



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT

Brian McDonald, Chair (BM)	Sandra MacIennan, Vice Chair (SM)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Debbie Herron (DH)
Fabio Villani (FV)	Graham Murdoch (GMu)
Ian Todd (IT)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Don Wright (DW)	Councillor George Alexander (GA)
Grant MacDonald (GMa)	Mike Scott (MS)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Angela Sutherland (AS) and Gordon Morrison (GM).	
3. Grant MacDonald – Mosset Park Community Asset Transfer Bid	Don Wright and Grant MacDonald from Forres Community Leisure Ltd (FCL), were present to introduce themselves and give a brief background to FCL which is a company set up in 2012 with their aim of managing community land and associated assets for the benefit of the community. FCL's intention is to acquire through a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) where Mosset Park is currently situated. In September 2016 an Expression of Interest was submitted to The Moray Council (TMC). FCL await council agreement on the validity of a potential asset transfer, they are looking to acquire Mosset Park ground and land adjacent in the Bogton area. A reason behind this project is a lease has been secured for Forres Mechanics but at present there is no security of tenure. The proposal is to enhance and develop what is there at present for the benefit of the community.	

<p>3. Grant MacDonald – Mosset Park Community Asset Transfer Bid (cont'd)</p>	<p>Timeline - hopes to be Expression of Interest discussed by elected members on 6th December 2016, feedback from The Moray Council (TMC) December 2016/January 2017 followed by consultation, August 2017 hope to have application approved in principle by TMC, May 2018 hope for final approval. FCL hope to create a community facility for sports and leisure. FCL will meet with 4 Community Councils, sports groups (via Sports Hub) and other relevant community groups. Currently looking for feedback from community to see what they think.</p> <p>Chair and Fabio both declared an interest at this point.</p> <p>Questions from the floor – if company folds what happens to the Common Good land, answer - reverts back to TMC and land cannot be used as collateral. Membership is open to those living in Forres – within Forres postcode area. Don stated FCL are taking advice from TMC and will consult with all the Community Councils in the area and will use the feedback from Planning for Real information. FCL currently has 11 Directors and 38 members. Chair stated FAF would be willing to support FCL to hold meetings with regards to the consultation process. Don and Grant left the meeting after giving their briefing.</p>	
<p>4. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in October 2016</p>	<p>There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by Sandra MacLennan and seconded by Debbie Herron.</p>	
<p>5. Matters Arising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – due to Kresanna's Aigner's work commitments, Vice Chair unable to meet up, to follow up and report back at the next meeting. Vice Chair to check TTF with regard to resources. • Item 9 – Chair wrote a brief article for the Forres Focus, advert will continue each month. Chair to email article to Debbie for inclusion on FACT website. • Item 11 – Vice Chair – working to arrange a meeting with Reni Millburn and Marc Hindley – point of meeting to discuss accessing money from other sources of funding now CARES no longer available. • Secretary emailed FAF meeting dates for 2017 to Ian Todd in order to book FHCC's Blue Room. 	<p>SM</p> <p>BM</p> <p>SM</p>
<p>6. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Current balance stands at £5,455.14. There were 3 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties, £27.50 to TMC and £22.50 for Rays Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night). Insurance of £9.66 was also deducted from the account.</p>	
<p>7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p>	<p>Debbie Herron passed on the following information: Social Enterprise Centre (SEC) – stage 1 application to Scottish Land Fund submitted for surveys, find out if successful on 20th November, if successful will progress with submitting stage 2 application. 2-page survey currently available.</p>	

	<p>Skate Park – possibility of an event late Jan/Feb 2017 indoors, working on finding a place to hold it, meeting scheduled for Friday. Meeting on Monday afternoon in FACT office with Lossiemouth and Aberlour representatives to discuss working in joint partnership with regard to skate parks.</p> <p>Older People – vintage tea party well attended, joint working between tsiMORAY, FACT and Health Partnership, positive comments. Idea to work in partnership with Emma Stewart, TTF still progressing. Chasing up both TTF and Auchernack to see if joint working is possible.</p> <p>Forres on Line – new Administrator Charlotte Grigg in post - first week.</p> <p>Tourism – next meeting 17th November 2016 in FACT office at 10 am. Now have Walkers are Welcome status, thank you to Bea Jefferson. FAF will fund and support a small launch party and mini walking festival.</p> <p>Expo 17 – to be held in April 2017 in Glasgow – meetings taken place – Forres’ advantage is around heritage points and look at themes Expo will take.</p> <p>Christmas Lights Committee – looking for new members and encouraging participation to take on administrative positions – organisational people wanted, Debbie will circulate this widely.</p> <p>Fabio stated FACT Board Health-check undertaken and able to access training via tsiMORAY re finance and Trustees.</p>	DH
8. Moray Area Forum Report	<p>Meeting took place on 31st October with Chair and Vice Chair in attendance. Discussion around Community Learning and Development Plan, Karen Delaney presented information and encouraged people to get involved. Community Planning Partnership would like community to get involved, three areas: youth, lifelong learning and community capacity learning – lots to get involved with – training courses to raise awareness – get involved in learning and training.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting received two grant awards totalling £80,000.</p> <p>Moray Forum Transport Group – received Community Group Award commendation.</p> <p>Area Forums future to be discussed, Ian Todd’s paper to be discussed on 5th December 2016 as an agenda item.</p>	
9. Piping at Forres – David Morgan’s Request	<p>David Morgan, Sponsorship and Events Manager emailed Secretary with a request for guidance and connections with regard to the use of the Chieftains tent on Friday or Sunday during Piping at Forres. Looking to run an event which would be of interest to the people of Forres. Any ideas or suggestions to be emailed to davidm@pipingatforres.com</p>	
10. Mosset Burn Clearance –	<p>Graham has been in attendance at meetings between farmers, Milton of Grange and Scottish Water to discuss an overflow pipe – since had meeting and both sides</p>	

