



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2015

PRESENT

Brian McDonald, Chair (BM)	Sandra Maclennan, Vice Chair (SM)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Terry Monaghan (TM)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Willie Chisholm (WC)	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Brian McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present introduced themselves to Willie Chisholm, Station Manager, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service based at Elgin Fire Station.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Fabio Villani, Naomi Zair, Councillor Anne Skene and Debbie Herron.	
3. Minute of FAF Meeting held in March 2015	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Sandra Maclennan.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evacuation procedures within FHCC – Willie Chisholm will pass on FAF's query with regard to clarification over fire safety guidance to his colleague Paul Newlands who will try to provide guidance on legislation. Secretary has sent an invoice to Alan Macbeth, The Moray Council (TMC) in connection with Moray Towns Partnership (MTP) money re the Transport Directory. FAF insurance – John Bremner will send an email to Anita Milne asking when the insurance is to be paid. Four towns leaflet – Vice Chair informed those present that the leaflet is to be distributed by Landmark in May 2015. Portable/pop up banners – Secretary has been in touch with Vice Chair who is to send the Secretary appropriate photographs for use on the banner. MTP – nothing official has been received, although £45,000 has been allocated over the next 3 years (£15,000 per annum) – will need to engage with local groups within the community to make them aware of the money – look to start a 3 year plan. Buckie invested some of their MTP money in wifi 	<p>WC</p> <p>JB</p> <p>SM</p>

	<p>in their town, remaining 3 towns thinking about costing this jointly – query could FAF apply to Berryburn fund with respect to wifi installation in Forres? Thought this would be possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reni Milburn – CARS meeting held on 10th March 2015 and Chair attended, another meeting to take place on 7th April 2015 – moving forwards with this item. • FAF/FACT meeting between Councillor Lorna Creswell and Debbie Herron - to meet – ongoing - some money allocated for work undertaken by FACT on the FAF directory. • Area Forum Code of Conduct – to be issued at the next Moray Area Forum meeting. • Chair met with Ken Kennedy re removal of rhododendron bushes around Sanquhar Loch – Chair is hoping to burn off small quantities of leaves/branches – Willie is to email Chair a number he can call to notify Fire Control to stop false calls when any controlled burning is undertaken. 	
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £3,109.20, which includes £276 for insurance and 37 pence in interest. There was 1 cheque cashed: £592.99 for Secretarial dues (2 months) and a laptop.	
6. Willie Chisholm, Station Manager, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	Willie Chisholm, Station Manager, Aberdeenshire and Moray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attended the meeting. He told those present his remit is to engage with community groups. He will provide information to be forwarded on to FAF members. Each ward area has a plan at local level and there is also a Moray plan. Willie would like to highlight the free home fire service visits which are available to all – to book a free Home Fire Safety Visit either call 0800 0731 999 or visit www.firescotland.gov.uk	
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	Chair informed those present that the Forres Learning Centre (FLC) has been put on the market and FACT have been given less than 3 months notice. FACT are currently looking for other premises as a fall-back situation. Chair will keep FAF updated.	BM
	Coffee break	
8. User Led Group	New group meeting in FLC on a Friday afternoon called DUO who have members with sensory and physical disabilities. Councillor Laura Creswell met with Ken Brown, The Moray Council (TMC), told that she has brought this information to FAF in March and asked the question why do groups with disabled members have to undertake setting up a constitution and driving their own agenda when those without disabilities would find it difficult. Lorna gave the new group the Chairs details in connection with grant forms and requesting £200 from FAF – Treasurer to forward on grant forms to Lorna. Lorna asked what FAF thought about the use of FHCC by groups – need to get more groups to join together in order to access grants. Groups who have spoken to Lorna complain of lack of communication i.e. what is on and when. Lorna to pursue and keep FAF informed.	JB LC
9. Join the Dots	Forwards, Transition Town Forres and the Moray Hydrotherapy Group all received money from tsiMORAY's Canny Wi Cash fund.	
10. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian McDonald – joint event on 20th April 2015 in Elgin Academy at 7 p.m. for a 7.15 p.m. start - to launch a consultation on developer obligations – Chair, Vice Chair and 	

	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell to attend.</p> <p>Scottish Week – 20th June 2015 reprising elements of the Moray Journey from Celtic Connections in the Mosset from 8 p.m.</p> <p>National Theatre Scotland have approached for WORDS with regards to putting something together with regard to Culture Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra MacLennan – FHCC Café – spoke to Ray who hopes café will be open by 4th May 2015. Sandra requested that she could liaise with Ray in connection with refreshments for FAF meetings – FAF members approved this request. <p>Rotary Club have started on Helga’s Hole and meet on the first Saturday of each month.</p> <p>Forres in Bloom (FiB) will be holding their 25th birthday celebrations in the Tolbooth on Thursday 23rd April 2015 (date to be confirmed).</p> <p>Book launch by Jane Yeadon at the Tolbooth on 17th April 2015.</p> <p>Attended an Adopt a Station meeting in Glasgow last week – they did say they will continue to adopt a station. Chair – possibly ask Adopt a Station to produce a mural at Forres to include Mount Stephen and Strathcona.</p>	
11. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell has been busy with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Age Scotland meeting on 31st March 2015 – speaker talked about Power of Attorney, will writing, self directed support and living wills – 60 persons attended • Two workers appointed for across Scotland with regard to dementia • Hanover – building started and road is to be closed near building work • Health and Social Care integration - first day of working together on 1st April 2015 • Directory – waiting for Debbie Herron, FACT to return • Attended a conservation meeting at Findhorn with more than 100 people attending • Asked to be part of a working group re self directed support, met with 3 committee members of Moray Hydrotherapy Pool – try to link it in with self directed support – other hydrotherapy pool is in Dingwall. Naomi Zair feedback re pool experiences from BALL group, 28 said promotion poor, it is expensive and access is difficult – Lorna intends to visit Lossie Leisure Centre together with other pools in the future • Still working on facilities in terms of young people - skate park – good advert in Gazette 	
12. AOB	Nothing to report.	
13. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 th May 2015, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC).	