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ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL RURAL PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

REPORT FOR 2010-2011

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Formartine Beginning to Blossom 2010: Easterfield School

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GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Formartine Partnership was formed in 1997. Since 25th April 2006 the Formartine Partnership has been a private company, limited by Guarantee, (SC 301273). It is not a registered charity. Currently there are eleven directors on its Board including a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Company Secretary. The Board meets approximately every six weeks.

The Formartine Partnership employs one full-time employee, a Development Officer, who submits a regular report and plan of work to the Board at each Board meeting.

The Partnership members include:

All twelve Community Councils in Formartine:

Auchterless, Inverkeithny & Fisherford; Belhelvie; Collieston & Slains; Ellon; Foveran; Fyvie, Rothienorman & Monquhitter; Meldrum, Bourtie & Daviot; Methlick; Tarves; Turriff and District; Udny, and Ythan;

The following (mainly) voluntary groups:

Aberdeenshire Care and Repair Project; Aberdeenshire Council; Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum; Balmedie Christmas Lights Group; Collieston Amenities Committee; Ellon Biodiversity Action Group; Ellon Can-Do Community Recycling; Ellon Civic Pride; Formartine Oral History Project Group; Foveran Partnership; Friends of Haddo Country Park, Gordon Park Development Group; Gordon Rural Action; Methlick Community Garden Project; National Farmers Union of Scotland; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; Scottish Agricultural College; Scottish Rural Property and Business Association; Scottish Natural Heritage; Tarts and Crafts Limited, Balmedie; Tarves Heritage Centre; Turriff & District Ltd.; Turriff and District Heritage Society; Turriff Town Pride; Woodhead and Windyhills Community Trust; Ythan District Fishery Board; Ythan Project Volunteers Group and Ythanbank Community Association.

and

Any resident of Formartine may also become a member.

The latest AGM was held on 26th January 2011. All current Directors and office bearers were re-elected and the audited accounts for 2009-10 were approved.

ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: the Partnership will need to help groups in their area with information, implementation, and community engagement, to build inclusive and sustainable projects.

Formartine Beginning to Blossom/ Formartine in Bloom 2010

Formartine Beginning to Blossom 2010

This new competition for primary schools which was trailed in last year's Report was successfully launched. Twelve out of Formartine's twenty-six schools entered, six schools attended the Awards Ceremony and ten have accessed the £100 grant from the Enhancement Fund.



The Bug Hotel at Esslemont School

The entrants impressed in many ways: the children's keenness and enthusiasm, the confidence of their presentations; the range of projects and the level of involvement which some schools have already reached. Many schools are part-way through a medium-term plan to allow them to reach the level of the leading schools, and in a few years time, this will be a highly competitive event indeed.

It is clear that the competition will widen the children's environmental knowledge and outdoor education and it is hoped that it will strengthen the involvement of the schools and their pupils in their local communities and give them a pride and sense of belonging.

It is anticipated that more schools will enter next year and this will require a second day of judging because of the shortness of the school day. Thus such an increase will involve more costs for judging, certificates and the Awards Ceremony.

Formartine Beginning to Blossom 2010: Results

Winner ~ Udney Green School;

Runner Up ~ Tipperty School;

*Highly Commended ~ Arnage School, Daviot School,
Esslemont School (Pages), Fintry School, Easterfield School,*

Ellon Primary School, Balmedie School;

Achievement ~ Cultercullen School, Pitmedden School.

FP would like to thank Sandy Milne for suggesting this competition, Bob Davis for developing it and its judging criteria, and Bob Davis and Kath Hamper from Buchan Countryside Group, for judging.

Formartine in Bloom 2010

This was a record year for this well established competition with 17 communities entering. There were two new entrants- Better Balmedie and Foveran; three re-entries- Rothienorman, Udney Green and Ythanbank. Barthol Chapel withdrew this year and the three schools from last year- Arnage, Tipperty



Newspaper photographer recording Judging Day: Better Balmedie

and Esslemont/Pages transferred to the schools competition. Participants now include most communities with a sizable population in Formartine. The largest communities who do not participate are Newburgh and Potterton followed by Belhelvie and Methlick. Thus, unless more hamlets enter, the competition cannot get much bigger.

This was the first year with judging in August, a unanimous request from participants. The quality of the entries was excellent and the competition closely fought. Indeed there was a joint runner up in the small communities' category.

