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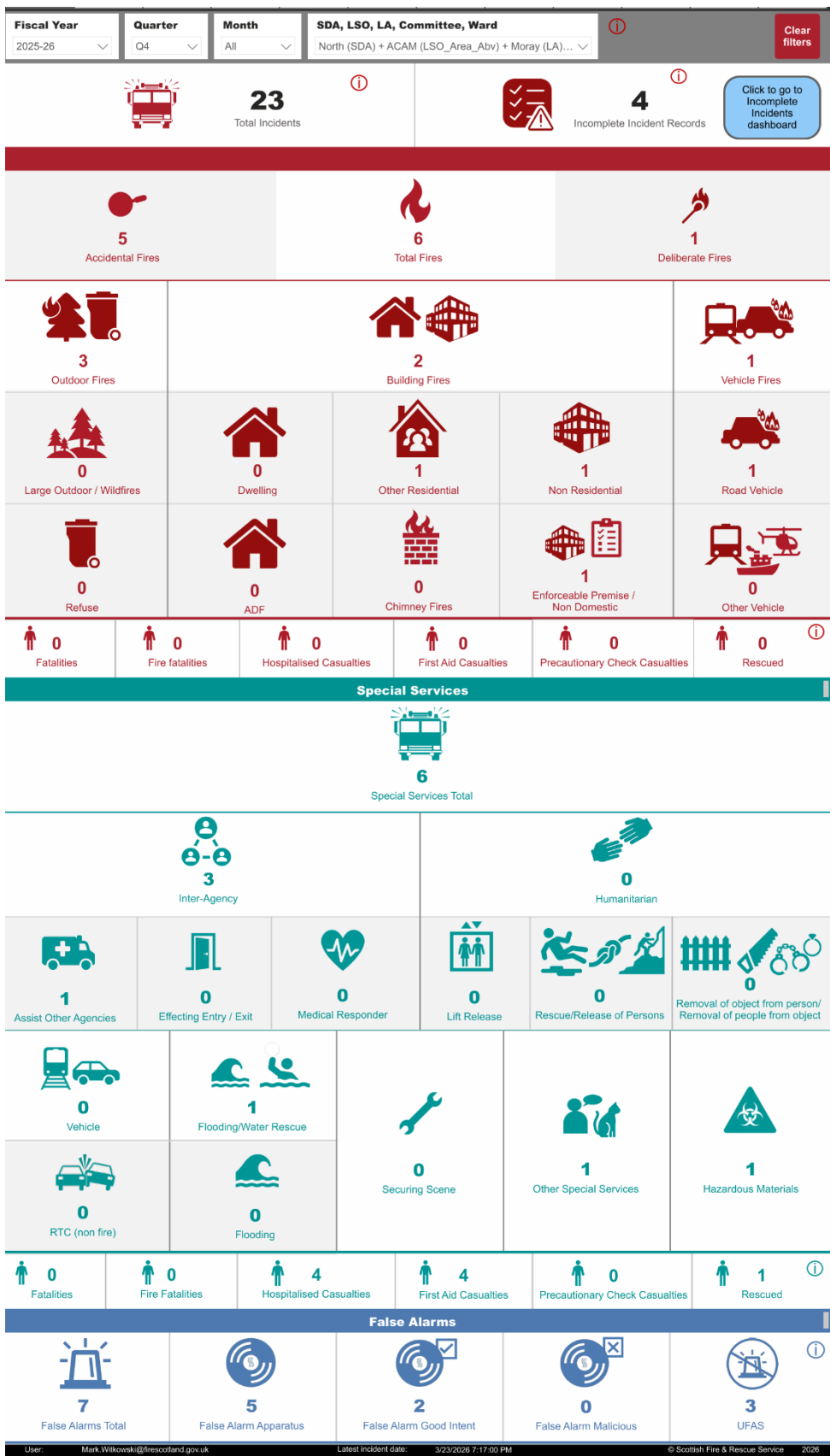
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## AGENDA - FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies:</b>	
2.	<b>Minute of meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026:</b> Proposed – Seconded -	
3.	<b>Matters arising:</b> <b>Forres Connected Culture and Heritage:</b> Feedback from LS.	LS
4.	<b>Treasurer's report:</b>	
5.	<b>Correspondence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STP Newsletter x 2</li> <li>• FC&amp;HS Public Realm Consultation</li> <li>• Cake and Prosecco 'Rays the Roof' Crowd Funding Event</li> <li>• STP Funding Finder March 2026</li> <li>• Rotary District 1010 Service Newsletter</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Mount Dora Twinning Association:</b> No recent communications.	
7.	<b>FACT- update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 Members on the Board</li> <li>• Meet the Board event at the TH on 9<sup>th</sup> May at midday</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme:</b> Chair and Sandra attended the meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Induction on grant funding bids appraisals in preparation for the High Street applications. Email received and shared – see below	AR/ SM

