



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2012**

PRESENT

Fabio Villani, Chair	Carin Schwartz
Councillor Aaron McLean	Lianne Milligan
Councillor Lorna Creswell	Terry Monaghan
John Bremner	Kresanna Aigner
Sandra Maclennan	Bisong Guo
Andrew Anderson	Tina Coffey

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Fabio welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.	
Apologies	Brian McDonald, Councillor Anne Skene, Paul McBain and Angela Sutherland	
Minute of FAF Meeting held in October 2012	<p>The following are amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorna Creswell's name is to be amended throughout from Cresswell to Creswell • Pg 2 – under Matters Arising - bullet point 4 – this was Forres in Bloom awards presentation and not the judging • Pg 5 – under Round the Table – bullet point 5 - name change from Faulkner to Falconer 	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Brian McDonald is not present it was decided to put ATV vehicles on the agenda for the next meeting • Forres in Bloom – Councillor Lorna Creswell attended this event, she reported back it was a lovely event with the eventual Champion of Champions confirmed as North Belfast. This meeting was worthwhile as Lorna was able to connect with other folk. Forres in Bloom won a gold medal. Sandra is to put the recommendations received from the judging committee to the FAF. Thanks go to Sandra Maclennan and the wider team for all their hard work. It was thought that at a future date Sandra could possibly put on a slideshow presentation of some of her many FiB photos 	<p>TC</p> <p>SMcL</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurers Report – Councillor Lorna Creswell and Carin Schwartz contacted Susan Reid who were then referred by Susan to contact Amy Cruickshank, Youth Worker and Susan’s replacement who informed them that the money in the Youth Account will be used before Christmas 																	
Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £2,790.64. Since the last meeting, there has been only one cheque paid out: £8 to the Moray Council for catering. There is currently £600 in the Youth Account.																	
Moray Town Partnership Spending	<p>The FAF members present reviewed the Forres 3 Year Action Plan over years 1 and 2. The list had been initially looked over by Kresanna Aigner, Sandra Maclennan, Councillor Aaron Maclean and Fabio Villani and the actions from that meeting were discussed at tonight’s meeting, where the following actions were shortlisted to be put forward by Sandra Maclennan, Councillor Aaron Maclean and Fabio Villani when they meet with Alan MacBeth:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1. Event Pool (various items) (Action Pt 18)</td> <td>£1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Forres Credit Union (IT upgrade) (Action Pt 20)</td> <td>£4,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Findhorn Bay Arts Festival (advertising) (Action Pt 25)</td> <td>£2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Improve signposting in and around Forres (welcome sign on Findhorn road) (Action Pt 26)</td> <td>£3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Chinese New Year Celebrations (Action Pt 32)</td> <td><u>£4,000</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£15,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>The lower priority actions shortlisted as reserves for year one, or potentially to be taken forward in year two, were:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1. Business Brand (photo-library) (Action Pt 4)</td> <td>£2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Local Currency (research) (Action Pt 21)</td> <td>£2,000</td> </tr> </table>	1. Event Pool (various items) (Action Pt 18)	£1,000	2. Forres Credit Union (IT upgrade) (Action Pt 20)	£4,500	3. Findhorn Bay Arts Festival (advertising) (Action Pt 25)	£2,500	4. Improve signposting in and around Forres (welcome sign on Findhorn road) (Action Pt 26)	£3,000	5. Chinese New Year Celebrations (Action Pt 32)	<u>£4,000</u>		£15,000	1. Business Brand (photo-library) (Action Pt 4)	£2,500	2. Local Currency (research) (Action Pt 21)	£2,000	FV/AM/SM
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Consultations	<p>Moray Priorities, 16th November 2012, information can be found online about the budget, this is about influencing the budget for the next 4 years – Councillor Lorna Creswell asked that everyone engage with this as numbers attending were low and in order to attend you must register with members of the CSU (Community Support Unit).</p> <p>CARS – a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme has been approved for Forres. A Conservation Area Appraisal & Management / Action Plan and an Interpretation Plan will be carried out in December 2012 and early 2013. This will include a period of consultation, initially with directly interested people then with the wider community, in early 2013.</p> <p>Redco Milne - John Bremner received a letter re a consultation exercise to all objectors about the planned football stadium, his letter was from the Moray Council re planning applications.</p> <p>Councillors Lorna Creswell and Aaron Maclean are to look in to</p>	LC/AM																

