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MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2016

PRESENT

Brian McDonald, Chair (BM)	Sandra Maclennan, Vice Chair (SM)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Debbie Herron (DH)	Graham Murdoch (GMu)
Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)	Mike Scott (MS)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Ian Todd (IT) and Fabio Villani (FV).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in November 2016	There were three amendments, item 5, first bullet point should read Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) not CARES. Item 5, second bullet point Forres Focus advert will not continue each month. Item 11, bullet point 10 the no waiting traffic cones were not bought or hired by Police Scotland, Forres Highland Games had to hire them from and have them put out by Alba Traffic Management. The minutes were proposed by Sandra Maclennan and seconded by Debbie Herron.	
4. Matters Arising	 Item 5 – with regard to TTF and checking of resources, Vice Chair made an appointment with Cristie Puplett that had to be cancelled on the day - ongoing. Item 5 – Chair still to email Focus article to Debbie. Item 7 – approach George Alexander if interested in helping with the Christmas Lights Committee. Item 11 – Chair unable to attend the A96 crossing meeting. Eleanor Hayward is getting up an online petition which people can add their names to. Item 13 – Secretary informed David Morgan of 	SM BM



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	£2,000 donation from Moray Towns Partnership	
_ _	money towards Piping at Forres.	
5. Treasurers	Current balance stands at £5,372.98. There were 2	
Report	cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties, £22.50 for Rays	
	Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night).	
	Insurance of £9.66 was also deducted from the account.	
6. Forres	Debbie Herron passed on the following information:	
Area	Social Enterprise Centre (SEC) – stage 1 application with	
Community	Scottish Land Fund successful. LDN Architects appointed	
Trust (FACT)	and feasibility report to be undertaken up to March 2017	
	then if viable apply to buy building.	
	Skate Park – reports back from Village SOS for funding	
	needed, next meeting 13 th December 2016 – good meeting	
	between FACT, Lossiemouth and Aberlour – possible joint	
	visit to various skate parks in spring 2017.	
	Forres Online courses are going well – push for volunteers	
	in the new year – get in touch with FACT if interested.	
	Auchernack – successful application for apart time post for	
	Co-ordinator of Older People (to be advertised in the new	
	year - 12 month post) – would work on updating the over	
	50's directory and aim to meet needs of more members of	
	community, aim to work with groups locally to reach isolated	
	people.	
	FACT coffee morning on 21 st December 2016 – 10 am to	
	midday.	
	Presentation to Community Council, Rotary Club and lunch	
	clubs to explain what going on with FACT – emailed groups	
	for dates and times to give presentations.	
	Mosset Park representatives attended Skate Park meetings	
	Sportshub meets at same time as FAF meeting and Debbie	
	may attend these alternately.	
7. Moray Area	Chair and Vice Chair attended latest MAF meeting – a joint	
Forum Report	organisation which reflects all Area Forums – currently there	
	are 4 forums in Moray, Buckie, Keith, Lossiemouth and	
	Forres, none in Elgin (North or South) or Laich. Query from	
	Ian Todd, Community Support Unit regarding the future of	
	Area Forums – suggestion of regular reports quarterly to be	
	fed back up the line to the Council. Concern with regard to	
	Participatory Budgeting meeting which Chair attended,	
	different organisations apply for funding, in the last case	
	money had to be for economic development, from a pot of	
	money, the groups then voted for applications that should	
	be approved.	
	Require support of Community Support Unit not	
	supervision. Paper to be issued shortly to address what	
	engagement means in terms of Moray. Hope to have more	
	contact with Community Engagement Group, currently no	
	active engagement between Moray Council and community.	
	Mark Palmer was asked by FAF to come and give a talk to	
	the group which he did - bar this no other contact. Hope is	
	to expand number of Area Forums in Moray and have a	



