parking on yellow road markings at Cluny School was discussed, car registrations should be passed to the Community Warden or Traffic Warden. B Taylor thanked Sgt Wilson and commented that it was good to see a Community Planning Partner present.

6. **AOCB**

- Constitution BAF's constitution will be amended to include a 'powers' section and this will be discussed at the AGM.
- Vattenfall George Jeffrey gave us a short presentation on the Aultmore project. In 2003 31 turbines were applied for but this was amended to 13 in 2007 and this planning application will be heard in late Autumn. RAF Lossie have radar concerns and the success of the planning application will depend very much on a 'fix' being possible. A community group will be set up by Vattenfall and community councils. Vattenfall will have regular meetings with this group and a sum of £2K per installed megawatt would be available to communities within 10K of the boundary once planning consent is granted. The proposed timetable is to having planning permission by Xmas, one year till construction starts and be operational 2014/2015. Local contractors are used for ground preparation etc where possible and it is likely that parts would be landed at Buckie harbour.

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

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