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|  | Speyside Area Forum  [www.undiscoveredspeyside.org](http://www.undiscoveredspeyside.org)  Meeting  Tuesday, 14th May 2024  Richmond Hall, Tomintoul 7.30 p.m. |

**1. Welcome**

Sandy Henderson welcomed everybody to the Meeting.

**Present:** Sandy Henderson (Friends of Feming Hospital), Andrea Fuller, Margaret Grant (Edinvillie), Catriona Copland (Edinvillie), Fiona Toovey (Glenlivet), Tricia Lawson (Glenlivet), Karen White (KaTCA), Ellie Richardsn (KaTCA), Dawn Brodie (Moray Council), Inspector Morrison (Police Scotland)

**2. Apologies**

George MacKenzie

**3. Police Scotland**

Inspector Morrison stated that since 1st Jan 2024 there had been 8050 calls to Police in Moray, Speyside accounted for 534 calls and approximately 20% of calls result in a crime being recorded. Calls relate to various issues - calls requesting assistance by members of the public when they have locked themselves out of their car or calls regarding concerns for “missing persons” account for nearly 2000 of these calls. Police are present in Speyside daily but resources across Moray are limited and areas with low levels of crime naturally result in a lower police presence. Special Constables have similar powers to serving Police Officers. The Police budget is set by Scottish Government.

It is important that people also continue to report suspected drug dealing and speeding/drink drive offences. A dedicated email address for Speyside issues is [speysideglenlivetcpt@scotland.police.uk](mailto:speysideglenlivetcpt@scotland.police.uk) and can be used by anybody to report suspected problems/issues even anonymously. Police need the assistance of communities to inform them of what is going on.

Events Planning Dept: Police attendance is approved for 20-30% of events (e.g. Games Days) however Event organisers must pay for Police presence within the event grounds themselves. Police Assessments are based on 3 criteria – Threat, Harm, Risk.

Licensing Issues: Police are involved with such issues, carry out visits etc and reports are made to the Licensing Board.

Snowgates: The Police are responsible for closing them following liaison between Shire and Moray Roads Department.

Resilience Planning: Community based support is needed.

School Liaison Officer: This was trialled in Elgin and will be rolled out to all secondary schools in Moray.

June Health Week – Police try to attend where possible.

Inspector Morrison was thanked for providing an update on Policing in Moray which members of the Forum found to be extremely informative. Inspector Morrison then left the meeting.

**3. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting**

The following amendments were noted:

1. Should read Drumin Castle, not Drummuir (item 9a)
2. Sandy represents Fleming Hospital and not as stated in previous minutes.

Approved: Catriona Copeland

Seconded: Tricia Lawson

**4. Matters Arising**

a) Cllr Ross has queried wording of November 2023 minutes – Tricia to further investigate dates

Presentation from Health & Social Care Team, Moray

b) MC Grant. Andrea advised that Moray Council have written to SAF stating that the Council will no longer be reclaiming grant monies previously paid to the Forums. SAF are grateful for this.

**5. Treasurer’s Report**

Financial statement issued. Website costs are higher for year end 2023 as this amount reflects 2 years hosting etc costs – this was as a result of SAF being unable to access bank account following death of previous Treasurer and difficulties during COVID

**6. Moray Forum**

Dawn gave a brief update on the CLD Strategy, previously circulated, which is due for review. The CEG are currently setting up a working group to review its purpose and make appropriate recommendations.

**7. Constitution**

The wording was approved and carried forward for adoption at the AGM

**8. Community Issues**

a) Glenlivet. Cragganmore toilets now closed whilst repairs are carried out – will only open all year round if community agrees to clean the toilets etc. A steering group has been formed to carry out a feasibility study as to whether a community buy out of the church is an option. The church closed in December for services but the building can still be used. Tea in the Park have contributed money for this project. A concert is being held in Braes Hall.

b) Tomintoul. Cairngorm Orchestra recently played at Richmond Hall attracting a good turnout. Have held a good meeting with Scottish Ambulance, a new rota is being introduced which should lead to better cover. Have a meeting arranged with Police Scotland tomorrow evening. Water pressures are being mapped and Scottish Water are due to attend a meeting with community reps in August. A landslip outside the village has resulted in a 6 week road closure.

c) Edinvillie. Have held 3 sell out music nights since beginning of this year.

**9. Any Other Business**

Officer within Moray Council is overseeing the Digital Project

Andrea advised that she was stepping down from the Forum. It was agreed to hold an AGM at the next meeting at which time roles and responsibilities would be re-allocated.

**10. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Aberlour Fleming Hall Tuesday 20th August 7.30 p.m.