



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2013**

PRESENT

Carin Schwartz, Chair	Councillor Lorna Creswell
John Bremner, Treasurer	Councillor Aaron Maclean
Fabio Villani, Vice Chair	Brian McDonald
Angela Sutherland	Sandra MacLennan
Kresanna Aigner	Martin Forbes
Naomi Zair	Terry Monaghan
Valerie Wardlaw	Bisong Guo
Ian Todd	Roddy Burns, Chief Exec, Moray Council
Tina Coffey, Secretary	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Presentation by Roddy Burns – Chief Executive, Moray Council	Roddy Burns kindly attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Moray Community Plan, the Third Sector Interface and its role within Moray and the aims and objectives of the Community Engagement.	
Minute of FAF Meeting held in December 2012	<p>The following are amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pg 4 – BP 3 Brian McDonald – attended the Community Council meeting held last Thursday and noted that the army is planning to engage with local communities. He brought a proposal re Sanquhar Loch which is silting up. Brian and Peter Airey propose to invite the army to participate in the project. Brian asked FAF to give their general support to this proposal. No objections were raised. Andrew Anderson added that the MOD can only fund projects which benefit both the army and the local community. The Secretary to put on agenda for Mar. 	TC

	<p>from the Knockomie. Town Group is in the process of being launched.</p> <p>Looking at options for raising revenue through renewables, including registering an interest in land belonging to the Forestry Commission with potential for the erection of a community-owned turbine.</p> <p>Draft of Community Growth Plan to the board next week.</p>	
Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra – Moray Waste Busters AGM on 13th February at 7pm in the Carlton Hotel. Rotary Club - Young Musicians evening to be held in Forres Academy on 20th February at 7.30pm. • Lorna – Credit Union 18th AGM to be held at Forres Community Centre, 7pm on 19th February, any agenda items are to be submitted by 14th February. Fair Trade Meeting to be held on 27th February at the Elgin Youth Cafe at 7pm. Councillor’s surgeries are to be held at the Community Councils venue half an hour before the Community Councils meetings, Tolbooth for Forres, Cumming Hall for Kinloss and the village hall for Dyke. FACT coffee morning at the Town Hall on 9th February, 10am to midday. Friday Film club showing on 15th February the Karate Kid • Aaron – the budget is to be announced on Wednesday. • Brian – Forres Forwards Workshop to be held in the green room of Forres Community Centre on 23rd February from 10.30am to 4.30pm, places are limited and there is to be a press release, there is a £2.50 fee for non members. Fiction writing on 23rd March with Ron Guthrie. • John – Community Council Meeting on 21st February. • Fabio – FACT coffee morning on 9th February in Town Hall. Performance by Too Many Kooks on 16th March at Universal Hall. • Tina – St John’s Church coffee morning to be held on 2nd March at Forres Town Hall from 10am to midday. • Carin – the film The Untouchables will be on at the Universal Hall on 8th February. 	
Third Sector Interface (TSI)	<p>Congratulations go to Fabio Villani who has been appointed the Chief Officer of TSI and will commence his appointment on 25th February.</p>	
Sanquhar Loch	<p>Brian McDonald and Peter Airey are in early stage consultations with Scottish National Heritage.</p>	

Contaminated Land Investigation – Ferryhill	There is to be a public consultation and a test of various gardens within the Ferryhill area.	
AOB	John Bremner had received a grant application from Moray Waste Busters in respect of travel payments for a meeting which 2 staff are to attend. After discussions between Fabio Villani, John Bremner and Tina Coffey it was decided to issue a grant for £100. John Bremner to write the cheque. Transition Town Forres have started work on the pavilion at Bogton Road and work should be finished by the end of March.	
Date of Next Meeting	Next meeting is Wednesday 6 th March at 7pm in Forres Community Centre.	