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FORRES AREA FORUM AGM AGENDA Wednesday 1st October 2025

Special Welcome and Apologies

1. Minutes from AGM – 2nd October 2024
2. Chairpersons Update
3. Treasurers Report
4. Election of Office Bearers
5. AOB

FAF Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minute of meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025
3. Matters arising
4. Treasurer's report
5. Correspondence
6. FACT
7. Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme
8. Forres Connected Culture and Heritage
9. Forres Tourism Group
10. Spirit of Community 2022/3 & Local Place Plan
11. Money for Moray
12. Moray Forum
13. Transport Forum
14. Round the Table
15. Councillors
16. AOB

17. Date of Next Meeting: 5th November 2025, venue North Room, Forres

Town Hall

Meeting dates in 2025: 3rd December

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**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM AGM
WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024**

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
Lorretta Oliphant, Treasurer (LO)	Lorna Creswell (LCr)
Ray MacDonald (RM)	Ann Rossiter (AR)
Lindsey Standring (LS)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from Laura Cameron (LC) and Mike Scott (MS). The Chair thanked all for attending and introductions were made.	
2. Minutes from 4 th October 2023	The minutes from the 4 th October 2023 had been circulated, one item arose, John Bremner attended the meeting. Budgets for Forums have been removed and going forward Forums will receive no funding from Moray Council (MC), Item 3 – applied to Berry Burn for funding for Mannachie Park but were turned down. Item 4 – accounting period is from October to September, and presume as the reporting period covered a period when MC money was received, Treasurer will submit accounts at tonight's meeting. There being no questions or objections the minutes were proposed by Lorretta and seconded by David.	
3. Chair Persons Update	FAF shall provide a platform for local people and community organisations to come together to influence the planning and delivery of services within their, and the wider Moray area. The Chair reported on the following that had happened throughout the previous year: October 2023 – updates from Mannachie Park and Money for Moray (32 applied). November 2023 – FAF constitution updated from the Moray Area Forum template, Participatory Budgeting of £5k Developer Contributions. MC budget set, £15 million need to find savings. December 2023 – accounts now in a new format. Mannachie Park, unsuccessful with the bid to Berry Burn fund. Community Councils working	

	on Resilience Planning January 2024 – no meeting. February 2024 – following distribution to the membership there were no amendments to the Constitution which was proposed and seconded and emailed out in final draft to the FAF mailing list, new RBS account to be set up for accounts. Food hygiene discussed with regards to coffee morning, courses were undertaken. March 2024 – Spirit of Community launch date set for 24th April in the Town Hall. April 2024 – no meeting. May 2024 – consultations taking place around the Forres Culture and Heritage Scheme. Data being formatted for Spirit of Community report. June 2024 – no meeting July 2024 – no meeting August 2024 – RBS account set up, signatories to sign paperwork. Local Place Plan being worked on by FAF members. Mannachie Park looking for new members for a stakeholder group. Money for Moray £333k on offer with 10% being used for youth groups. September 2024 – maps discussed, £500 received for updating them (large map in frame at Leys Rd car park or smaller hand held ones unsure which). LPP being worked on, survey wording being looked at.	
4. Treasurers Report	The template for reporting the accounts has been provided by the Community Support Unit and it is a generic template. The money in the account includes £500 from MC which is ringfenced for maps and £400 which is ringfenced for Mannachie Park items. Expenses include insurance, Forres Area Business Association and Scotland's Towns Partnership membership, room hire and secretarial expenses. The current balance is £2,760.74 - £900 (ringfenced) which leaves £1,860.74 in the account. The Treasurer is opening up a new RBS Business account with charity conditions, paperwork has been completed, signed and returned and she is waiting to hear back from the bank. John Bremner, ex Treasurer has handed over paperwork from the current Co-op account and there have been issues regarding changing signatories on this account. The new account will be used via an app and will be used to pay bills online, FAF may well have to fund raise in order to continue. The accounts were proposed by Ann and seconded by Sandra.	
5. Election of Office	At this point Lorna was asked to take over the post of Chair for nominations for Chair. The	

Bearers	current post incumbents agreed to continue. The post of Chair – Sandra was nominated and proposed by Ann and seconded by David. The post of Vice Chair – David was nominated and proposed by Sandra and seconded by Lorretta. The post of Treasurer – Lorretta was nominated and proposed by Ann and seconded by Lindsey. The post of Secretary – Tina was nominated and proposed by Ann and seconded by Lorretta.	
6. AOB	There was no further business to be discussed.	
	The meeting was closed at 7.25pm.	