<p>Graham Murdoch</p>	<p>concerned about the state of Mosset Burn – not cleaned in many years. Lots of work at Chapelton together with water in burn running high and over time silt collects and catches debris with weeds and bushes starting to trap larger pieces of debris. Seeking collaboration of all involved including FAF and Sanquhar groups to get together and put an application in to SEPA to remove silt. Money could be applied for – Chair stated that silt removal could release Giant Hogweed and Himalayan Balsam seeds that would germinate further along the water course. It may be possible to apply for a water environment fund to dredge Mosset Burn – but would have to approach SEPA – Graham thought it best to contact those concerned to gather community support before approaching SEPA.</p>	
<p>11. Round the Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – Friends of Guiding coffee morning 12th November 2016 at Town Hall from 10 am until 12 pm and St John Church coffee morning 26th November at St Leonards Church Hall 10 am until 12 pm • DH – Participatory Budgeting funding on 8th November 2016 in Town Hall 10 am to 12 pm. Mental Health Problems and Recovery at Moray Recovery Roadshow in Town Hall 17th November from 1.30 – 4 pm. More information in FACT office. Moray business week upcoming online • IT – Sylvia Jamieson involved locally in Planning for Real and Skate parks discussions • FV – community engagement event on Participatory Budgeting. tsiMORAY training programme for October 2016 to March 2017 currently available, please visit www.tsimoray.org.uk • TTF AGM and information evening on 3rd November 2016 from 5 to 9 pm, refreshments available. • Forres Wellbeing Project to be launched. • Forres Community Woodland Trust AGM on 9th November at Forres Academy commencing 7.30 pm. • Leader EU Funding - tsiMORAY managing this, currently reviewing Business Plan – early next year before people in post • GMu – Colours of Cluny – progressing well equipment is on site and ticket sales are healthy • MS – Police Scotland had to hire cones for Highland Games which incurred extra costs – have now been able to purchase 300 cones for use at Forres only events and currently under lock and key, to be signed out if required 	
<p>11. Round the Table (cont'd)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GA – Christmas lights being turned on in Forres High Street on 26th November at 5 pm with a possible parade taking place. Set of outdoor binoculars for top of Nelsons Tower purchased and to be installed • SM – Planning for Real on 12th November 2 – 6 pm 	

	<p>and 21st November from 5 – 8 pm in Town Hall – stick flags in model then model to be displayed around schools. Forres in Bloom coffee morning at St Leonards Church on 19th November and FiB AGM on 28th November at Tolbooth – all welcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonfire night on 5th November 6.30 pm in Grant Park. Children in Need quiz on 19th November in Mosset teams of 4 and donation of £100 per team • BM - Forres Community Council meeting on 7th November at Tolbooth, 2 pm to discuss road safety and crossing of A96 to new train station – Chair will attend on behalf of FAF 	BM
12. Councillors	<p>Councillor George Alexander updated those present on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a new roof on Forres Academy, unfortunately the rain in the past few weeks has caused damage and will have to be fixed <p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated those present on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Forres Wellbeing Project for over 50's, launch at Town Hall on 5th November 2016 between 2 – 6 pm ▪ Auchernack – open for applications from Auchernack (Posties) Trust, application to be in by end of November 2016. Trustees meet next week ▪ Stewart Noble, Forres Community Council (FCC) resigned as Chair ▪ Social Enterprise events attended ▪ Councillors met – transition time and discussions concerning what to do between now and election of new administration ▪ Attended Rafford AGM ▪ Army – event at Grant Park on afternoon of 5th November 2016 – to celebrate 300 years of history with 39 Engineer Regiment ▪ Film Forres – 90+ people attended showing of Jungle Book ▪ MacMillan Post with TMC has been filled – post for next 3 years to support people with cancer ▪ Hanover Housing Association – appeals heard ▪ Rachel Philp and Laurie Piper – undertaking customer care training ▪ Met with Platform PR and now Vice Chair of Integrated Joint Board ▪ 	
12. Councillors (cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First meeting of Forres Area Wellbeing Network ▪ Holly Hendry – wellbeing with Forres – met with FACT – need for network opportunities for wellbeing groups – know to reach out to groups 	
13. AOB	Secretary received an email from David Morgan, Piping at Forres requesting a donation towards event in 2017, those	

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	attending agreed donation of £2,000 – Secretary to inform David.	TC
14. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 th December 2016, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC).	