



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2025**

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	Lorretta Oliphant, Treasurer (LO)
Ann Rossiter (AR)	Lindsey Standring (LS)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Laura Cameron (LC), Ray MacDonald (RM), David Parker (DP) and Angela Sutherland (AS)	
2. Minutes from 4 th June 2025	The minutes from 4 th June 2025 had been circulated, there were no amendments. The minutes were proposed by Lorretta and seconded by Lindsey.	
3. Matters arising	Item 7 – Fiona Skiffington has started in her role. Item 9 – Tourism Group – a member of FACT will attend meetings and Joanna Taylor is leading the group as a FACT volunteer.	
4. Treasurers Report	Since the last meeting the following has been paid out: £50 for secretarial duties and £153.99 for public liability insurance. This leaves available funds in the account of £1,633.05 with an additional £900 which is ringfenced, the total in the account is £2,533.05. The postal address for statements has been changed to the Treasurers new home address.	
5. Correspondence	Secretary emailed out the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes from the FAF meeting• Historic Shopfront information• Butterflies – support for families affected by addiction• Interpretation posters	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scotland Loves Local Awards Scotlands Towns Partnership newsletter x 2 Latest news from Findhorn Bay Arts STP Funding Finder for June and July 2025 General Manager Vacancy – FACT Moray Pathways at Tesco, Elgin Military Charity Challenge Peace of Mind Open Day Invitation Swimming pool closure – Forres A Night at the Cinema – Glasgow School of Art 	
6. FACT	No representative or report available. Investing in Volunteer process – nearing completion Volunteer handbook and policy – work in progress	
7. Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme	Walking Workshop held on the High Street in Forres looking at buildings and speaking about interpretation signs. Fiona Skiffington intends to look at greening of the High Street and will set up a group to take this forward.	
8. Forres Connected Culture and Heritage	A meeting has taken place in June and the next meeting will take place in August.	
9. Forres Tourism Group	No meeting held – Joanna Taylor will continue on the group as a FACT volunteer and will run the Forres Tourism Group.	
10. Spirit of Community (SoC) 2022 and Local Place Plan (LPP)	SoC – nothing to report. LPP – meeting to be set to discuss going forward.	
11. Money for Moray	Chair is no longer on this group, application process opened on 4 th August regarding the Joint Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund - https://www.itpbfund.scot/	
12. Moray Forum (MF)	No meetings held.	
13. Transport Forum (TF)	Angela Sutherland reported via email that: She has heard nothing from the Transport Forum and intends to make contact with the Secretary in order to establish if there are planned forthcoming meetings.	
14. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LS – three FACT staff members are going through a redundancy consultation process. A General Manager has been appointed. FACT coffee morning on 9th August, FACT have stepped in to fill in the last coffee morning gap in 2025, there are no more bookings available for coffee morning for the rest of 2025 unless 	

	<p>there is a cancellation. Bookings are being taken for 2026 – have to book via bookings@forresarea.org</p> <p>There is a new volunteer reception team of 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AR – Warm Space Initiative (WSI) on 9th August at St Laurence Church where soups, sweets, teas, coffee and cake will be served. On 15th August will be holding a VJ day service at St Laurence Church starting at 2pm and it is open to the public. On 13th September Moray Doors Open Day held in conjunction with St Laurence's WSI lunches and then serving coffee, open from 10am to 4pm • SM – consultation re Forres Academy on 19th August, 6pm to 7.30pm in Forres Town Hall, have to book a free place to attend, see below: https://www.facebook.com/MorayCouncil/photos/-pre-application-consultation-public-meeting-replacement-forres-academymoray-cou/1249416257214437/ A link to the Forres Academy Pre Application Consultation can be found below: http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file162486.pdf On 12th August there will be a meeting regarding shop fronts from 6pm to 8pm 	
15. Councillors	No Councillors present.	
16. AOB	Secretary to invite Richard Russell, Crime Reduction and Architectural Liaison Officer to speak at the next FAF meeting regarding frauds and scams.	TC
17. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025, 7.00pm, North Room of the Town Hall.	

Meeting dates in 2025: 1st October, 5th November and 3rd December