



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2012**

**PRESENT**

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| Carin Schwartz, Chair | Fabio Villani     |
| Aaron McLean          | Anne Skene        |
| Lorna Cresswell       | Angela Sutherland |
| John Bremner          | Margaret Cowie    |
| Sandra Mclennan       | Terry Monaghan    |
| Valerie Wardlaw       | Tina Coffey       |

| <b>AGENDA ITEM</b>                           | <b>DISCUSSION</b>  | <b>ACTION</b> |
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| Welcome from Chair                           | Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made. Guest speaker is Margaret Cowie, Volunteer and Community Participation Development Officer, Moray Community Health and Social Care Partnership. Carin informed those present that with immediate effect Laura Steele had tendered her resignation as Co-Secretary.  |               |
| Apologies                                    | Naomi Zair, Brian McDonald, Issie Campbell and Denise Gormley  |               |
| Minute of FAF Meeting held in September 2012 | <p>The following are amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pg 2 - bullet point 3, the sentence “Anne Skene advised that Suzy Gentle is pursuing this” is to be removed</li> <li>• Pg 2 – bullet point 3 – name change from Richard Hartley to Richard Hartland</li> <li>• Pg 3 – under MTP point 2 remove “and Forres Website”</li> <li>• Pg 3 – under FACT Carin &amp; Fabio attended a conference with Development Trust Association Scotland and not a session</li> <li>• Pg 4 – Round the Table – bullet point 2 remove extra x in Executive</li> <li>• Pg 4 – Round the Table – bullet point 2 remove “next to Findhorn River” and replace with “between Forres and Findhorn”</li> <li>• The gold lettering painted on the signs the word “yesterday” is to be removed.</li> </ul> |               |



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|                                    | <p>match up micro businesses within the area and make links with Chinese organisations abroad and in the UK. This will happen on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2013. FAF would be of help to Valerie by writing a letter of support and Valerie said that she would be applying for a grant to David Watson at Leader of around £4,000 and a grant of £200 from the FAF. It was suggested that perhaps Forres could twin with a small area within China, this would have to be looked in to. Those present were supportive of this project.</p>   |                |
| Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)      | <p>Sandra MacLennan received an email from Alan MacBeth who hopes to have the list from each town by December and would need the FAF draft by the beginning of December. Fabio Villani is to redraft an article for the Forres Gazette and check with Tanya to see if it is possible to publish it. Sandra, Fabio and Aaron are to work on the existing draft 3-year plan, involving Kresanna Aigner and any member of the public interested in participating, in order to prioritise a list. The resulting list, Forres 3-year action plan, is to be circulated before the November meeting and those present should have read it by the next meeting. Kresanna hopes to have a budget of £1,500 for Culture Day in 2013.</p>  | FV//AM//SM//KA |
| Consultations                      | <p>Have Your Say Consultation is currently underway, all those present were encouraged to attend the Roadshow in Forres on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012<br/>Wind Farm Consultation – in the Forres Gazette the Kinloss Golf Club is trying to put in 3 small wind turbines and the Kinloss Community Council is going for a site visit</p>   |                |
| Forres Area Community Trust (FACT) | <p>Fabio – there was a meeting in September to agree the 3 top priority areas, currently:<br/>1) Insuring FACT's sustainability<br/>2) Develop and support regeneration of High Street<br/>3) Tourism<br/>Next meeting of FACT is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012</p>   |                |
| Allotments                         | <p>There was an Allotment Seminar on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in the Elgin library, around 20 persons turned up. The Allotment Policy for Moray Council is 2 years old and is up for revision. Carin who attended the seminar stated that 4 years ago there was a small private allotment in Burghead and that was it in Moray. In Forres there is a community garden and there is an allotment in Cullen on private land and a garden share in Elgin. After 2 years there are still no Council run allotments in Moray. Presentations took place and facilitators took down information from those present as to what they would like to see happen in the future. There was a presentation from Highland and Island Council. Their planning regulations now state that all new housing developments must have land for allotments, 1 sq m per person, with a current suggestion of increasing this up to 4 sq m per person of land which is to be set aside for allotments within the centre of any such new development. Councillor Aaron McLean attended and he noted that Richard Hartland was present and he was quite positive about this subject.</p> |                |
| Community Engagement               | <p>There have been no meetings of the Community Engagement Working Group since May.<br/>Susan Rogers is running 3 different courses throughout</p>  |                |

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|                      | <p>October, all are free to attend. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Games from 10am – 1pm on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012</li> <li>2) Risk Assessment pm on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012</li> <li>3) Introduction to Duke of Edinburgh Award by Gavin Morgan in NEON from 10am – 5.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012</li> </ol> <p>Fabio notified those present that there was to be an Engaging with Society meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012 from 1.30pm – 4pm in Elgin Town Hall run by Scotland Health Council this would go through how to engage community groups.</p>  |  |
| Round the Table      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron – Yes to Scotland on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in Elgin Town Hall supper room at 7pm</li> <li>• Valerie – family drop in during October at Nelson Tower also a Makers Market will be held at the Falconer Museum on 24<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 2pm</li> <li>• John – Forres Community Council next meeting is Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012</li> <li>• Lorna – Credit Union coffee morning on 15<sup>th</sup> December in the larger hall of the Town Hall – Spirit of Community Event. This week community benefits of wind turbines.</li> <li>• Sandra – Forres in Bloom coffee morning is to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and the AGM will be held on either 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November.</li> </ul> <p>Scott Faulkner is looking to tidy up the entrance to Forres at the Greshop Industrial Estate, suggestions are to be given to John Bremner, possibly to grass over the roundabouts as they are not being looked after</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fabio – Moray Chamber of Commerce has an Ambitions for 2013 event on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012</li> <li>• Aaron enquired as to who he would contact re the Pipe Band Championships; the names of Ian Widdowson, Carlo Miele, David Urquhart, Alan James and Lesley Laughton were given</li> </ul> |  |
| AOB                  | None   |  |
| Date of Next Meeting | Next meeting is 7 <sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Forres Community Centre, Carin Schwartz gave her apologies for this meeting and any agenda items are to be emailed to Tina.   |  |