FP would like to thank the judges, Ian Tillet and Julia Paterson, and the sponsors who make this competition possible with their donation of £1200 prize money.



Meldrum Amenities Group thanking their community for support

Formartine in Bloom 2010: Results

Small Community

Winner ~ Udney Station;

Joint Runners Up ~ Auchterless, Woodhead of Fyvie;

Highly Commended ~ Ythanbank, Collieston, Foveran, Udney Green;

Achievement ~ Auchmacoy.

Medium Community

Winner ~ Pitmedden;

Runner Up ~ Tarves;

Highly Commended ~ Cuminestown, Rothienorman, Fyvie.

Large Community
Winner ~ Oldmeldrum;
Runner Up ~ Ellon;
Highly Commended ~ Turriff, Balmedie.



Awards Ceremony: Participants from the Large Communities

Updating and upgrading the new Formartine Partnership web site.

As presaged in last year's Report, over the last year a new web site has been developed and is ready to launch. It will give easier and clearer interaction with members and clearer information about the Partnership and its activities.

New Email address, phone number.

Since the Formartine Partnership was first established, it has enjoyed a good supportive relationship with Aberdeenshire Council to the extent that the Council has provided it with a phone line, ICT facilities and email. However, to avoid confusion, it was felt that FP needed to demonstrate its independence, particularly with regard to the email address, and so a new email address and phone number will shortly be activated. Details will be circulated once it is fully tested.

Formartine Partnership E-Newsletter.

A second issue was produced and distributed earlier in the year and a third is in production. It informs the various community groups in Formartine about the activities and aspirations of the Partnership and of fellow Formartine groups, and provides general information from the wider sector which they may find helpful. The intention behind this approach is to develop group involvement and build a mutual support network within Formartine.

Formartine Partnership AGM.

The Formartine Partnership AGM, scheduled for 24th November 2010 had to be cancelled at the last minute because of the weather and road conditions. Maitland Mackie CBE had agreed to give a presentation entitled: *Wind Turbines: How to keep their benefits within the local area*, and over 40 people had indicated that they would attend. The postponed AGM was held on 26th January 2011 and had no speaker.

Aberdeenshire Council's Sustainable Community Halls Initiative.

This year tree halls have had energy audits under this scheme:- Udney Station Community Centre, Beaton Hall, Methlick and Turriff Bowling Club. FP is working with each to progress the advice given.

Grants: Village and Town Enhancement Grants and Rural Youth Transport Grants.

During 2010-11, the Formartine Partnership administered the above two grant schemes on behalf of the Formartine Area Committee of Aberdeenshire Council. The administration of these grants fosters

community engagement by allowing the Partnership to develop positive relationships with community groups and with youth groups in Formartine. In cases where the proposed community activities do not fit with the criteria, the Partnership can help in identifying alternative funding for the group's project. The Village Enhancement Grant was extended this year to include a grant of up to £100 to the schools that entered Formartine Beginning to Blossom to support their entries.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: COMMUNITY ACTION PLANS

FP received a £3,500 grant from Formartine Community Planning Group to establish a Community Development Projects Fund to develop Community engagement within Formartine. Currently there are five PfR@s at various stages of completion:-

1. Planning for Real® (PfR®).

1.1. Balmedie PfR®.

This has been organised, analysed and provisionally prioritised by Belhelvie CC with the support of FP, but it still needs community endorsement.

1.2. Potterton, Belhelvie, Black Dog and Whitecairns PfR®.

This was organised by Belhelvie CC with the support of FP, Community Planning and Ellon CLD. The initial public meeting was held on 4th Sept 2010 and was attended by over a 130 people who responded carefully to the exercise. The results have been inputted, analysed and provisionally prioritised. Further meetings will be held in March to endorse these priorities using electronic voting system to allow instant inputting and results. A Community Action Plan will be based on these decisions.

1.3. Ellon Town Centre PfR®.

This was organised by Ellon CC and Ellon Strategy Forum with the support of FP and Community Planning. The intention is to establish how the community would like to see the Town Centre develop as a result of the significant housing allocations in the Development Plan for Ellon. The initial public meeting was held on 2nd October 2010 and was attended by over 215 people. All the raw data has been inputted but needs analysing before a second prioritising meeting can be organised.



