



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT

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

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Brian McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Fabio Villani (FV), Debbie Herron (DH) and Stewart Noble (SN).	
3. Minute of FAF Meeting held in July 2015	There were no amendments. The minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Angela Sutherland.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuation procedures within Forres House Community Centre (FHCC) – LC informed those present there had been a lot of work behind the scenes and the premises has been brought up to standard. WC stated that after all the works the building may require an audit and he will check and inform those present at the next FAF meeting in October. • Portable/pop up banners – Vice Chair is to send Secretary photographs suitable for inclusion on a banner - item ongoing. • Secretary had emailed Vice Chair the list of where Landmark deliver our leaflets, Vice Chair is awaiting information back from Landmark as to the uptake of leaflets. • Burdshaugh – query from NZ as to what the yellow crosses and O's are on the hydrant covers outside her house, LC and WC will look into this and report back at the next meeting. • Shaping the Community – link was forwarded on by DH. IT has seen a draft copy which had been completed by tsiMORAY and LC attended the event. • War Memorial – JB enquired with the Royal British Legion 	<p>WC</p> <p>SM</p> <p>SM</p> <p>LC/WC</p>

	<p>(RBL) as to the status of the plaque in the wall at the war veteran's cottages. The RBL know nothing about it. It was thought that someone would have to have given permission for the plaque to be put into place but those present unsure as to who that person would have been. SM informed those present that Forres in Bloom (FiB) would be liaising with Grant Speed, The Moray Council (TMC) with regard to tidying up the area. Personnel from the army cadets, scouts and Tesco staff have volunteered to help tidy up the gardens around the cottages on 26th September 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Query re £5million surplus money in council from JB answered by IT and LC. Margaret Wilson, TMC had put forward a suggested proposal that any surplus money should be put towards the costs of the Elgin High School shortfall, this suggestion went to Committee and was passed by due process by Elected Members. LC will check with Margaret Wilson and report back at the next FAF meeting. • Piping Hot at Forres – Secretary emailed David Urquhart with a query on disabled parking and received a response stating it would be passed to the Piping Hot committee. • SM stated the £1,100 needed by FiB for the watering system in Grant Park came from the Common Good Fund and was not required from the Moray Towns Partnership (MTP) money, although MTP money may be applied for at a future date by FiB for other purposes. Secretary informed Alan MacBeth, TMC that FiB proposed expenditure should be removed from the overall MTP expenditure. • Secretary emailed Bill Graham from T-Exchange who confirmed £400 of MTP money set aside for the project will be spent. • Vice Chair informed those present that MTP money can be carried forward for the next 2 years and can be spent in one go. 	LC
5. SFRS Presentation	<p>WC gave an informative talk with regard to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in an around the Moray and Aberdeenshire area. If there are concerns with respect to those persons deemed at risk of fires in their home a home visit could be arranged – to book a free Home Fire Safety Visit either call 0800 0731 999 or visit www.firescotland.gov.uk</p>	
6. Treasurers Report	<p>Current balance stands at £2,792.54, which includes £276 for insurance. There was 1 cheque cashed: £50 for secretarial duties. There was 75 pence in interest earned over 3 months. Treasurer queried when TMC FAF money is to be paid into the account, IT is to follow this item up and report back to the meeting. The insurance documentation has been received although it does not mention the cost or who to pay. Treasurer is to get in touch with the insurers and ask for an invoice.</p>	IT JB
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>There is a strategy meeting to be held on 7th September 2015, a follow up to a previous meeting. Membership stands at over 200 persons. Forres Companion is selling well.</p>	
8. User Led Group	<p>Secretary emailed groups with regard to setting up a user led group. Nothing was received back and no groups attended tonight's</p>	

	meeting. Secretary is to contact each group to ask if there is any interest in taking this item forward.	TC
9. Grant Park Toilets	SM informed those present that at a recent Community Council meeting the subject had arisen and Grant Wilson had spoken on this subject. At present the people who own the cafe franchise in Grant Park open and close the toilets over the weekend. A proposal was made that the Community Council and FAF could look into the possibility of employing someone to take on various small jobs in and around Forres including the opening and closing of the toilets in Grant Park. This item was felt to be worth exploring further and members are requested to give this item some thought as to which jobs could be undertaken and who (names) would possibly be able to be employed. There would be the possibility of applying to the Berryburn Wind Farm fund and there may be the opportunity to match fund, or FAF could contribute towards this proposal. This item to be discussed at the next FAF meeting – Secretary to place on the agenda for October 2015.	TC
10. Three Year Plan/Strategy	This plan and the projects on the plan were discussed only as far as the current year was concerned. Subsequent periods will be considered at the next FAF meeting. An updated version of the 2015 – 2018 plan is to be circulated to FAF members for discussion at the next meeting.	TC
11. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM – at the recent MTP meeting there was concern about the efficacy of the 4 towns leaflet; it was thought to have been late going out. A request for a contribution of £500 for next years leaflet was deferred until the situation had been fully assessed. It was felt that the money might be better utilised by supporting local initiatives for tourism – to be discussed more fully at another next meeting. The 50 for £50 project has raised £2,500 which was match funded by MTP money making £5,000, Visit Scotland match funded and total raised £10,000. This money to be spent on promoting IV36 area as a visitor attraction to include brochures and film etc. • SM - coffee morning bookings and how are they to be processed in the forthcoming round. Query as to whether multiple bookings by one person for different groups should be allowed. Towerview have agreed to take over a flowerbed at the British Legion. Rotary coffee morning on 19th September 2015, Town Hall from 10 am to midday. • NZ – on Friday 28th August 2015 Ball Group had an outing to the Dufftown Railway where they went to a restaurant and had high tea, 29 persons attended and it was enjoyed by those attending. 	LC
12. Councillors	LC stated that over the past few weeks she has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a self directed support meeting • The Osprey bus is to be parked in the garage behind the FHCC • Attended a joint meeting of Health and Social Care/NHS partnerships in Edinburgh • To attend an employee conference on 3rd September 2015 in FHCC 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a Community Empowerment Bill presentation – the transferring of assets was discussed • Was asked to try and book the Town Hall or a school in which a couple are looking for space to hold a talk about diabetes – looking at acupuncture and nutrition 	
13. AOB	Chair raised the subject of the Springfield Proposal of Application Notice which was emailed to FAF members and asked for comments and responses from community by 28 th September 2015. There were concerns round the table with respect to supporting services, i.e. dental services and schools.	
14. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 th October 2015, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre.	