

MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY ON
WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT

Fiona Limbrey – Moray Council
Angela Sutherland – Tenants Forum
Fabio Villani – Forres Resident
Tanya McLaren – Forres Gazette
Jennifer Collins – Secretary
Colin Lipscomb – Forres Resident
Graham Miller – Forres Resident
Andrew Anderson – HIES
Jeff Hamilton – Elected Member

Heather Shaw – Vice Chair
Kevin Skivington – Grampian Police
Naomi Zair – Ball Group
Lorna Creswell – Elected Member
Irene Ogilvie – Elected Member
Anne Skene – Findhorn CC
Julius Schwartz – YP Forres
James Duncan – Forres Christmas lights
Terry Monaghan – Forres Resident

APOLOGIES

Lee Bell
John Bremner
Ian Longley

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting. The first part of the meeting would cover the AGM and then usual Forum business would follow. Carin gave everyone a 'chair's report', that outlined the business of the forum over the last 12 months. Copies of the report are available from Carin at carin.schwartz@googlemail.com	
Minute of AGM 2010	Approved by Lorna Creswell, seconded by Irene Ogilvie	
Treasurers Report	Sandra Maclellan stood in for John Bremner who sent his apologies. The account stands at £1536.31. treasurers report, approved by Fabio Villani, seconded by Carin Schwartz	
Election of Office Bearers	Fabio Villani was proposed as Vice Chair for the Forum. There were no other nominations. Office Bearers as follows, Carin Schwartz – Chair Fabio Villani – Vice Chair Jennifer Collins – Secretary John Bremner – Treasurer. Elections approved by Irene Ogilvie, seconded by Leanne Milligan.	
Minute of FAF meeting held in January	Minute read as correct. Approved by Graham Miller, seconded by Fabio Villani.	
Matters arising	Andy Anderson to read as Andrew Anderson. Local Plan it was advised that although the consultation has closed, Moray Council are happy to accept any comments.	

	<p>Electronic Information Board now working. ‘Darth Vader’ bus information kiosk. Forres community Council to take forward requesting removal.</p> <p>Forres in Bloom are celebrating 21st year and not 25th as stated in minute.</p> <p>Bogton Rd playground equipment. Local residents have taken forward with Moray Council. Grant Park play equipment is to be upgraded to be more inclusive.</p>	
Dates for future meetings	Following discussion around the table it was agreed that the meetings will move from the second Wednesday of the month to the first Wednesday.	
Moray Towns Partnership	<p>Discussion about ‘display banners’ for activities in Forres. These to be placed on outskirts of Forres to attract visitor’s into the town. It was suggested that seven banners are ordered and they can be used/borrowed by any community groups. A further meeting is to be held on 21st Feb before final decisions are made. Map display boards to be purchased, £250 to be contributed to the production of a Moray wide leaflet. Permanent display boards welcoming people to Forres to be designed. Various discussions in relation to display boards are still to take place. Examples of designs will be showcased in shop windows for feedback. Discussion about the locality of previous ‘Welcome to Forres’ signs. Jeff Hamilton agreed to research.</p>	
Redco Milne consultation	Consultation now closed. Case to be presented to planning and Resources Committee in March.	
Whole Town Strategy	<p>Fabio gave a brief presentation to the meeting about the principles of ‘Whole Town Strategy’. There have been various discussions over the last 12 months on how to forward the proposals in Forres. Following a length discussion it was agreed that FAF will take the proposal forward and a meeting was convened for 22nd February at the Community Centre. This will then be followed by a public meeting in March. Andrew advised that HIE would support the proposal. It was agreed that the area to be covered in the proposal would be the Forres ASG area/post code IV36.</p>	Fabio to feed back.
Moray Task Force	<p>Andrew Anderson was happy to answer any questions. He told the group that the website www.moraytaskforce.com was updated on a regular basis and was well worth a look.</p>	

14. NHS Rapid Event	Elaine Brown from NHS was facilitating two evening sessions in Forres about what could be done in Forres regarding the health situation because new Health facilities will not be in place for some time. It was pointed out that this was not the only consultation as people had been asked for their views while attending the flu clinic.	NHS Rapid Event to be high on Area Forum agenda each month.
Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Forres Heritage Trust – James Duncan said that a bank account was now opened. Archives from the Tolbooth will shortly be moved to a storage facility in the Greshop Estate. However help will be required because of the quantity involved. One suggestion was that the members of the Forres Academy Pupil Council could help but there could be Health and Safety implications. A call to be put out to Area Forum members for assistance b) Handbooks Launch – Heather spoke about the launch of four handbooks designed to help community groups / organisations. They were Marketing Guide, Increase Your Membership, Funding Guide and a Village Halls Handbook. The launch to take place on Wednesday 16th February at Forres House Community Centre between 2pm – 4pm and 5pm – 7pm. c) Angela Sutherland said that there was a real difficulty in attracting members to the Forres Area Tenants’ Forum. The AGM is on the 21st February in the Lesser Town Hall d) Kevin Skivington spoke of the good group work that was being done with young people. He expressed his willingness to talk to the group about the activities. Action: Put on agenda for next meeting e) Lorna Creswell in her Development role with RAF Kinloss spoke of the progress being made with Cumming Hall at Kinloss. She had met with Les Morgan, Chair Findhorn and Kinloss CC and it was hoped that the hall would be operational soon. The allotments project would be progressed following the Cumming Hall project as there was still money in the budget for that f) Fabio Villani promoted the Farmers Market being organised in the Drill Hall by the Transition Town Forres group. Speaking on 	

	<p>behalf of the Green Party he mentioned that there was a ceilidh being organised in the Masonic Hall on the 19th February. Tickets cost £5 and all are welcome</p> <p>g) Lianne Milligan spoke of the Care Farming project that she is involved with, which works with disaffected school children. This pilot project is going well.</p> <p>h) Flag Malawi is having an open day at the Academy on Saturday 19th. Liz Stewart, the teacher involved in this project, has issued an invitation to all to go and see what the Malawi group achieved</p> <p>i) Sandra Maclellan, Forres in Bloom Chair, appealed for time and the opportunity to work with the Council to put things in place before the budget cuts actually happen. Otherwise the budget cuts will have an adverse and disastrous effect on Forres</p> <p>j) The first litter pick of the year will take place on the 13th February</p> <p>k) Film Forres are organising a coffee afternoon on the 5th March in the Town Hall</p>	
Date of next meeting	Forres House Community Centre, Wednesday 2 nd March at 7pm	