	<p>Further to the public consultation event held at the Tolbooth in March, we are now providing further opportunities to submit feedback in relation to the public realm spaces.</p> <p><b>Public Realm Consultation</b></p> <p>This next phase of the consultation is now live from today, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April for a period of two weeks, closing on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>There is an option to submit feedback online via Moray Engage, please find below link to access:</p> <p><a href="#">Forres Conservation &amp; Heritage Scheme: Public Realm Community Feedback   Moray Engage</a></p> <p>Presentation boards of the four public realm spaces will also be on display at the library with the opportunity to submit written feedback through a comments box.</p> <p>This information will be promoted via press release, social media and on the <a href="#">Moray's Great Places</a> website. As always, we value your input and we would greatly appreciate it if you could share this within your networks to allow widespread engagement.</p> <p>Many Thanks,</p> <p><b>Keava Fraser</b> Project Officer   Economy &amp; Enterprise</p>	
9.	<p><b>Spirit of Community (SoC) 2022/3 &amp; Local Place Plan (LPP):</b> Information from the Theme evenings has been collated and placed into the document. LC, TC and AR worked on this task. One area still to be checked with LC but as soon as this is done the document can be shared across different platforms.</p> <p><b>Next steps:</b> A number of people who accepted the invitation did not attend so there are gaps we need to fill. We may be able to do this when we gather to deliver workshops like the one below as they will be given the opportunity to engage at other times.</p> <p><b>Workshop 1</b> One key area that was highlighted across both dates was Grant Funding. AR will be making contact with TSI to arrange a suitable date/time/venue. This will then be shared with the people who attended and will be opened up for all in the Community to access. GM may well assist with this and put an article in the paper for us. AR to email him with request and details.</p>	AR
10.	<p><b>Moray Forum:</b> Martin Robertson, Moray Council, new in post, no immediate plans to convene a meeting, but will be kept up to date by Martin.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Transport Forum:</b> Feedback from secretary's enquiry.</p>	TC
12.	<p><b>Sport and Leisure Forres User Group Meeting:</b> Date of next meeting is set for Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - 6.00pm. AR will be attending. Core Focus Topic on the agenda will be – Fit-Life AR attended the FCC meeting when Steven Hamilton, (Project &amp; Community Support Officer/Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development) spoke, giving an outline of the work of the group.</p>	AR

	<p>Some of the public at the meeting asked how they would be able to give input to the User Group. AR informed those in attendance that input to the group could be fed through the Forres Community Sporthub and invited anyone to attend the Sporthub meeting.</p> <p>Public can also comment via Moray Engage - <a href="https://engage.moray.gov.uk">https://engage.moray.gov.uk</a></p>	
13.	<p><b>Active Moray Strategy and Plan (System Based Approach to Physical Activity and Health):</b></p> <p>AR attended the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March in Elgin. Work is still progressing from across the different sectors.</p>	AR
14.	<p><b>Moray Healthy Weights Systems Network:</b></p> <p>Work is progressing well across all sectors. AR to attend the next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 at MLC.</p>	AR
15.	<p><b>Moray Good Food Partnership</b></p> <p>AR has been invited to be part of the steering group and attended the first online meetings on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026. We received a presentation from Simon Kenton-Lake from Nourish Scotland – very interesting. He is a national coordinator for Sustainable Food Places and has supported the setting up of food partnerships in many other areas across Scotland. The steering group then went on to discussing Terms of Reference.</p>	AR
16.	<p><b>Ray's Opportunities: Update</b></p> <p>No update received for the May meeting.</p>	
17.	<p><b>Fire Report – Received 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b></p>	



18. Round the Table:

- AR - 13.05.26 – Forres Community Sporthub AGM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AR – 2026 – Summer of Sport/Club Support Funding from Sport Scotland with MC distributing funds. Applications with grant criteria can be accessed from the sportinmoray website. AR has shared this via the Sporthub contacts.</li> <li>• AR to attend the Forres Events Meeting ref Grant Park on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 1800.</li> <li>• AR- The Door to Door Meals continue to be very popular and are well received by the recipients.</li> <li>• St Laurence Forres Trust – First event was very well supported and a great start to the many events that are being planned.</li> </ul>	
19.	<b>Councillors:</b>	
20.	<b>AOB:</b> June meeting will take place in the Lesser Hall.	
21.	<b>Date of next meeting</b> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026, venue 7pm in the Lesser Hall, Forres Town Hall	

Meeting dates in 2026: 1<sup>st</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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