



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE 2014

PRESENT

Brian McDonald, Chair	John Bremner, Treasurer
Councillor Lorna Creswell	Angela Sutherland
Ian Todd	Naomi Zair
Tina Coffey, Minutes	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Brian McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Apologies	Apologies were received from Kresanna Aigner, Fabio Villani and Sandra Maclennan.	
Minute of FAF Meeting held in May 2014	There was one amendment: Under FACT the Chair contacted Professor Marjory Parker and did not meet with her. The minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Councillor Lorna Creswell.	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps – invoice has been received and total cost is £2,904.40 less than the allocation of MTP money (£5,000). Sandra McIver, Sandra Maclennan and Carin Schwartz met to discuss and Cameron Taylor is pursuing. • The Secretary circulated the handbook and there was no feedback. • Outstanding cheque has been cashed. • Secretary sent a list of proposed MTP spends to Alan Macbeth, The Moray Council (TMC) all of which have been approved. • Buckie MTP spend information was sent to the Secretary and Councillor Anne Skene. • Cheque has been sent to the Boys Brigade for £200 and has been cashed. • Chas Rogers from the Community Council was to have attended but due to a possible move of venue he may not have known where the meeting was to be held and did not attend. John Bremner to supply the Secretary with an email address for Chas so that 	

	he can be emailed a copy of the minutes.	JB
Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £2,793.20 with 3 cheques cashed; £50 for secretarial duties, £200 grant to 2 nd Forres Boys Brigade and £19.44 to TMC for catering. This leaves £2.90 left to spend on MTP money and there is £276 set aside for insurance. The account earned 24p interest. Ian Todd requested a copy of the accounts which he received from the Treasurer; this is to enable the accounts to be audited before the release of £1,899 in grant money to FAF. Those present voted to donate £200 towards litter picking equipment for The Mosset Burn Conservation Society. Secretary to contact Adrian Hutchins.	TC
Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)	<p>The following MTP projects have been passed for approval by Alan MacBeth at TMC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forres in Bloom £5,000 • Forres Area Credit Union £4,000 • Findhorn Bay Arts Festival £3,000 • Nelsons Tower Video Equipment £747.78 • Piping Hot Forres £2,000 • Maps – branding and printing £2,904.40 <p>All projects have been informed of TMC's decision and Secretary has requested invoices and quotes from projects involved.</p> <p>The Chair attended a Moray Towns Partnership meeting on 3rd June 2014 where he was informed that Buckie are under spent on their MTP money by £29,470.28, Keith by £31,188.13, Lossiemouth by £14,200 (approx) and Forres by £4,526.22. Councillor Lorna Creswell approached today with a suggestion that a signpost be erected in Tolbooth Street. Agreed to hold on to MTP money as FAF have until 2015 to spend it.</p> <p>Mi Moray discussion ensued with talk of 4 towns each donating £6,250 for a first year to get this project started. There was no support from the towns. There was talk of co-ordinating events in Moray in order to reduce clashes.</p>	
Consultations	<p>TMC to lose 1 Councillor i.e. from 26 to 25 due to boundary changes, consultation paper out soon.</p> <p>Conversation Café Consultation in Elgin Library on 14th June 2014 in connection with mental health services.</p>	
Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>AGM on 21st May 2014, all Board members were re-elected. Councillor Anne Skene stood down and Councillor Lorna Creswell was elected on to the Board. There is to be an EGM held on 9th June 2014 in the Forres Learning Centre where the discussion will be applying for charitable status which requires approval by FACT members, to be followed by a board meeting.</p> <p>FACT have spoken to the Council re the solar meadow being established in the community. Meetings took place with a wind generating company that may lead to additional income for the Forres area if negotiations prove fruitful but are subject to confidentiality clauses meantime.</p>	
Community Engagement	Idea is to ask 2 or 3 people from each group i.e. FAF, FACT, members of the local Community Councils and	

	other groups within the area to meet on 2 nd October 2014 to assist and engage with each other. Nominees from FAF/FACT are Brian McDonald, Councillor Lorna Creswell and Tina Coffey.	
Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Sutherland – possibly not attending any more Tenants Association meetings, will attend FAF as an individual representing herself. • John Bremner – next Community Council meeting on 19th June 2014 Armed Forces day – 21st June 2014, John to contact Councillor Lorna Creswell with regard to the position in Grant Park of the saluting dais. • Ian Todd – School Estates Review has concluded and reports are to be written up. Community Support Unit (CSU) has been involved with facilitating head teacher meetings which concluded last week – reports should be available by the end of August 2014. 	JB/LC
tsiMoray	No report this month.	
Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell stated that she had been busy with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auchernack Trust applications to be discussed on 12th June 2014. Trustees include John Bremner and elected Forres Councillors. • 9th June 2014, 1.20 pm at Pilmuir School there will be stunt riders to watch for those who would like to attend. • Next week is Carers Week with an emphasis on unpaid carers and those looking after people with long term conditions in the Masonic Hall for a breakfast between 8.30 – 10 am, all invited to attend. • 2nd June 2014 attended a launch of Dementia Adventure, all about an adventure charity who take those who reside in residential homes for outings. Interesting ½ day up at Newbold. Talks by people who told of their experiences of living with dementia. Trying to support a dementia friendly community by training staff to be welcoming. • Volunteers Week and event at Inkwel, Elgin (near Elgin Youth Café) on Thursday 5th June 2014 for volunteers to get awards. • Meeting coming up at Rafford Hall on 17th June 2014 from 7 - 8 pm, about buying heating oil in bulk. • Out of School Club closing at the end of the term. 	
AOB	<p>Naomi Zair has stepped down from the role of Chair of the BALL Group, Wendy Strachan is the new Chair. The Chair has been in touch with Aberdeen University concerning the Lord Strathcona Mount Steven initiative – they will be are looking for sponsorship/support and to engage with FACT/Tracks to investigate a possible heritage display.</p>	

Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd July 2014, 7 pm in the Forres Learning Centre	
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Please note the meetings for June and July 2014 will be held in the Moray College Learning Centre now known as the Forres Learning Centre (FLC) starting at 7 pm