



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013**

**PRESENT**

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| <b>Carin Schwartz, Chair</b>   | <b>Fabio Villani, Vice Chair</b> |
| <b>John Bremner, Treasurer</b> | <b>Councillor Lorna Creswell</b> |
| <b>Angela Sutherland</b>       | <b>John Ferguson</b>             |
| <b>Naomi Zair</b>              | <b>Terry Monaghan</b>            |
| <b>Jane Mackie</b>             | <b>Tina Coffey, Minutes</b>      |

| <b>AGENDA ITEM</b>                       | <b>DISCUSSION</b>   | <b>ACTION</b> |
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| Welcome from Chair                       | Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting.   |               |
| Apologies                                | Apologies were received from Councillor Aaron McLean, Councillor Anne Skene, Kresanna Aigner, Sandra MacLennan and Brian McDonald.  |               |
| Minute of FAF Meeting held in April 2013 | <p>The following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under Community Engagements John Ferguson said the Community Planning partnership would be establishing a new Community Engagement Group and he would be convening the first meeting which would involve the Moray Forum and key organisations in the community engagement field in Moray.</li> <li>• Under Sanquhar Loch, Brian McDonald would like the following amendment – the Forum has no involvement in the project, the public meeting or subsequent activities. At this stage Peter Airey and Brian McDonald are working independently with an elected group of volunteers drawn from the Forres community. That may change in the future once Moray Council has responded to a formal request to engage in a partnership with the people of Forres</li> </ul> |               |
| Minute of FAF Meeting held in April 2013 | The minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Fabio Villani.  |               |



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|                                    | with various problems over the age of 16, the work being undertaken in partnership with the NHS, homecare, daycare and residential services and the involvement with community groups. A short question and answer session was undertaken at the end of the presentation.  |              |
| Community Asset Transfer           | Jane Mackie spoke with regard to Community Asset Transfer, when a building belonging to The Moray Council is transferred to the community, the policy has to be agreed and there is streamlining to be completed on this process. Checks are made as to why the community want the building, its sustainability, is it to be an owned asset and able to gain an income, is it possible to help a community to build more able communities.<br>Jane Mackie and John Ferguson mentioned the toilets which are on common good land, with Steven Cooper to get back to all those who expressed an interest after the first Equality Impact Assessment is completed by Don Toonan, currently both sets of toilets are open. |              |
| Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)      | Fabio Villani mentioned the small under spend in the events pot together with a small under spend on the road sign. FACU are still spending their money.<br>For the 5 <sup>th</sup> June FAF meeting the Secretary is to present a report from all those who received money this year from the MTP<br>A discussion took place with regard to the MTP spend for next year, Fabio is to send the secretary a list which is to be distributed and any other items which could be added are to be sent to the Secretary for inclusion – this item to be placed on agenda for June  | TC<br><br>TC |
| Consultations                      | Social Enterprise Strategy to be discussed on Monday – Mark McClelland-Jones, will go out for wider consultation in the near future<br>National Allotment Consultation underway at present   |              |
| Forres Area Community Trust (FACT) | New board appointed and met in April, next meeting on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May. The Community Growth Plan has been signed off subject to a few minor amendments.<br>Staff are working from the Tolbooth, some issues surrounding IT but these have been resolved.<br>Lead Development Officer, Kirsty Conti, is leaving to take up a position with TMC's Community Conservation and Regeneration Scheme for Elgin. Suggestion to board on Monday is currently employed Development Officer to take over Lead Development Officers job and then recruit someone new to the position left vacant.<br>Carin stated that FACT and FAF are being confused.   |              |
| Community Engagement               | John Ferguson – Convener meeting on 14 <sup>th</sup> May, following a facilitated session in March, outline of purpose of group and John will report back. Consultant who facilitated March meeting has produced a report and this will be distributed.  |              |

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|   | Community Engagement Bill – John thought it likely that the National Standards for Community Engagement will be made compulsory and this will have an impact. Bill includes land ownership, allotments and asset transfer   |  |
| Round the Table                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naomi – Moray Ball Group Spring Ball – meetings and workshops on 29<sup>th</sup> May at Elgin Town Hall from 10 am to 4 pm</li> <li>• Fabio - CARS appraisal 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm</li> <li>• TSI Moray's AGM - 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Gallery in Elgin Library</li> <li>• Pipe Band Championships - 29<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• Moray Social Enterprise - Business Gateway – Lunch and Learn event at Elgin Youth Café on 31<sup>st</sup> May from 12 pm to 2 pm</li> </ul>   |  |
| Councillors                             | <p>Councillor Lorna Creswell stated that it had been a busy month which encompassed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended different establishments which catered for older people or those with disabilities</li> <li>• Monday attended a Dementia Group at the old Railway Station</li> <li>• Learning visits to pools at both Forres and Keith</li> <li>• 2 day trip to Oban to look at social enterprise centring around Atlantis leisure centre – run as a social enterprise for 20 years, uses ideas such as light to rid impurities in the swimming pool saving up to £50,000 per year in chemical costs. Empty cinema taken over and in use, now looking to install a second screen, a children's nursery group use a yurt and outdoor composting at the top of a cliff. A youth café costing £9,000 per year run by 3 young people who use Atlantis twice a week and open it up for young</li> </ul> |  |
| Councillors (cont'd)                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visited a producer/farmers gardens, stayed at a Youth Hostel and visited a heritage museum</li> <li>• Meeting at Mundole on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, park changed hands recently, although Terry's view is that the same people are involved but using a different name – active meeting</li> <li>• Audit and Performance Meeting (Scrutiny Committee) 2 days training – more training and support required to be a councillor</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> May Credit Union training for members – learning to use new computer installation at FACU</li> </ul>   |  |
| TSI and list of organisations in Forres | It was originally thought that the upgrading and maintenance of the list of organisations in Forres may be linked with work being done by tsiMORAY. However, Carin explained that the vision is to create a complete list of organisations in Forres for use by everyone. Suggestion to take to another meeting with possibility of money out of budget to employ someone to update the list - aims of FAF is to get community cohesion   |  |

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|                      | and then list to be publically available – item to be placed on agenda for July.  | TC |
| AOB                  | Carin Schwartz would like to be nominated on behalf of FAF as a member of TSI Moray Board, Fabio declared an interest in this subject. There being no objections those present were in agreement that Carin is nominated on behalf of FAF. At the meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> June all nominations will be invited to put their name forward for election to the board – 12 board members are needed. |    |
| Date of Next Meeting | Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2013, 7 pm at the General Purpose Room in the Forres House Community Centre.   |    |