



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Councillor Claire Feaver (CF)
Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Debbie Herron (DH)	Graham Hilditch (GH)
Ian Todd (IT)	Mike Scott (MS)
Tina Coffey (Minutes) (TC)	

(Abbreviations of groups: TTF – Transition Town Forres, FACT – Forres Area Community Trust, FiB – Forres in Bloom, MC – Moray Council, BBCT – Berry Burn Community Trust, FCC – Forres Community Council)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from David Edgar (DE) and Brian McDonald (BM).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in October 2018	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by David Parker and seconded by John Bremner.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 5 – Money for Moray on Friday 9th November at Elgin Town Hall, there will be representation from FAF Item 5 – Councillor Creswell agreed to investigate information supplied regarding non lagging of pipes in the Grant Park toilets Item 5 – Chair attended an Adopt a Station meeting – January 2019 funding is open and a lady volunteered to visit to speak about the fund Item 13 – centenary plaques unveiled at the war memorial. GH hoping to fund another plaque – approval received on behalf of FCC for a plaque to 	LC

	<p>commemorate the people of Forres who made a sacrifice during the war - to be situated in the Tolbooth area and looking for a suitable place to erect it by the end of the year – the inscription is to be finalised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 15 - FHCC booked for 2019 to hold FAF meetings 	
5. Treasurers Report	<p>Current balance stands at £2,606.31 with the following cheques written: £50 for secretarial duties and £25 to Rays Opportunities for refreshments, £334.80 to FACT for badges. Admin money for the current year has still not been received. FAF finances discussed and the following agreed to be bought: 2 x pop up banners and a laptop (£350 to be ringfenced).</p> <p>DH proposed the following is to be purchased: 2 x moveable noticeboards/room dividers which are to be situated in the TH - £745 and a trolley to move tables in the main hall - £294, those present eligible to vote and who hadn't declared an interest agreed to the purchase.</p> <p>Current signatories are Treasurer, Secretary, Brian McDonald and Fabio Villani – Treasurer to bring paperwork to the next meeting for 2 new signatories (Chair and DH).</p>	JB
6. Correspondence	<p>Secretary read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's happening to your Councils Budget affects your community – poster • Developer Obligations update • To Absent Friends – volunteers for FACT • Incredible Edible Forres • tsiMORAY training calendar • Locality Network Update Sessions • Money for Moray Conference Invitation • Forres Green Spaces User Group meeting minutes from 2nd October 2018 • Scotland's Towns Partnership – Update • FACT AGM information • Quarriers Carer Support Service e-newsletter • Scotland's Town Funding Finder 	
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>DH informed those present of the following: The FACT AGM will take place on 9th November commencing at 6.30 pm. There is an open afternoon beforehand from 4 pm to 6 pm with stalls featuring user groups, presentations and information from partners and supporters. Awarded the Volunteer Friendly Award. FACT awarded the opportunity to be part of the Co-op Community Fund – runs for a year. Debbie will be attending the Moray Speyside Tourism Conference on 9th November. Volunteer training being run – good feedback for FACT volunteers. DH and Chair attended the Moray Towns Partnership meeting – group put in a proposal to the Beatrice Fund to collectively market the area, need to have a constitution.</p>	

	<p>Four months into a 2 year lease of the Town Hall – capacity for work for the team is at maximum and thank you for the support from volunteers.</p> <p>Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) – MC agreed to support the application – FACT were asked and have put in a letter of support. If successful allows those in the conservation area to bid in for the money which has to be matchfunded. Grant Park is adjacent to the High Street and the grass is to be stopped being cut, stated the park is used all the time. The Trust for Grant Park is being looked into – informed Grant Park was gifted and is operated by a Trust and the Moray Council is to in charge of its upkeep with lots of contradictory information it would be good to find out the conditions attached to the Grant Park Trust. Chair is to raise at the Green Spaces meeting.</p> <p>FACT’s graduate placement Kirsty Anne Wilson, Marketing graduate has started, in order to matchfund a grant other groups within the town will pay for her help with their marketing.</p> <p>Befriending Scheme – going well – afternoon tea dance on 22nd November, Christmas craft activity sessions and a Christmas shopping session on 11th December.</p> <p>Volunteer Christmas celebration on 19th December from 2 pm to 4 pm.</p> <p>2020 coffee morning bookings – booking form to be collected in advance – raffle tickets issued and form a queue on 10th December, bookings taken from 10 am – introducing a £40 non-refundable deposit when the coffee morning is booked, refunded if cancelled more than 6 weeks before the coffee morning date booked, after the event £40 will be deducted from the overall invoice. There are some 2019 dates available.</p> <p>Forres On-Line – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – outreach work in December, going into existing coffee morning and activities – Janice Cooper the Digital Tutor is extending her hours as Eleanor Symon the Forres On-Line Project Co-ordinator is leaving.</p> <p>Skate Park – steering committee of 7 – 8 people who meet monthly and looked at CAT for a piece of land, have to put together a committee, goal is to be independent by June 2019.</p> <p>FACT offices are open 10 am to 1 pm daily, intercom at the front door for those unable to access the stairs.</p>	SM
8. Forres Area A96 Community Group	The group met on 25 th October, the group is awaiting the result of the route and whether there will be a co-creative process. Group is to meet again on 26 th November.	
9. Planning for Real	Meeting to be held on 14 th November, the agenda includes a plan to look at Cluny Woods first then the park. Ken Kennedy gave permission for the Orchard Group to plant trees in the Rose Garden (beside the Market Green). Chair requested	

