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AGENDA - FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING WEDNESDAY 1st JULY 2026

1.	Welcome and Apologies:	
2.	Minute of meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2026: Proposed – Seconded -	
3.	Matters arising:	
4.	Treasurer's report:	
5.	Correspondence:	
6.	FACT- update:	
7.	Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme:	AR/ SM
8.	<p>Spirit of Community (SoC) 2022/3 & Local Place Plan (LPP): We are still awaiting an opportunity to meet up again with Laura Cameron to complete the update on one of the Themed Sessions.</p> <p>Grant Funding Workshop A need identified through the SoC. Developing Successful Grant Funding Bids - This was delivered in partnership with tsiMoray on Monday, 15th June 2026. It was delivered by Kate Armitage and was very well received by those in attendance, a most informative and well delivered session. 21 signed up for the event with 15 in attendance on the evening. One group has been so motivated that they have already submitted a grant application. To move forward with this most positive uptake and interest I would like to move forward to create a Forres Grant Funding Hub,(this was suggested at the workshop) AR would like to work on developing this, identify time and space along with continued partnership working with tsiMoray who are already in support of this. Funding for facility hire in all probability will be required.</p>	AR

	This workshop has allowed us to identify other key people in our area who will be added to our mailing list.	
9.	Moray Forum:	
10.	Transport Forum: Update from enquiry – received an email from Timothy Mackay, Service Manager, Moray Council regarding the status of the Forum, informed currently not meeting but have received representations from a few members of the community to restart it. Contacted our representative and asked if they would be interested in being involved, awaiting an answer.	TC
11.	Sport and Leisure Forres User Group Meeting: AR attended the meeting on Monday, 8 th June 2026 - 6.00pm. Core Focus Topic Fit-Life – discussion around this topic took place, including review, comparison with other like membership, activities accessed via use of Fit Life membership. Minutes are not yet available. Public can also comment via Moray Engage - https://engage.moray.gov.uk	AR
12.	Active Moray Strategy and Plan (System Based Approach to Physical Activity and Health): Logo has been created but No further update to share.	AR
13.	Moray Healthy Weights Systems Network: AR to attended the next meeting on 2 nd June 2026 at MLC. Very good mix of members around the table which allowed excellent discussion on topics covered. Still working through the plan but progress is being made.	AR
14.	Moray Good Food Partnership AR attended the face-to-face meeting on Friday, 12 th June 2026. At this meeting we formally agreed on the terms of reference. This represents a significant milestone, providing a clear foundation for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership governance • Shared purpose and priorities • Future action planning and delivery. The next phase will focus on developing a partnership action plan, continuing mapping and engagement across Moray, exploring opportunities for coordination/resource support, strengthening links with national networks and policy developments. At the meeting we heard practical learning from Aberdeen’s journey which was very interesting. There was clear recognition that a great deal is already happening across Moray. The Partnership’s role is to bring this together, strengthen connections and increase visibility and impact.	AR
15.	Ray’s Opportunities: Update since 03.06.26 The Forum would like to congratulate Ray and his team for the work done to date allowing this project to progress to benefit the Community.	
16.	Community Information Group regarding Forres Academy AR and SM represented FAF at the meeting held on Tuesday, 23 rd June, 6.30pm at Forres Academy. We were introduced to the key people working on the development at this time. A very clear and concise presentation was given which clearly outlined the area being used for the different aspects of the work, the timescale of the different phases of work, special considerations being given for noise and air pollution and how this is to be addressed. Access to various	

	<p>areas will be restricted at times and there will be road closures for Albert Street for infrastructure work. Various communications have already gone out to the affected residents but this may require further visits/communications.</p> <p>Questions from the floor were clearly answered and some additional points for consideration were noted for the developers to follow up on, these were well received. Those in attendance will be provided with clear and accurate information that they can then share with members to ensure the public are kept up to date with factual information. Updates will also be available on the Moray Engage online platform and a noticeboard will be positioned on the Balfour Beatty Site Entrance with development updates and pertinent information.</p>	
17.	<p>Forres Events – Friends of Grant Park (FoGP) AR has sent a letter of support to Joanna Taylor on behalf of the group.</p>	
18.	Round the Table:	
19.	Councillors:	
20.	AOB:	
21.	Date of next meeting – 5 th August 2026, venue 7pm in the North Room, Forres Town Hall	

Meeting dates in 2026: 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December

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