	<p>this matter.</p> <p>Consultations on a new Local Plan will begin soon – the first stage will look for comments on the “Main Issues” document.</p>	
Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Fabio Villani– top 3 priority areas remain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop and support regeneration of High Street 2) Tourism 3) Development of a sustainable income stream for FACT <p>There is to be a board meeting 12th November. A funding application for supporting projects on developing tourism and the regeneration of the High Street has been submitted, and there is a high probability that it will be successful.</p>	
Community Engagement	<p>Carin Schwartz informed those present that the Community Engagement Group had been disbanded and there was now a Focus Group instead with different members. As there is no Forum representation on the new group, this item is to be removed from the agenda for the future. However, Councillor Lorna Creswell will report back on this subject.</p> <p>Fabio Villani pointed those interested in Community Engagement can look at a participation toolkit on the Scottish Health Council website which is easily downloaded.</p>	LC
Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra – Forres in Bloom’s AGM is to take place on 27th November in the St Leonards Hall commencing at 7pm, certificates will be handed out to members and the Wee Fibbees • Moray Waste Busters – birthday week commencing 26th November and all items will be half price for the week • Lorna – there was a CIFAL conference held on Thursday 15th November. Held in Horizons re green jobs, looking at employability and are looking for 8 – 9 young people aged 16 – 25 to go along and have their voice heard - volunteers are required, those who are looking for work. There is 1 free space for a FAF member otherwise payment of £30 is required. Fabio will attend and take the FACT free space, all those interested are to register and be up at Horizons at 9 am. Fabio will send the email with this information to Tina for distribution to members of FAF • Councillor Aaron Maclean, other Councillors and John Bremner have been working on the Auchernack Trust. They have had briefings about the universal credits which will start soon, applicants have to apply online takes 2 – 3 hours to process and persons applying need to have a bank account, this application is limited to 1 per household • Andrew – for information on phase 2 of building up at Forres Enterprise Park - the road which connects the A96 roundabout to the Hillhead Cathay Road has been out to tender and work will start shortly. Work is half way through a new building and this has been let. A couple more buildings are about to be started and these will be expansion space for incubator tenants. There 	TC

	<p>may be new jobs in the future thanks to an injection of £10 million from the Scottish Government. Councillor Aaron Maclean stated that the speed limit of 40 mph had been set on the roads, he stated that objections had been put to the council over this speed limit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aaron – welfare reforms have come up recently and this is a major matter for families on welfare. Aaron plus 7 other Councillors are supporting Movember (the growing of a moustache in November in order to receive sponsorship and donations, all money raised goes toward prostate cancer and Cancer Research UK) all donations will be gratefully received • Lianne – Findhorn is 50 the week commencing 10th November and there is lots on, she handed out a 50th Birthday Fringe Happenings flier with all activities on it • Bisong – will attend a seminar on 3 - 4 December in order to network • Kresanna – Moray Arts Centre’s next exhibition is to be held on 24th November, there is an exhibition of drawings from children’s story books, including the Gruffalo. Ian Cameron a local photographer is trying to rekindle interest in Kinloss Abbey 	
<p>Round the Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carin – Transition Town Forres is holding its AGM on 29th November commencing at 7pm in the Tolbooth There is a Lets Fair to be held in the Town Hall on 1st December from 2 – 4 pm • John – the next Community Council meeting will take place on 15th November Remembrance Sunday parade will take place on 11th November. The Royal Engineers will do their first parade through Forres commencing around midday and marching to the War Memorial • Tina – 2 coffee mornings both in the Town Hall, Friends of Guiding on 10th November and St John’s Church on 17th November • Lorna – a project, Hall Tales by Euan Martin about village halls and an exhibition and film have been made so that young people who are interested in film making can attend a workshop to learn how to make a film. It is a Heritage Project involving Kinloss, Rafford, Alves and Dyke. Watching Blue Bottles is the name of the film. The idea is engaging the Community with old photos. There is a Credit Union Coffee Morning on 15th December at the Town Hall which will open the hall to those who wish to put up a stall and it will be entitled Spirit of Community, Santa and a sleigh will be in attendance • John – Christmas lights tend to be switched on during the last Saturday of November. Sandra has been asked to judge the fancy dress competition at the lights switch on • Fabio – Christmas Magic at the Falconer Museum on 	

	16 th November at 7 pm	
AOB	<p>Terry Monaghan expressed his concern at the position of the bike racks, he expressed his surprise that they were to his mind too close together, the access was not right and they were also too close to the bus stop. He stated that perhaps the bike racks should have been in the centre of town and not near Stuarts Cycles. Sandra Maclennan stated that the bike racks were placed where they are as the first place they were supposed to go was unsuitable and this was thought to be the best place. It was thought that a bike rack in the centre of Forres did not look good. Councillor Lorna Creswell said she would try and track down a cycle/audit report.</p> <p>Terry Monaghan queried who had allowed the raised pavements to be put in when the buses are unable to open their doors at these points as the doors get stuck on the raised pavements, the point of having raised pavements in order to make entering a bus easier is lost as the buses are unable to use them. John Bremner told those present that after consultation they were put in by Moray Council, who didn't inform the bus company and upon opening their doors the bus drivers noted that the raised pavements pulled the door off its hinges when they got stuck.</p>	LC
Date of Next Meeting	Next meeting is 5 th December at 7pm in Forres Community Centre.	