

## Buckie Area Forum

Minutes – Wednesday 10 October 2012

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Barry Taylor welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Anya McRae and Liam Allen, the new head girl and boy of Buckie High School. Apologies were noted for Cllr D Ross, Cllr A McKay, D Reid, E Marandola and L Blakelock

Present at the meeting were Z Ali (BAF), A Beresford (BAF), TI MacPherson (R&ACC), T McLellan (BAF), I Moir (BAF), B Taylor (Chair BAF), I Todd (MC), S Warren (BAF), A McRae (BHS) and L Allen (BHS).

In attendance were councillors G McDonald and J Mackay

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes were read and approved, proposed by T McLellan and seconded by Z Ali.

### 3. Matters arising

- Ceilidh The event was well attended and was a good event. There was a slight problem with the sound system.
- Transporters at Regency This is being monitored by the police.
- Enzie Braes road closures There have been problem with the traffic lights.

### 4. Moray Towns Partnership 3 year funding

Funding (£15,000) has been approved for the next 3 years. How the money is to be awarded has still to be finalised. There are issues re reclaiming VAT. It is not possible to carry funding from one financial year to the next.

The programme presented included continuing harbour improvements, the classic cars and legion events. Looking towards future events; Buckie Festival 10 year anniversary, Speyside Race, topograph, open space audit, farmers' market and the fishwives' walk. Re the walk, the Drybridge to Newmill stage is complete. Phase two is to complete the two end walks. Drybridge to Buckie will cost £5400 and funding will hopefully be available from the European Fisheries Fund. The timing of the meeting will be critical to the event. The launch is to be decided but should be high profile. Fishing Heritage and the library are willing to lend their support.

Numeracy and literacy are problem in Buckie. People must complete forms for benefits online. Derek Duncan (Moray College) will be talking at the Town's House.

Fair Trade Forum – S Warren volunteered to go to an initial meeting

BCK Radio needs leadership and there will have to be an inaugural meeting in order to adopt the constitution and a committee will be chosen.

A chiller for cold storage at the harbour office has been proposed, half paid with European Fisheries Funding.

The farmers' market at Buckie High School was a really good, busy day and congratulations go to BHS for a great effort. Tam's granddaughter's school in primary school was involved in lots of integrated activities in lessons eg preparing produce. BAF would like to have a farmers' market in Cluny Square.

I Moir asked about signposts for the start of walks. The Speyside Way is nothing to do with BAF. The Fishwives' Walk (core path), Ian Douglas at Moray Council will prepare brochures and leaflets. We need to decide where exactly it will finish before publicity can be prepared. Sustrans for Buckie and Keith; there is money available but needs to all link together. BAF can have supplementary signs.

Brown road signs for the Fisherman's Hall can go up 1 week before and 1 week after events.

The Land Girls memorial is in Clochan because of the view.

I McPherson suggested that more items of historical/geographic interest should come before items of publicity.

Hall's in Broxburn is to close; can we look to re-open the pork factory.

Everyone was happy with all projects.

11 Cluny Square is available as it is surplus to requirements and BAF have submitted an expression of interest. Moray Council have no plans for it and it is in the Housing Revenue account. No survey has been done by MC but one is required before BAF can proceed and it will cost approximately £2000. The first option is to apply for lottery funding for the survey and the second option is BAF pays for it. There is potential for high use, a hub of the community, and many groups have expressed an interest in using it. The Lottery is keen to finance Community Asset transfers if no council ownership and will pay all capital costs. It would be a SCIO and as such would be 80% exempt from rates. Development Trust Scotland will be invited. There are 19 potential Community Asset Transfers in Moray. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with a full structural survey and apply for lottery funding for this. BAF will take it step by step working with MC. A survey is needed before compiling a business plan. Ideas and proposals for the next 3 Year Plan include replacing the Shearwater for the harbour with a smaller vessel that can do more harbours and will be shared with other authorities.

#### 5. Youth Matters

There has been vandalism at the skate park. Ideas are needed for things to do in Buckie.

#### 6. Moray Forum Update

A Beresford will attend a meeting on Monday and will provide an update at the December meeting.

#### 7. Community Issues

There are moles at the Buckie Burn and they will be dealt with by the Council mole-catcher.

Diageo are proposing £162 million investment in Moray and Inchgower is in the frame for development.

B Taylor asked councillors about a web-cam. Display was to be made at meeting but MC had already purchased, although G McDonald had offered use of BAF. Why closures if MC can spend £5000 on boards when others are already available??

There was a Budget Priority Workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> November to discuss funding with no block bookings.

Numbers were down at the initial meeting. Moray Council haven't threatened closures of halls/community centres but £30 million of cuts. The public consultations end 6<sup>th</sup> December.

The constitution will be looked at re paying for AGM adverts i.e. how many are suitable, 21 then 14 days' notice.

Marine Scotland Renewables, there are potential licenses either side of Buckie.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Town House

B Taylor thanked everyone for attending and brought the meeting to a close.

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Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
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