



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH 2012

PRESENT

Carin Schwartz, Chair	Councillor Irene Ogilvie
John Bremner, Treasurer	Sandra Maclennan
Fabio Villani, Vice Chair	Alison Rimell
Naomi Zair	Angela Sutherland
Denise Gormley, CSU	Frances Powell
Councillor Lorna Cresswell	Terry Monaghan
Brian McDonald	Kresanna Aigner
Andrew Anderson, HIE	Tina Coffey (minutes)

APOLOGIES

Anne Skene, Lianne Milligan, Councillor Jeff Hamilton, Susan Reid, Cllr Lee Bell

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Minute of AGM held in February	The Annual General Minutes were pre-approved and will be formally approved at next years AGM.	
Minute of FAF Meeting held in February 2012	<p>Approved by Fabio Villani, seconded by John Bremner, with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name correction page 1 – Brian MacDonald to read Brian McDonald • Name correction page 1 – Lianne Mulligan to read Lianne Milligan • Moray Towns Partnership – first bullet point at the end of the sentence please add “as per Fairdeal for Forres proposal” • Moray Towns Partnership – first bullet point at end add “Jeff Hamilton has agreed to action this point” • Moray Town Partnership – third bullet point – The Moray Council had ordered 2 sets of signs the mistake was theirs • Moray Towns Partnership – third bullet point remove the sentence “Lorna to converse with Bear” as she has no recollection of saying this • Round the Table – sixth bullet point – after Jamie Whittle gave a presentation insert “on access to environmental justice” • Round the Table – ninth bullet point – remove the word garden and insert “green raised bed” <p>Tina is to resend the minutes to all present.</p>	TC
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra had a meeting with Richard Hartland, Forres is involved due to the Open Spaces Policy, he will get back to Sandra if more information is needed. • Jeff Hamilton was to submit a report on the Fair Deal for Forres signs but was unable to attend so this item is rolled over to the next meeting. • Community Support Unit – Carin has spoken to Denise and there is a support agreement in place which is being worked on on a 3 	

	<p>monthly basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dallas Programme – Carin is participating in this Tele Health care programme with Glasgow School of Art and NHS. • Terry has met with James Smith, Roads Department. There is one new 'Give Way' sign on the A96 near Mundole. There are further outstanding matters and these will be brought back to the table. • John – Forres Community Council - Forres dentists, there have been further developments and Grampian Health Board would like a meeting. • Angela – Forres Area Tenants Forum – few turned up to the last meeting and there is to be a discussion with the Council to see if it worth continuing. 	
Treasurers Report	<p>Current balance stands at £2,001.64. There is a Youth Account opened 4 years ago which now has a balance of £500. John has a meeting with Susan Reid on Friday 16th March. She was unable to attend a previously scheduled meeting due to a bad accident a few weeks ago.</p>	
FAF Grant Assistance form	<p>Terry, John and Lianne had been working on this form and a proposal is ready to be circulated. It was decided that Carin would circulate the form and that a discussion and vote on its wording and contents would be taken at the next meeting.</p> <p>Irene Ogilvie suggested that the Common Good Grant Application form also be circulated and discussed at the next meeting as it may have some relevance to the FAF form currently under review.</p>	<p>CS to circulate both forms via email</p>
Moray Towns Partnership	<p>Fabio and Sandra attended a MTP meeting in Elgin 23/2. The meeting was very successful. Each town reported on past spending and agreed that a new proposal should be made to Moray Council Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee in April about new funding.</p> <p>The new proposal is for each town to write a three year plan and councillors will vote on a proposed budget of £20,000 per town per year for a three year period. The budget will (if accepted) be made available to Forres, Lossimouth, Buckie, Keith and Elgin x2 (North and South) and is to be spent over 3 years with Area Forums managing the spend. The Moray Council will procure the items required and will check how the money is being spent. All funds are intended to support and have an economic benefit to each local town.</p> <p>Sandra, Carin, Kresanna and Alison were interested in helping out with a draft plan and will aim for a deadline of 1st April. The plan will be circulated before the next meeting and a decision will be taken by the Forum group.</p> <p>The deadline for the three year plan is 16th April 2012 to be submitted to the Economic Development Department. An article is to be placed in the Forres Gazette looking for ideas.</p> <p>Carin had sent around a draft three year plan made by Buckie to the Forum attendees as well as to about 40 other people in the community, asking for input to the Forres plan. Any ideas coming in either from this effort or from the Gazette article will be incorporated in the draft plan and will be circulated to Forum attendees before the next meeting.</p> <p>Terry suggested that a feasibility study piloting something that is intended for the economic development of the town together with the Moray Economic Strategy is likely to be looked on favourably by the Council.</p>	<p>CS, KA and AR to work on draft plan</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS, KA, AR</p>