Ellon Town Centre Planning for Real®

1.4. Cuminestown PfR®.

After a presentation by the DO on Planning for Real, Monquhitter Amenities Association has decided to carry out a PfR® for Cuminestown and is currently liaising with the school as to when this can be started

1.5. Udney PfR®.

Udney CC is organising an update to the 2008 PfR® on March 11/12 2011 to confirm proposals for use of the Wind Turbine income and to inform the Wind Turbine Trust. Again FP and Community Planning are supporting.

2. Community Action Surveys (CAS).

2.1. Extension of Balmedie Community Action Survey: Balmedie Views.

The original survey successfully identified and helped initiate new community groups: Better Balmedie, Christmas events and a Newsletter, and Balmedie is noticeably more vibrant as a result. To consolidate and build on this, FP applied for funding for a Development Officer. FP has received £2,500 from Formartine LCPG towards this, but it was unsuccessful in an application to Awards for All, and the Future Jobs Programme was closed down in May after an application had been submitted but before it was considered. The DO is exploring alternative funding sources.

2.2. Rothienorman and Newburgh CAS.

As a result of the success of Balmedie Views CAS, FP is supporting two further exercises in Rothienorman and Newburgh. Funding has been secured, posts have been advertised and it is hoped to start in March/April.

3. Community Profiles.

FP has assisted the local CL&D officers in producing Community Profiles for Balmedie and Pitmedden. Both are now complete. Tarves is started.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES: Provide a local advice service to groups seeking to develop Community assets and facilities.

Rothienorman Community Facility: Rothienorman Bowling Club and Community Association.

This brand new community facility and Bowling Club Pavilion was completed on time and budget in March 2010 and was formally opened at the beginning of this financial year.

Oldmeldrum Play Park.

This is a go-ahead group of five mothers of young children who have produced a design and layout for upgrading the play park costing £74,000 and raised (in fact overshot) that total in just over a year from starting! The equipment is currently being positioned. FP has been supporting them in funding applications and is working closely with Aberdeenshire Council Landscape Services in an innovative approach which uses their budget for equipment as match funding and in this case trebled it!

Beaton Hall, Methlick.

FP has been working closely with this group in its project to upgrade the Hall, a decision taken at the Hall's Centenary AGM in Sept 2008, The Consultant's Feasibility Report, paid for by an Awards for All grant, has been completed. They have also met CES who gave a very positive response re a grant for insulation and biomass boiler but this grant has now closed. As a result of the Feasibility Report, the group has decided to reduce their aspirations and concentrate on making the existing building brighter, more comfortable and more inviting. Thus they have decided to concentrate on redecorating, improving the toilets and exploring insulation and perhaps a new heating system and are now exploring grants for this.

Daviot Community Hall.

Daviot Community Hall Group had drawn up detailed plans for upgrading the hall at a cost of £450k-£500k, consulted with the community, received planning permission and obtained £75,000 from planning gain for match-funding. They applied to SRDP, but despite having the highest grading possible for community facilities, the cut-off point was higher and so they were unsuccessful. However, to show how resilient this group is, this has not put them off. They have now drawn up plans and costings for a new-build, timber frame hall and are about to start again!

Turriff: Baden Powell Centre.

This scout group have drawn up draft plans and held a public meeting to launch them. They are in process of drawing up detailed plans and applying for grants and have successfully approached local wind turbine developers for community benefit.

Turriff Pre-school Playgroup.

Turriff Pre-school Playgroup had developed plans for their own hall but it is working constructively with the Baden Powell group above on a joint facility.

Greeness Community Hall Association.

The Formartine Partnership, working with Turriff CLD, is exploring the possibility of developing a new community building to replace the school which was burnt down several years ago. This is likely to be a modified newly-built house, possibly a kit house. They are currently drawing up a business plan.

James Tennant Playing Fields, Cuminstown.

The Formartine Partnership is supporting this group on various projects to upgrade the playing field facilities. The group has obtained a LEADER grant of £36,285 towards an all-weather sports court on the tennis courts' site costing c£90,000. Planning approval was granted on 3rd Nov and the group are now applying to other grant awarding bodies.

Cuminstown Play Park.

The DO has started work at Cuminstown with a group of residents on a similar, though smaller scheme to Meldrum. The group has finalised costs and layout, produced a business plan and are applying for funding. They have been awaiting agreement on a lease from the Council which has now been completed. There is some concern regarding timing and competition for funding with the Tennis Courts project.

Pitmedden Play Park.