	the planning of the garden is to be on the agenda for the next meeting. The last meeting spent time discussing the paths. The next meeting will be held in the FHCC.	
10. Moray Towns Partnership	Development funding application was discussed, request for Hilda Ruskis to attend the meeting, she could not attend but asked for questions. A request to attend the meeting reissued as those present required more information.	
11. Moray Area Forum	A meeting was held at which there was a presentation from Karen Delaney on a draft plan	
12. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB – Remembrance Parade on 11th November starting with wreath laying at 12.15 pm – service at St Leonards Church commencing at 10.45 am • AS – Transport Forum meeting to be held on 20th November at 10 am – four new buses in service, more comfortable journey between Inverness and Elgin – 19th November new timetables out, had thought low level buses would have been annotated on the timetable but they have not been • DH – will be running Mailchimp training, 3 hour session early evening/afternoon – contact FACT for more info • GH – FCC – Pam Gowans meeting discussed Leancoil with a possible public consultation. Secured funding of 50% for a feasibility study £25k raised half of it by donations which are gratefully received – Lorna is to ask about the military covenant. Have the makings of a core working group and need to carry out Community Engagement with FACT and FAF. FCC need more Community Councillors and are holding a recruitment drive, currently 4-5 places unfilled. GH will pass on a flier to FACT for display in the Town Hall. Forres Community Woodlands Trust AGM is to be held in 2 weeks and they are seeking new Trustees • DP – received from the Scottish Government a survey on fracking. Forres Wellbeing – new set of events at TTF and at the Town Hall • SM – FiB coffee morning on 10th November in the Town Hall from 10 am to midday. FiB AGM to be held at St Leonard’s Church Hall on 26th November. Rotary Club Santa visits start on 3rd December and Children in Need Rotary Club quiz is on 16th November. Resources list is to be chased up. Douglas Ross applied for trees for a canopy – 5 trees arrived need to be potted up and grown on. Bus charger – Kevin Price looked at Grant Park and he agreed to the suggestion to bring a bus and try to park it at the car park. Towerview is still closed and the bus stance outside the building is unused – Lorna is to email for more information and to clarify what is happening with Towerview. Windfarm meeting with Force 9 – Sandra said Alistair Kennedy and Graham H had an informal meeting – would try to sign a memorandum of 	<p>DH</p> <p>LC</p>

	understanding with no commitment to anything. Talk by John Barratt in the museum on 21 st November at 2.30 pm.	
13. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated everyone on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auchernack Trust – November and May distribute money • Carshare electric cars – complaints regarding how difficult it is to get to the hospital – spoke with the Auchernack Trust and await reply • Buses – complaint about mess on the bus and spoke to the company, procedure is mess should be reported and bus changed ding Bam Nuttall and Network Rail, last part of the track Dyce to Inverurie buses to be used • Working on budget queries • Tornagrain, college and Expo visit • FACU AGM on 27th November at 7 pm • Attended a Museum meeting which had a good turnout • Film Forres meeting well attended, the first film is to be shown on 7th December and the next meeting is on 29th November to which all are welcome <p>Councillor Claire Feaver updated everyone on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went on the Tornagrain visit • Spoke with Gary Templeton what restrictions with regard to the train station as there is a lack of landscaping – areas of tree planting to be looked at in Forres – could look at planting orchards • Local Development Plan – attended meetings and looked at policies 	
14. AOB	<p>David P – Gordon & Ena Baxter Foundation Meet the Trustees event on 23rd November at Fochabers Institute - have to be a charity.</p> <p>There will be a one week suffragette event in Aberdeen</p> <p>Discussion ensued with regard to FAF becoming a Friend of Falconer Museum – no decision made.</p>	
15. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 5 th December 2018, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)	