



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2012**

PRESENT

Carin Schwartz, Chair	Cameron Taylor
Brian McDonald	Paul McBain
Ian Todd, CSU	Kresanna Aigner
Naomi Zair	Terry Monaghan
Tina Coffey	Fabio Villani
John Bremner	Lorna Cresswell
Mike Rodgers	Anne Skene
Laura Steele	Aaron McLean

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made. New member Paul McBain, Chair of Southside Residents Association, guest speaker Mike Rodgers DDO Scottish Orienteering.	
Apologies	Andrew Anderson, Diane Smith, Angela Sutherland	
Minute of FAF Meeting held in June 2012	<p>There are the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 1 – Matters Arising-2cnd bullet point should read 'FAF Grant Assistance Form' • Pg 1 – last line - name misspelt-change Alan Beavers to Alan Beevers • Pg 2 – Presentation by Findhorn Bay Arts Festival – correct dates- Year 1: Sat 13th April 2013 and Year 2: September 2014 • Pg -2 – MTP- name misspelt-change to Alan MacBeth • Pg 3 – Consultations – change 'would' to 'should' as Brian said 'should'. • Pg 3 – NHS24hr Care-change Leancoil beds from 8 to 9. 	

Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors Anne Skene and Lorna Creswell were in attendance. Anne stated that details of the FAF Grant Assistance had been published in the Forres Gazette last week. So far, one phone call asking for more details. • Brian McDonald – raised the subject of access around the area for people with a disability. Brian discussed this with Alan Beevers and has looked into this further. Two main points have arisen: Highland Disabled Group already do accompanied walks at no cost, and research found the Countryside Mobility Scheme in England, which uses ATV's called 'Trampers'. These vehicles were likely funded by Big Lottery Funding or Access to Countryside. They require 3rd party insurance at approx £130 per site. Great opportunity to open up the area's walks and woods to disabled people. Brian to email info to Laura. • Market Street Crossing – Anne Skene advised that Suzy Gentle is pursuing this. Naomi believed a crossing and CCTV were on the original planning application, why was it deemed not necessary? Anne Skene will check that, she has a meeting with Richard Hartley shortly, will bring subject up. • MTP-Gold lettering painted on signs yesterday-looks good! • Forres Footprint leaflets have been produced on a trial run. • FACT-Fabio thanked FAF for assisting with the husting, passed receipts for advertising and catering to the treasurer. • Kresanna – the Big Greek Party was a huge success, well attended by new visitors. • FiB-Judging was last month, judges were impressed despite weather. Huge thanks and appreciation to several hard-working volunteers who make it work every year. 	LS AS
Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £2957.14. Since last meeting, the following have been paid out: £107.95 to Forres Gazette for advertising and £35 to Moray Council for catering.	
Presentation by Mike Rodgers re 6 Day Orienteering	Mike Rodgers, DDO of Scottish Orienteering gave an inspiring talk on the plans for 2013's 6 Day Orienteering event. Cameron Taylor from FACT also talked about the tourism and opportunities for businesses this will bring to the local area.	
Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)	<p>Fabio – Alan MacBeth is trying to set up the Moray Fair Trade Forum. Inaugural meeting 11th Sep, 7pm at Elgin Library. Lorna Creswell will attend.</p> <p>MTP Funding – Moray Council have agreed to fund £180,000 over 3 years, at £15,000 per town per year. Each annual amount needs to be spent before 31st March. The Forum believes a shortlist of projects need to be ready to be submitted by December. Fabio suggested an action group is formed to take this forward.</p> <p>1. MTP Plan to be forwarded to all.</p>	LC CS/LS

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Fabio to publish MTP plan on FACT website and Forres Web, 3. and to write a piece for the Forres Gazette to open the selection process up. 4. A work group to be formed to look at existing ideas/projects. 5. These should be circulated again before the November meeting to enable the Forum to agree a final proposal 6. which should be ratified at the Dec. meeting and 7. then finally be sent to Moray Council in December. 	<p>FV</p> <p>FV</p> <p>Oct mtg</p> <p>Workgroup</p> <p>FAF</p>
Consultations	<p>Currently, several consultations open. The Architecture & Built Environment In Scotland Consultation requires more input-see Scottish Government website.</p> <p>Wind Farm Consultation by Moray Council closes on 14th Sept. Exhibition on 10th Sept at Town Hall from 1430-2030. All comments to Moray Council by 14th Sept.</p> <p>Scottish Government Community Empowerment & Renewal Bill-closes 26th Sept. Ian explained that not all questions need to be answered.</p> <p>Procurement Consultation closes soon.</p> <p>Climate Change Event, Thurs 6th Sept in Elgin Town Hall between 1500-1900.</p> <p>Edinkillie Wind Farm Proposal-meeting at Dunphail 1630-1930, Tues 11th Sept.</p> <p>Moray Council Priority Consultation – this involves roadshows and workshops within local community. Starting in October.</p>	
Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Fabio – Thanks to Forres Area Forum for the June event. Wasn't well attended, but it was the final event of a long period of consultation and it was very informative. It also promoted MTP.</p> <p>Board have agreed priorities: 1) Insuring FACT's sustainability, 2) Develop and support regeneration of High Street, 3) Tourism.</p> <p>Carin & Fabio attended a session with Development Trust Assoc Scotland in Cumbernauld on regenerating the High Street. Examples from West Kilbride showed what could be done.</p>	
NHS 24 Hour Care	<p>Naomi Zair & Carin attended meetings re Prioritisation Process, to discuss whats important in terms of health care in Forres. Practioners & members of public have been involved in a year long process.</p>	CS/NZ
Community Engagement	<p>Ian explained Moray Council are running an ongoing Priority Consultation on their budget. This consultation will be ongoing over the next 4 years. Moray Council has spoken to several different local groups from varying sectors and comments have been taken on board. Next step will be fun, exciting roadshows and workshops for local people over the next few months.</p>	
Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kresanna – Masters and Champions Exhibition now finished. New brochure out. Several funding applications 	

	<p>pending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Skene – Flood alleviation work started on Monday, cycle track next to Findhorn River has been weeded and cut. Moray Council are looking to appoint a new Chief Executive-this process has begun. Rose Abbey School in Kinloss has closed. • John – Forres Community Council next meeting is Thurs 20th. Tomorrow night (6th Sept) FCC is hosting Lt Col Sturrock of 39Engineers in Forres Town Hall from 7-9pm. • Ian and CSU are going around local area forums to see whats happening. • Mike – Looking at accomodation in local area, will liase with Cameron re tourism. • Terry – Nelsons Tower. Trees need trimming, Forres Heritage Trust are working on it. • Aaron – Forres Flower Show in Town Hall Sat 8th Sept. • Paul – Chairman of Southside Residents Association – enjoyed meeting, hopes to attend regularly, may look for funding in future. • Lorna – Credit Union discussing business plan and moving forward. MC childcare budget had underspent. Her role with the RAF ends this month, new Army Development Officer is Claire Townsend. • Naomi – on an outing to Knockando tomorrow. • Fabio – Friends of Grant Lodge, Elgin are meeting at 7pm at Elgin Library tues 25th Sept. Moray Friends of the Earth meeting Weds 26th Sept at Elgin Community Centre at 7pm. • Laura – Moray Waste Busters celebrating 10th anniversary this year by having 10% off in November. 	
AOB	None.	
Date of Next Meeting	Next meeting is October 3 rd at 7pm in Forres Community Centre. Margaret Cowie will be speaking about her new role as NHS Public Health Service Volunteer co-ordinator.	