The DO is exploring the possibility with a local mothers' group of establishing an infants' play park in one of the housing estates at Pitmedden. They have established that Planning permission is not needed and have started fund raising.

Newburgh Sports Facility.

Foveran Partnership has just taken a decision to build a changing room block costing c£150,000 near the all-weather pitch and have decided to draw up plans and apply for planning permission as a first stage.

Udny Station Community Centre.

Udny Station Community Centre has had an energy audit and is considering a small scale upgrade. However, the CARES grant to fund the upgrade has since closed.



Udny Station Community Centre

Turriff Bowling Club.

They need an upgrade to their heating system to make it greener and less costly and have had an energy audit. However, the CARES grant to fund the upgrade has since closed.

Ythan Health and Well-being Centre.

The DO is part of a new group to establish a multi-purpose building in Ellon to provide day services and opportunities for people with long term health problems.

Ythanbank Mission hall.

Ythanbank Mission Hall has raised £7500 and commissioned the work to replace the windows.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: provide basic, initial business and administrative advice to community and social enterprises seeking to develop economic opportunities.

Formartine Tourist Map designed for Satellite Navigation.

This has been well received since its launch in late 2009. Summer 2010 was its first complete tourist season and it has been distributed to Formartine libraries and main tourist hotels.

Udny Community Wind Turbine Group.

The Formartine Partnership has been supporting this group in their project, which originated at a Planning for Real, to build a £1.5m Community Wind Turbine at Udny the first community owned Turbine in mainland Scotland. The group has now obtained planning approval, grid connection and successfully completed their applications for grant funding. Currently, they are completing negotiations on site lease and commercial funding for construction. It is hoped to start construction in summer 2011. They are also in process of setting up a Community Trust to disburse the income to fund various community projects and facilities.

Put Community Coop.

DO has met Put to discuss the development of a small wind turbine to reduce their carbon footprint and diversify income sources and a second for the land-owner. They have also planted an orchard.

Delgatie Castle Trust.

DO received information that this was a Social Enterprise looking for support. A meeting was arranged and it was established that it is in fact a Family Trust rather than a community trust and does not need support with grants currently.

Tarts and Crafts Community Café and Craft Gallery.

DO met with Tarts and Crafts to discuss how to raise £2,000 to replace the coffee machine and to widen its Board and membership. It has just put a plea for new committee members in the local newspaper.

Hill of Fiddes Turbines.

DO has held several meetings to develop a constitution for a group to disburse £11,200 annual income from turbines at Hill of Fiddes.



One of the Hill of Fiddes Turbines

FUTURE CORE FUNDING AND REVENUE GENERATING: Investigate possible sources of future core funding and undertake revenue generating activities, to ensure the long term viability of Formartine Partnership Ltd

Aberdeenshire Wingen.

The Formartine Partnership is Aberdeenshire Rural Partnership Federation's (ARPF) link with Maitland Mackie with regard to his proposal to establish rural consortia to develop wind turbines/wind farms and keep the benefits locally. The consortia would consist of farmers (including tenants), landowners, local businesses, residents and community groups and would thus provide a very welcome alternative and sustainable income source for both the Partnerships themselves, and community groups. The key proposal to progress this idea is that the Scottish Government set up a rolling loan fund to help such rural consortia take renewable developments through the pre planning stages.

The Formartine Partnership produced supportive letters on behalf of the Aberdeenshire Partnerships to lobby the Scottish Government to progress the idea and continues to be the responsible Partnership to link with Maitland Mackie.

The Scottish Government has commissioned a feasibility study from SAC and CES into early stage funding for renewables projects, in particular if a loan fund could meet farmers' and communities' needs. 'Securing the benefits of Scotland's next energy revolution' is out for consultation until 25th February 2011. Again the Formartine Partnership responded on behalf of the Aberdeenshire Partnerships.

However, before this consultation was closed, it seems to have been pre-empted by an announcement on 15th February 2011 of a £2.4 millions loan fund for 2011-12 to support "all land managers" through preplanning stages and there is a requirement that community groups be involved in and benefit from the developments. This seems to be additional to a **loan** fund of £5.4 millions for community groups themselves to develop renewable projects. This loan fund seems to have replaced the CARES grant which was available previously and was overwhelmingly successful.

Joint Venture.

The DO attended a presentation at the All-Energy Exhibition given by Neilston Development Trust, Carbonfree Developments Ltd and Burness LLP.