	<p>Sandra handed out a draft report on past spending. This report looks at how £35,000 was spent in Forres between 2009 and 2012 under the banner of Moray Small Towns Partnership. The funds were used to develop a business directory/handbook, to compile a disabled friendly town feasibility report and to create a Forres community map. Funds were also spent on Welcome to Forres signs at entry of Forres as well as on information boards at three locations in Forres. The final report will be circulated to Forum attendees.</p>	SM/CS
Consultations	<p>Naomi stated that the Maternity Service Changes consultation closes on 22nd March 2012 and she believed that not enough people in the Forres area knew about the ramifications of this consultation even though she had written a letter which had been published in the Forres Gazette expressing her dismay. Irene stated that the consultation had been advertised in the press and all could attend if they so wished.</p>	
FACT	<p>Fabio read out a short report; there are now 3 Development Officers in place. Denise stated that the CSU (Community Support Unit) are keen to put a plan in place which is workable for and with FACT.</p>	
Community Engagement Manual	<p>A seminar is to be held in Elgin on 15/3 regarding the 'Community Engagement Manual'. Carin and Fabio are to report back from the meeting. The Community Engagement Manual is in draft form and the meeting is to enable it to be finalised.</p>	
Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John – 20th March there is a seminar in Elgin Town Hall about Community Asset Transfers, booking is essential and places have to be booked by Friday 9th March. FACT has booked 3 places. Fabio is to liaise with John & Brian about spaces for FAF. • Fabio – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Green Party Ceilidh fundraiser at the Mosset on Friday 9th March at 7 pm. ◦ FACT Community Board meeting on Monday 12th March at 7 pm. ◦ Friends of the Earth Moray are meeting at Elgin Community Centre on Wednesday 28th March 12 at 7 pm. ◦ Moray Area Forum AGM which is not open to the public takes place on 2nd April 7 pm in the Community Centre. • Naomi – the BALL Group Spring Ball is to take place (unsure of a date) • Lorna – 24th March 12 Community Project by a small group of Cadets who are up to visit Kinloss Primary School. • Lorna – the Youth Cafe is still up and running and looking for volunteers especially those under 25 years of age. • Brian - 25th March 12 at the Masonic Lodge there will be a night of literature and poetry reading plus book launches. • Issie Campbell – Moray Fundraising Seminar on 23rd March 12 held in the Elgin Town Hall from 10 am to 3 pm. Funding training will be held in Forres at the Community Centre on 14th March 12 from 6.45 pm to 9.30 pm both run by The Moray Council. • Kresanna: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Is working on a Findhorn Bay Arts Festival, a 5 day celebration for 2014. ◦ As a pre-taster is hoping to have a "Culture Night" to be held on 30th March 2013. ◦ Carin suggested Kresanna be invited to present more on both 	FV and JB

	<p>topics to the Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene – Film Forres Coffee Morning on 24th March in the Town Hall from 10 am to midday. • Andrew – Forres Enterprise Park has 10 hectares designated as an enterprise zone with funding in place for a building to be erected. Capita and Accunostics hope to be involved. Andrew was asked to give a presentation at a future Area Forum meeting. • Sandra – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Youth Concert was held on 6th March 12 and this was very successful with Hannah Rossiter winning the shield. ◦ The Pipe Band Championship Chair is to take a second look at Forres, there are 5 venues left in the running to hold 3 events. ◦ Entrust have applied to register and the project has been accepted there will be a meeting on 13 March 12. ◦ There will be a clean up of the Mosset Burn on 10 March 12. ◦ Volunteers will set up a court yard garden at the back of Leancoil Hospital outside the day room. ◦ Fores in Bloom are working on Adopt a Station. ◦ Flood alleviation work is to start and a meeting has been arranged with Dave Gowans to see which areas are to be dug up. ◦ The Moray Music Festival starts on 12th March 12 and has over 500 entrants ranging from schools to bands to individuals. • Carin – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Rotary Coffee Morning on 17th March from 10 am to midday. ◦ Community Garden holds work day (open to all) 25th March, 12 – 4pm 	
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 th April at 7.00 pm in Forres Community Centre – any agenda items to Carin.	TC – circulate database of organisation