



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2016

PRESENT

Brian McDonald, Chair (BM)	Sandra MacIennan, Vice Chair (SM)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Ian Todd (IT)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Mark Palmer (MP)	Terry Monaghan (TM)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Debbie Herron (DH), Fabio Villani (FV) and Naomi Zair (NZ).	
3. Talk by Mark Palmer, Corporate Director (Corporate Services), The Moray Council	<p>Mark explained the Community Planning Partnership is a group of public and voluntary organisations that work together to plan and deliver better services. It comprises HIE, HITRANS, Moray College UHI, Moray Council, Moray Integration Joint Board, NHS Grampian, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Government, Skills Development Scotland and tsiMORAY. Main focus of process is to improve engagement with the public and for communities and community groups to have their voices heard. A 10 year plan called Moray 2026 has been developed which needs to identify issues that need to be addressed and good elements that should be maintained. Five priorities have been identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A growing, diverse and sustainable economy 2. Healthier Citizens 3. Ambitious and confident young people 4. Adults living healthier, sustainable independent lives safeguarding from harm 5. Safer communities <p>There is a survey to complete available online at</p>	

	<p>www.yourmoray.org.uk or in hard copy at local public offices i.e. library. There are Q&A evenings on Facebook available through www.facebook.com/TheMoray Council/ Feedback would be welcomed and if any other groups would like either Mark or Ian Todd, The Moray Council to attend their group meetings please contact communityplanning@moray.gov.uk for more information. Mark took questions from the floor, which included dualling of roads, infrastructure, housing and the structure of the Council.</p>	
4. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in May 2016	<p>There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Sandra Maclennan.</p>	
5. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – Moray Area Forum AGM – Vice Chair attended. • Item 5 – publicising FAF - nothing received from FAF membership. • Item 5 – Planning for Real project – postponed until August 2016. • Item 5 – Ian Todd emailed Dufftown Community Action Plan to Secretary who emailed document to FAF membership. • Item 7 – float provided by Treasurer. • Item 7 – Chair contacted Forres Crafters and they were represented at the coffee morning. 	
6. Treasurers Report	<p>Current balance stands at £3,998.26. There were 4 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties, £22.50 for Rays Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night), £3.50 reimbursement for taxi fares and £140 out for float for coffee morning.</p> <p>Coffee morning took £382 – £140 float + £98 town hall rental leaves £144 profit from the event.</p> <p>Informed that FAF's remittance from The Moray Council for FY 2016/2017 to be sent out, £2,037 not received as at 1st June 2016. Bank statement was presented at the MAF AGM. Request from Chair to look at conducting local engagement with community groups and this item to be discussed at July 2016 meeting.</p>	
8. Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)	<p>Secretary had received paperwork requesting 2016/2017 MTP money from the following projects: Sanquhar Dam Renovation Project, Forres in Bloom, Birdhouse, Rays Opportunities and Forres Features. Paperwork from Piping at Forres is awaited. Secretary to forward on all paperwork requests to Alan MacBeth at The Moray Council.</p> <p>Secretary to enquire of David Morgan, Piping at Forres as to when 20 free complimentary tickets are to be received.</p>	
9. Policy Strategy – Promotion of FAF and Area	<p>To be carried forward to July 2016 meeting.</p>	TC
10.	<p>Steering group who has been organising this event held the</p>	

<p>Participatory Budgeting Report</p>	<p>first of 2 days of meetings on 28th May 2016, more than 100 people attended mostly reps from groups who submitted applications. 26 groups turned up and 20 were awarded grants. Two minutes per group to present information and two minutes from the floor to ask questions.</p> <p>Steering group to meet next week to discuss evaluation sheets. One further meeting day to be held on the afternoon of 26th June 2016 with 24 groups invited to attend, this meeting will be open to the public and takes place in Rothes Hall.</p> <p>Ian Todd informed those present that members of Buckie would like the Buckie Participatory Budgeting process to be used for Buckie MTP money.</p>	
<p>11. Round the Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM – Rowena MacDonald asking for volunteers to help with pedestrian counts for Town Centre Health Checks on 23rd and 24th June 2016. Chair, Vice Chair and Lorna Creswell attended a Community Empowerment Scotland presentation today, contained information on how Central Government want Councils to engage with more people - FAF may invite people along to discuss this, looking to find ways to ensure people engage – query as to how FAF can engage more fully with the people of Forres • AS – attended the Moray Forum Transport Scheme meeting, 10 attended and it was held in Elgin at The Moray Council Annexe. Discussed accessible transport, Dial M for Moray and bus routes. Annual Transport Seminar in Lhanbryde on 10th September 2016. Transport guide issued November 2014 to be updated. New bus shelter to be situated outside train station in Elgin • IT – with regards to the Participatory Budgeting event, a group attending on 28th May 2016 got together and put in a bid for £5,000 to support volunteers to man a bus service on Saturdays from Urquhart, they were successful • LC – Vicki Flood is holding a fund raiser at the Mosset on 3rd June 2016 Forres Area Credit Union (FACU) coffee morning on 4th June at the Town Hall 10 am to 12 pm • BM – Tesco open day on 7th June 2016, 3 sessions from 10 am to 12 pm, 2 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm – if you wish to attend please contact Kerry Speed at Tesco in Forres 	
<p>12. Councillors</p>	<p>Councillor Creswell has undertaken the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Golf couple back from France and in the area, they have money from the Government to help with people’s wellbeing • Attended talk on 31st May 2016 about surplus food from Tesco. Charities and groups can apply for a day 	

	<p>during the week in which they can (after 8.30 pm) collect food from Tesco, store it then use it. Tesco stores in Buckie, Elgin and Forres are involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visited Shetland – went to inspiring different projects • Conversation Café – meet at Rays Opportunities • Transition Town Forres – 3 pods/allotments for rent at £25 per year • Joint Integrated Board – met to discuss how much came in this year and take forward values and principles. If anyone knows of a person who could facilitate this please contact Lorna • Dementia Awareness day on 3rd June – wear purple and donate £1 • Finance discussions – digital services discussed • Joint Community Council meetings attended • Forres Academy – drugs were found at the Academy 	
11. AOB	<p>Vice Chair informed those present Sandra McIver is looking for volunteers for Piping at Forres. Lorna Creswell informed those present that Forres Area Credit Union have purchased the old M&Co building. Those present agreed to a holiday break for the month of August, there will be no FAF meeting in August 2016.</p>	All to note
12. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 th July 2016, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre.	