Neilston Development Trust has formed a 49.9% / 50.1% joint venture with Carbonfree, a specialist renewables developer, who is responsible for the technical, development, planning and construction aspects of the project. Carbonfree will fund and undertake all planning risk; the community is not required to invest any monies until planning consent is obtained. Carbon Free is also responsible for sourcing the bank finance required to build the wind farm and will help the Development Trust to identify sources of finance to fund its equity contribution to the joint venture.

The structure has been designed by Burness LLP to ensure that Neilston qualifies for grant and loan funding to invest in the wind farm and also receives 49.9% of the pre-tax profits generated by the wind farm. Neilston Development Trust takes the same operational risks as Carbon Free, but also shares in the operational rewards.

The advantage to Community groups is that there is no need to obtain grants or loans through the riskiest pre-planning phases of development and once Planning Approval is obtained then it is relatively straightforward to obtain commercial loans.

This approach could be of interest to both Rural Partnerships and Community Groups who are looking for a way of obtaining a reliable income whilst reducing the risks associated with developing Wind Turbines in-house.

Formation of a Trust to administer Community Benefit Funds from Wind Turbines.

It has been suggested that, for a small fee, Formartine Partnership administer Community Benefit Funds on behalf of Turbine developers and Formartine community groups. The DO had concerns whether this could compromise the independence of FP advice and involvement. However, several Aberdeenshire Partnerships already administer similar schemes, and feel that this is helpful to all concerned. FP is investigating further.

INFORMATION FLOW: Act as an intermediary between Aberdeenshire Council, Community Planning Partners the Local Community Group and the wider community ensuring a two-way flow of information relating to needs and priorities as one of the voluntary sector partners.

Community Council Forum; Community Planning groups.

FP regularly attends Formartine Area Community Council Forum, is a partner on the Formartine LCPG, Balmedie LCPG and Turriff LCPG and is a member of the steering group for the various Community Action Surveys. The DO provides reports which update FP's activities for these bodies. FP also belongs to the Autism sub-group of Formartine LCPG.

BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY

It is a great pleasure to comment on how the Community Capacity of Formartine Community groups has increased over time, often over a very short period. The **Udny Wind Turbine Group** is an excellent case in point. Starting from a Planning for Real in May 2008, they have achieved funding for a £1.5 millions, 800kW Community-owned Turbine, the first on mainland Scotland and the group expect to be erecting the turbine in June 2011. Its members now advise other groups and are in great demand to give presentations throughout Scotland!

A more recent group that started from scratch only last year and achieved its aims with a very steep but short 15 months learning curve is **Meldrum Play**. This group of five mothers of young children started raising funds for their £74,000 project to update equipment in the Meldrum play park in late Autumn 2009, overshot their target and the new equipment is currently being installed! They are a very good role model for other play park groups.

It is also worth commenting on the resilience of groups too. The **Daviot Hall** group has not been at all fazed by the rejection of their application to SRDP to upgrade the existing building. Instead, they have built on their experience in making this application and are already applying it to a new-build Community Hall replacement project. Similarly, the **Beaton Hall Group** is acting on the Feasibility Report they commissioned. So instead of being disappointed that large-scale upgrading is inadvisable, it now intends to make the existing building brighter, more comfortable and more inviting. Thus they have decided to concentrate on redecorating, improving the toilets and exploring insulation and perhaps installing a new heating system. They are now exploring grants for this.

However, Community Capacity can decline. Witness the **Tarts and Crafts** appeal for more members for their management committee. People change, tasks change and group dynamics change. It is very difficult to manage a group to cover such changes. A group that is strong in fund-raising and developing a project may not be as good in routine management of a completed project. Udny Turbine are trying to meet these changes by having separate groups for running the Turbine and administering and disbursing the income it produces.

LEVERAGE

Leverage 2010-2011

Meldrum Play	£74,000
Upgrading Play park	
Ythanbank Mission Hall	£7,587
replacing windows	
Cuminestown: James Tennant Playing Field	£36,285
upgrading tennis courts	
TOTAL	£117,872
Udny Wind Turbine Group	
Biglottery	£269,000
LEADER	£95,040
Udny Wind Turbine Total	£364,040

The total grants awarded to Projects supported by the Formartine Partnership in 2010-11 is:

£117,872.

