

PARTNERS' MEETING - MARR AREA PARTNERSHIP – MINUTES (DRAFT)
17th June 2015

<u>Present</u>	Action & by whom
<p>Jean Henretty Chair MAP, Banchory and District Initiative Nick Mardall Deeside Donside Development Project Bryan Begg 1298 Squadron Huntly and Area Air Cadets Simon Blackett Braemar Community Ltd Bill Slee Alford community Patricia Fraser Crathie Community George Wordie Strathbogie Community Council</p>	
<p><u>In Attendance</u> Natasha Pawlukiewicz Development Officer, Marr Area Partnership Roisin Daly Development Officer, Marr Area Partnership Lee Haxton Cairngorms National Park Authority</p>	
<p>1. Chair's Welcome:</p>	
<p>2. Apologies Nigel Healey Treasurer MAP, Chair Tarland Welfare Trust Cllr. John Latham Aberdeenshire Council Janelle Clark Aberdeenshire Council Keith Bennett Mid-Deeside Community Council Nick Mardall Development Officer, Marr Area Partnership</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of meeting of 1st April 2015: Approved.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising from Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensions: An adviser from Rowanbank is visiting in early July to meet Board members and each Development Officer; Bryan, Nigel and Simon to attend. • Visit from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park took place on 11 June; their community partnership would like to know more about MAP's contracts (as they are almost wholly funded by the Park); many possible areas for future co-operation. • Code of conduct for directors and map of local groups to be done. 	<p>Natasha</p>
<p>5. LEADER update: Budget has been signed off. Cairngorms LEADER (£2.8M million) to be launched 16 Sept at Association of Cairngorms Communities meeting; hope to award grants early 2016. SALAG - £3million (together with fisheries); 20% to go on admin and staff (to be managed by Aberdeenshire Council from Inverurie). 10% farm diversification, 10% rural business. Outcome based.</p>	
<p>6. AGM: This year the AGM will take place on Wednesday 30th September from 7-9pm. There will be no speaker but three IGS case studies. Braemar Hydro a possible venue for next year. Jean would like to step down as chair, although will continue if necessary (need to check how long she has been chair).</p>	<p>Natasha</p>
<p>7. Youth work progress: Roisin and Jean are meeting tomorrow with Becky Redmond to discuss the youth project. This would be a scoping study in a specific area (200 hours). Lee mentioned that the Park has been doing land management training for several years, and the Cairngorms Learning Partnership would be another organisation worth contacting. There was mention of Rink Link (Aberdeenshire Council).</p>	<p>Natasha</p>
<p>8. Draft budget. The draft budget for 2015/16 was discussed. Need to check amount for phones. £2.5k limit for new website (look at Grantown Initiative).</p>	

CNPA has small training budget for community development officers so if we have any training needs, please speak to Lee.

9. Initiative Grant Scheme (IGS): Summary of Awards and Applications as at 17th June 2015 presented, IGS funds = £10,000. Prior to discussing the applications, a list of criteria, as suggested by Bill Slee, was discussed and then used to agree whether funding should be awarded or not.

- **Crathie Toddler Group:** £500 agreed
- **Lumsden Community Association:** £1000 agreed
- **Mid-Deeside Girlguiding:** £240 agreed
- **Rhynie Woman:** Natasha to confirm they are a constituted group; if so £500 agreed
- **CADISPA:** not agreed

10. Development Officers Report and Staff Contact Sheets: Noted.

11. Partners' Updates on Community Issues: A sheet was sent round to Board members to fill in prior to the meeting. It was discussed briefly.

12. AOCB: Bill Slee is involved in a study of the future of forestry in the region, which should be done by early autumn.

Lee has leaflets and posters for Grampian Transport Museum; Bill to take.

IGS scoring criteria: could link to Marr Community Plan and the Park Plan be an extra criterion?

Clashindarroch Wind Farm open day takes place on 26th June.

13. Date and venue of next meetings: All meetings at Room A3 Alford Academy 7pm - 9pm unless otherwise stated: 23rd Sept, 11th Dec (venue TBC, meeting followed by Xmas lunch); AGM 30th Sept (7-9pm; venue TBC)