



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 2019

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)
Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)	Kresanna Aigner (KA)
Debbie Herron (DH)	Brian McDonald (BM)
Ian Todd (IT)	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, TH - Town Hall, Area Forum - AF)

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), Mike Scott (MS) and Angela Sutherland (AS).	
3. Presentation by Kresanna Aigner	Kresanna Aigner, Artistic Director of Create Moray (formerly Findhorn Bay Arts) gave a presentation to the group. Based on the High Street and established in 2012, creating award winning events which aim to deliver high quality arts events and projects. Kresanna talked about the projects and partnerships Create Moray have been working with, many of which are coming to the end of their funding. Kresanna explained how festival attendance figures and information regarding spending in the area was arrived at. SURF award winner in 2019. Create Moray are about to become a charity and are busy raising funds for forthcoming projects. Those present thanked Kresanna for her comprehensive presentation.	
4. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in November 2019	There were no amendments. The minutes were accepted as a true record by those in attendance, proposed by Debbie and seconded by John.	

<p>5. Matters Arising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – Chair to phone regarding the Nimrod structure • Item 4 – Debbie is to send banner supplier information to the Chair • Item 4 – George has prepared something regarding Grant Park and will send it out when it is ready • Item 11 – no update regarding defibrillators • Item 12 – Secretary invited Kresanna to give a presentation 	<p>SM DH</p>
<p>6. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>The balance on the account stands at £1,462.27. The following cheques have been cashed: Scotland's Towns Partnership £118.80, FACT £64.12 and Secretary for secretarial duties £50. MC will pay their admin grant of £1,142 when the accounts have been received. Treasurer to forward on accounts and cc in Ian Todd.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>7. Correspondence</p>	<p>Secretary read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland's Towns Partnership Bulletin • Scotland's Town Partnership Bulletin • tsiMORAY News Bulletin • Human Rights Festival in Moray – 9th to 11th December <p>Query from Ian – Moray Towns Partnership (MTP) – regeneration group is there any criteria that groups work to, MTP covers 4 towns, have to ask Alan MacBeth for more information.</p>	
<p>8. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p>	<p>Debbie informed those present of the following: Increased bookings in the TH by 100.4% since moving into the premises, down to increase in promotion and efforts of volunteers and those who use the building. Complaint regarding access to the side of the TH, Debbie forwarded information on and had informed those who had made the complaint, they were happy the complaint had been forwarded on. Scottish Land Fund (SLF) - submitted application and find out if successful on 23rd January 2020 – pays for the building £75k and £49k in extra costs to include a Project Manager, architects fees and planning, heard there is sufficient capital costs likely but revenue will be tight. If rejected will go back to MC for a nil value for the building. Community Asset Transfer (CAT) goes to the Sherriff on 6th December to see if the building can be released from Common Good. TH Christmas coffee afternoon to be held on 16th December from 2 – 4 pm, all welcome. Coffee morning information for 2021 will be out this week via email, also information will be placed on the website. Forres Online – outreach in the area and introduction to Flo the Deer. Older Persons Project – 5th December trip to Inverness in the Osprey bus which was fully booked - application in to the Auchernack Trust and other places to develop the project.</p>	

	<p>New member of staff recruited, Lauren Crozier, admin placement through Community Job Scotland for a year. FACT office will close on 20th December and reopen on 6th January 2020, there will still be events happening in the TH over this period with groups having hired the building. Film Forres held their AGM and attracted 2 new members. The Joker is the next adult film and entry will be by donation. FACT AGM held on 15th November – well attended, new Memorandum and Articles agreed, attracted 2 new Board members.</p>	
9. Forres Area A96 Community Group	There have been no meetings since the last FAF meeting.	
10. Planning for Real (known as Green Spaces Group)	No progress, Chair attended a conference on 3 rd December in Aberdeen regarding verges and grass cutting. Emma Gordon, Biodiversity Officer, MC met with Ken Kennedy and Grant to show them how money could be saved, Chair suggested FiB could work with them.	
11. Moray Towns Partnership	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting.	
12. Moray Area Forum	Next meeting will take place on 5 th December 2019 to discuss Money for Moray.	
13. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT – job advertised for 26hr/week for a permanent local government employee in MC, closing date 5th December 2019 • SM – Corporate Plan meeting attended, everyone spoke about departments and discussed ideas people had, Chair was in the Housing Officer's group • TC – Friends of Guides coffee morning on 7th December and Forres Area Credit Union coffee morning on 14th December, both in the TH from 10am to midday • DH – FACT and others organisations from Forres have applications in with #YouChoose4 – go on line to vote – 3 votes available. On 5th December in Horizon launch of the consultation on the Social Enterprise Strategy. FACT coffee morning on 11th January 2020 	
14. Councillors	<p>Councillor Creswell updated those present on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Grammar attended a careers path day • Out of the Darkness Theatre Company – presentation of certificates • Forres Area Credit Union - .25% dividend agreed upon and hope to open outreach in Buckie and Elgin • Film Forres AGM held • Spirit of Community – asked Jo Smithson to be involved. Last one involved FAF, FACT and FCC with SOAR model of engagement used. Look to hold next 	

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	<p>one at the end of February 2020 with FAF providing refreshments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Osprey bus AGM on 5th December in the Tolbooth – lots of work required and needs a governance/structure, looking at a SCIO• Community Councillors – changes ongoing, only 4 independents• Integrated Joint Board – no reports and going to full council, Towerview on agenda – lease given up	
15. AOB	AGM discussed, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary agreed to stand for re-election. FACT to put on social media.	DH
16. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 8 th January 2020, 7 pm, North Rooms, Forres TH.	