In addition, the Udney Wind Turbine Group was awarded **£364,040**. However, the only part that the DO played in this achievement was to act as referee. They have developed more than enough capacity to act independently!

NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION

FP is a member of Aberdeenshire Rural Partnership Federation (ARPF) and regularly attends its meetings. FP represents ARPF on ad hoc committees relating to Third Sector Funding and Aberdeenshire Wingen and deputises on Aberdeenshire Community Planning Executive.

FP belongs to the Development Trusts Association Scotland and the DO attended its annual meeting in June at Aviemore.

On 31st May, FP joined with some other LRPs at a seminar to demonstrate the advantages of LRPs and to encourage Garioch community groups to come together and re-establish a LRP in Garioch.

EXPLAIN THE MAIN CHANGES AND CHALLENGES TO BOTH THE ORGANISATION AND THE COMMUNITIES

Reduction in Council Funding

It is expected that there will be a reduction in Formartine Partnership's core funding in 2011-12 but, at the time of writing, it is not clear by how much. Aberdeenshire Council's initial budget briefing proposed that the LRP fund be reduced by £30,000 (17%) for 2011-12 but be held steady for 2012-13. The Council has agreed its budget for 2011-2 but the distribution between the individual LRPs has still to be announced. The Formartine Partnership also receives funding from the Area Committee and this figure has still to be announced too.

Changes in Scottish Government Third Sector Funding.

The Scottish Government is reorganising the way it funds the CVS and Volunteer Centre Organisations. Instead of funding them through a block grant to SCVO for onward transfer to the individual CVS organisations throughout Scotland, from April 2011, it will fund them directly through a Single Interface with the Community Planning Partnerships in each local authority area. The Scottish Government wants direct access to the Third Sector but it has made an unwarranted assumption that CVS and Volunteer Centres are the only Third Sector organisations which support the other Third Sector organisations. Thus it has set up a One-size-fits-all Scheme, when there is a lot of variety in different areas of Scotland. In Aberdeenshire the two CVSs and the Volunteer Centre have established a Single interface called AVA, and the LRPs have been excluded, despite joint negotiations to set up a wider interface which truly reflects the situation in Aberdeenshire.

In return for the funding, the Single Interfaces had to enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) outlining the work they will undertake. These functions are:

- ❖ Support to voluntary organisations operating in the area, both local and those national organisations that deliver services at the local level;
- ❖ Support to and promotion of volunteering;
- ❖ Support and development of social enterprise;
- ❖ Connection between the CPP and the Third sector.

In Aberdeenshire the SLA covers work which the LRPs do and much of it has never been done by the CVSs, nor are they being funded to increase their capacity, in fact just the contrary.

There are **two concerns** that this new system creates:

- 1) That the SLA will give the mistaken impression that AVA is doing what the LRPs do thus implying repetition and waste;
- 2) AVA will become the only route of contact between the Scottish Government, Community Planning and the Third Sector in Aberdeenshire. Thus not only will CVSs' and VCA's core funding come via that route but announcements, information, communications and additional funding opportunities will come that way. On the day of writing, the DO has just been informed of a new Scottish Government employment funding initiative for the Third Sector which circumvented the LRPs and went directly to AVA members.

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Vivienne Tegge, of Aberdeenshire Volunteer Centre, is attempting to mediate, emphasising the differences in approach between the groups- community of place vs community of interest; specific group support vs generic support, community engagement, social enterprise support, but the AVA members have refused point blank to widen membership of the AVA Single Interface, which the DO feels is the crucial issue for making an efficient link between Scottish Government, CPP and Aberdeenshire's Third Sector as a whole.

INCOME and EXPENDITURE

**Income and Expenditure 2010-11
(Forwardly estimated to 31st March 2011)**

Income	£	£
Area Committee Core Grant	26,000	
Economic Development Core Grant	7,500	
TOTAL INCOME		33,500
Expenditure (estimated)	£	£
Salaries and NI	26,200	
Insurances and corporation tax	514	
Admin	3,420	
development activity/outreach	610	
computer, web	2,756	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		33,500
Administered Reserved funds	£	£
AC Rural Youth Transport Grant	600	
AC Towns & Villages ENHANCEMENT Grant	4,800	
AC Formartine In Bloom grant	1,200	
Formartine In Bloom: Sponsorship	1,200	
FPCG Community Engagement Projects	3,500	
FPCG Balmedie Development Officer	2,500	
TOTAL RESERVED		13,800