

BUCKIE AREA FORUM
MINUTES
10 September 2019

Present: Linda McDonald (BAF), Gordon McDonald (BAF), Ann Mitchell (BAF/ B&DCC), Neil Johnson (BHS), Christine Allan (BAF/ B&DCC), Morag Stewart (BAF/ B&DCC), Susan Fenty (BAF), Iain Grieve (BAF), Kevin McKay (BAF/ B&DCC), Meg Jamieson (BAF/ B&DCC), Leah Rossvoll (BAF)

In attendance: Michelle Good (TSi Moray), Tracey Rae (CSU)

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Linda McDonald opened the meeting at 7:00pm, welcomed everyone and noted apologies for Cllr Warren, Cllr Coull, Cllr Gatt, Zafar Ali (BAF), Neil Campbell (Police) and Ian Todd (TMC).

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (19 June 2019) were proposed by Morag and seconded by Christine with no amendments required.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising from previous minutes.

4. Correspondence

BAF, Buckie and District Community Council, Buckie Roots and Friends of Fishermens Hall applied for funding from the Town Centre Capital Fund in the form of a 'wish list' per instructions. Kevin (Chair BDCC) received a reply saying the request for £100K had not been successful and that a separate bid for £46K to improve facilities at Ian Johnston's park had been granted instead. Kevin will write on behalf of the group to ask:

- a) how they got a figure of £100K as no costs had been submitted
- b) why the response to the wish list was received in September when it was understood that they'd hear in July how the request was progressing and submit details
- c) where the park bid had originated (none of the members of the group, all of whom are active in the community, know anything about it)
- d) for a list of criteria
- e) how all the funds have been spent

£2K has been offered to the group which Kevin will accept with the stipulation that it does not prevent them from pursuing the matter further. Tracey Rae has offered to speak to Reni Millburn on behalf of the group expressing their disappointment and concern at lack of community involvement in the process. Depending on the outcome of this, Kevin may submit a formal complaint.

5. Treasurer Report

Regen £10988.42 (£5K for B4B)

BAF £7172.33

Issues with the bank are ongoing i.e. Ian has no access to the accounts so cannot check for BACS payments.

6. Michelle Good – Community Development Officer

Michelle introduced herself to BAF and explained that her TSi/ Leader post is for 1 year and is for helping the community grow from the bottom up. She works closely with Tracey Rae's department, and supporting volunteering in the community is a big part of her role. An example of one of the projects she has helped is North East Traders who recycle white goods and employ/support people who have had a rough start in life.

7. Locality Planning – Buckie East

The launch will be on 14 August. Their Food Growing strategy needs community consultation. Those present found the statistics for people needing food parcels shocking; 1516 parcels from January to June. The Salvation Army, Riverside and the food bank provide them. There will be a pilot Community Lunch in the Fishermens Hall 1 November and a Confidence to Cook class (with health visitors, Quarriers) is planned.

There is a Connectivity sub group for Park Smart, a police initiative to work closely with Portessie and St Peters primaries to address parking and travel issues.

(Neil gave apologies and left at 8:05pm)

Chairperson's signature _____ Date _____

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8. www.buckie.co

The site will continue to share Banffshire Advertiser stories but not on the day of publishing and pictures will be shared in reduced quality.

9. Regen

There will be an effort to find and secure funding. Initiatives that may benefit are Walkers Welcome, a geocache (treasure hunt app) scheme, the Six Harbour Walk, and another B4B participatory budgeting event. The Town House continues to provide a small income to the Regen account.

10. Towns House

A defibrillator has been installed; it belongs to the Choir.

11. Moray Area Forum

They will be compiling a map of defibrillators to be registered with the ambulance service.

12. Youth Matters

We will hopefully have a representative from BHS at the next meeting.

13. AOCB

There is a sign for the Fishermens Hall but it is only put up in advance of functions, it is not permanently displayed.

A request has been submitted to the Common Good Fund to pay for grass cutting in the town.

Ian will get in touch with the Christmas Lights committee about BAF/Regen sign.

The dredger is currently working on contract in Leith.

Kevin McKay thanked BAF for the invitation to come along to the meeting, and Linda asked him to come back to the next meeting and update us.

The competition to design a new logo for Buckie Roots has received over 160 entries and they are being displayed in the Co-op window.

The representative for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will be David Scott.

The next meeting will be 21st November 2019, 7pm in Buckie High School Community Lounge.

Linda thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8:35pm.