

Speyside Area Forum www.undiscoveredspeyside.org

Tuesday, 26th April, 2016 Glenrinnes Community Centre

7-30 pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Participants: Sandy Henderson (Chair), Hugh Fraser, Ian Todd (C S U), Charlie Alexander, Bunty Campbell, Rob Lewin, Jenny Herschell, Patti Nelson, Pat Shanks, Margaret Grant, Cllr Pearl Paul, Jean Grimshaw

2. Apologies

Fiona Toovey, Andrea Fuller, Patricia Grant, Mabel Donald, St Ross Allan (Police Scotland).

3. **Minute of previous Meeting** for approval – 1st March, 2016 Proposed – Bunty Campbell, Seconded – Charlie Alexander

4. Matters Arising

RBS were written on 12th March re problems with Mobile Service. The letter was circulated to Members at the time but no response has been forthcoming from RBS.

A Working Group has been set up by Dufftown Community Association to progress consultation with Dorenell Windfarm Community Fund

5. Police Matters

AN Email was received from Sgt Ross Allan advising that, due to limited resources, the Police Report was no longer being collated. Any problems can be advised to him by Email Hugh Fraser advised that speeding was now a greater issue on Aberlour High Street and Dowans Brae following the roadworks on Aberlour High Street

6. Community Issues and Update from Community Groups

(please also see Diary www.undiscoveredspeyside.org)

There has been no progress with the signage at Alllahoy junction. Ian Todd will chase.

The future of the Victoria Suspension Bridge has not yet been resolved although it is understood there may be some interest

Participatory Budgeting has attracted in excess of 80 Applications involving £330k

Tininver Park have received Grant funding from Tesco Bags Scheme

Hugh advised that, hopefully, problems re extractor fan at Fleming Hall was nearly at an end. The Gents Toilets at the Cabrach have been damaged. The insurance claim monies are in and Council workmen are awaited to carry out repairs before the facility can re-open.

Recent Press Reports suggest delays in launching LEADER due to IT problems with the new system

Cllr Paul advised problems with Water Rate Exemption for The Cottage. It had not been appreciated that Application for Exemption had to be made annually before 31st March The Cottage has received funding to purchase a Paper Binder and Guillotine

Rothes Council are seeking views on extending the Speyside Way from Craigellachie to Rothes. The Meeting thought this could bring economic benefits to Rothes. Hugh suggested that Speyside Visitor Centre could be of help by taking Opinion Forms which were to be circulated to obtain the views of the public.

The lack of Broadband in the Cabrach was raised. Hugh advised about a satellite based Broadband used in Shetland but this was considered too expensive

7. Treasurer's Report

Balance £3,024.34 Proposed – Jenny Herschell, Seconded – Pat Shanks Ian Todd will check position regarding the TMC Grant for 2016/17

8. Community Issues - CAT

Community Asset Transfers – Hugh advised handover not now expected 1 April for Aberlour. The legal documents have not yet come forward.

9. Any Other Business

NIL

• Date and Venue of Next meeting – 14 [28]th June, 2016, 7.30pm in Fleming Hall, Aberlour.