

BUCKIE AREA FORUM

MINUTES

14th January 2020

Present: Linda McDonald (BAF), Gordon McDonald (BAF), Christine Allan (BAF/ B&DCC), Morag Stewart (BAF/ B&DCC), Kevin McKay (BAF/ B&DCC), Leah Rossvoll (BAF), Iain Cunningham (BCHS),
In attendance: Cllr Soya Warren, Cllr Gordon Cowie, Cllr Theresa Coull, Tracey Rae (CSU)

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair Linda McDonald opened the meeting at 7:00pm. As the Minute Secretary was absent Linda volunteered to take the minutes and asked the Secretary to Chair the meeting. This was agreed by the meeting.

Gordon welcomed everyone and noted apologies for Neil Johnson (BCHS), Cllr Gatt, Cllr Eagle and Michelle Good (Tsi Moray),

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (21st November 2019) were proposed by Leah and seconded by Christine with amendments required on Para 8 - Locality Planning-Buckie East. Nursery school should read Lady Cathcart, not Findochty. Also, Meg Jamieson was not in attendance.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

None.

4. Correspondence

Letter received from Alex Burrell, Estate Surveyor TMC. This was set out a Rent Review with a statement that the rental grant we receive will cease on the 5th October 2020. A general discussion concluded that the matter of the Townhouse be passed to the Regen Group for their deliberations on Thursday 16th January.

Tsi reports are received regularly but it was yet again requested that they be sent in a format that can be put onto www.buckie.co and Facebook.

5. Treasurer Report

There was no report due to the absence of the treasurer other than the Chair was aware that the issues with the bank are ongoing, but compensation has been given to the BAF and Regen accounts of £250.00 each.

6. Update on Community Town Centre Capital Fund – Kevin McKay

Kevin submitted a formal complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman yesterday on the way that the Moray Council had handled the funds with the Buckie community. This had previously been agreed at the last BAF meeting.

7. Locality Planning – Buckie East

LOIP has held two community lunches and have a third one on the 16th January 2020 in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie. This will be around the theme of social isolation. At the previous lunch donations were asked for and this raised £250.00. This was banked, as previously agreed, in the BAF account for LOIP. There is a commitment to hold six lunches up to May.

The Community Monitoring Group have agreed to put out 2 newsletters a year. Informing people about the progress of the Plan.

8. www.buckie.co

Locality Plan now available to download from the front page of the web site. It was agreed that BAF should purchase a converter to allow PDFs and Word documents submitted, to change to JPEG so that they can go on the web site.

9. Regen

The next meeting of the Regen Group has been arranged for 16th January 2020.

10. Towns House

Trolley and display boards were lent out to the Fishermen's Hall in November and they have not been returned yet. This must be chased up.

Chairperson's signature _____ Date _____

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11. Moray Area Forum

No Report.

12. Youth Matters

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

13. AOCB

BAF were made aware of the retirement of Ian Todd, Community Support Manager on the moray Council. BAF agreed to record their sincere thanks for all the work and advice he has given to the Forum over the years as he was a regular attendee at our meetings.

Tracey Rae will be taking over for the CSU. Representative in Buckie.

The next meeting will be 10th March 2020, 7pm in Buckie High School.

Gordon thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8:00PM.