	alagar relationship with Community Engagement Croup	
	closer relationship with Community Engagement Group. Quarterly report – Secretary to produce – format still to be decided.	
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8. MTP Allocations	Last meeting attended 2 weeks ago – John Cowe, Head Councillor Community Planning very pleased with Colours of Cluny. Expo 2017 arrangements – from Forres, Debbie and Tourist Sub Group to pick this up and work with it – progress so far good – a much bigger representation in Glasgow than Edinburgh - to be effective have at least 3 years exhibiting – unsure of MTP 2018 allocation, would look to set aside money for 2018. Block bookings for Expo 2017 to be made now, Moray Speyside to book accommodation. Chair stated would cost an initial £2,500 per Area Forum and needs extra money to be allocated for accommodation etc. Chair, Vice and Secretary met on 2 nd December 2016 and set aside an additional £1,200 for Expo 2017 to cover these expenses. Vice Chair, Chair, Victoria (The Loft) and Joanna Taylor (Rafford Consulting) would like to put their names forward to attend, Debbie to pass on names. Would work with 4 people attending working shifts. Day 1 is for trade, day 2 for members of the public. Possibility of hiring a minibus to get to Glasgow. Other businesses attending Johnston's, Whisky Trail, Station Hotel in Rothes, Gordon Castle. Theme is "Made in Moray". Colours of Cluny video produced and permission given to use it at Expo 2017. All those present agreed to £1,200 of MTP money to be allocated towards Expo 2017 (estimate £200 travel, £200 food and accommodation £800). Debbie to email Laurie Piper with regard to money set aside. Secretary to forward on to Alan MacBeth, Moray Council (MC) for approval. Rays Opportunities requested 6 month funding to continue the post of Development Office (4 hours per week for 6 months) £1,250, discussion ensued and those present agreed that Secretary pass on application to Alan MacBeth, MC for approval. Town maps (Helen Stirling copyrighted) discussed – reprint required but may have to pay a copyright fee if updated or added to, £400 - those present agreed to a reprint. Over 50's directory – reprint with amendments required, last guide was posted out to all properties in the I	DH TC TC
	FBA to see if they have any items.	
	Expo 2018 – those present discussed and agreed to allocate forward £2,500 to support tourism in the town.	SM



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	Request to Lawrie Piper to enquire as to whether there will be an Expo 2018. CARS meeting took place with Reni Millburn could go for funding for interpretation panels in 2017/18 – if funding from outside funding could match funding – need proper modern interpretation panels. If Expo 18 does not take place then money could be allocated to town centre improvements. Secretary to email Alan MacBeth, MC to see when 2017/18 money can be used from. FAF money to be used to top up money for town signs Funding bid to be undertaken. Forres in Bloom would like to purchase interpretation signs Need to investigate further and report back at January 2017 meeting – agreed to provisionally allocate MTP balance to signage and interpretation boards Further discussion regarding this and other proposals to be discussed in January session.	TC
9. Community	Email circulated with regard to this item. Debbie will be	
Learning Exchange Funded Visits	submitting an application for a visit to Edinburgh and Mull and Iona Community Trust.	
10. Round the Table	 GMu – Colours of Cluny was a great success, MC were very helpful – meeting to be held with feeling to go ahead with next year. Mosset Burn – Bob Lawton keen to be involved – how to get all different groups together and move it forward to clear silt – FAF can host meetings. GMu to bring it up at next Community Council meeting MS – Victora Wines – been gutted and tidied up AS – attended Moray Forum Transport Steering Group – award received for the work undertaken on the group - agreed to upgrade Transport Guide and deliver by Royal Mail – Speyside Car Share Scheme – can't claim back money (those on benefits) if use this scheme. Not enough volunteer drivers in any areas. Stagecoach - not enough capacity on No 10 bus. Smartcard starts 8th December. Uber taxi coming to Inverness. Scottish Government going to pay for training for D1 licence drivers, 60 in the next 18 months. Next meeting on 24th January 2017. Replacement for Chris Hall in post. SM – Participatory Budgeting – press release, apply for up to £4,000 for social isolation. Santa sleigh starts on Monday. Planning for Real – 1 more consultation with older students at Forres Academy (aged 17-21). New Chair of Forres Community Council to be voted in, Secretary to invite to February meeting. Town Hall bookings for coffee morning queued up last week. FiB, FACT and Woodlands 	Gmu TC



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	 Trust in the Co-op funding project, ends March 2017 Debbie to organise a date for all to attend. Attended film about Forres on Saturday night. TC - coffee morning booked for 30th June 2018 BM - Winter Gathering invite from Findhorn Foundation on 9th and 10th December – music and carols at Phoenix Café open at 7 pm. Emma Gordon – Moray Local Development Plan – call for sites deadline 28th February 2017. Community Report received – Secretary to circulate. Forwords produced a video of scenes around Forres from the perspective of writers – funded from Auchernack Trust money, selling in Forres £9 each or 2 for £15 	TC
11.	Councillor Lorna Creswell updated those present on the	
Councillors	following:	
	 Nature Reserve met, selected 8 people to meet – Roy Dennis to bring people together Any building to present ceramic poppies – given information to St Laurence Church – express an interest by January 2017 Looking for criteria for places in Varis Court – mainly based on care needs Prison visit – met woman Governor Council planned a Transition Board – cross party through next election – meeting each week Full council meeting speaking about community facilities Auchernack – 9 applications received yesterday – 6 allocated money and had to dip into capital Forres Area Well-being Network (FAWN) meeting on 8th December 2016 in FHCC at 9.30 am 2 videos launched last week Attended Dyke AGM Looking for Osprey volunteers to drive bus Golf Club – new Secretary required, meet 4 times a year Integrated Joint Board – different presentations including pharmacy costs and social prescribing – try to engage and get folk active Mortuary – meeting attend with aim to improve with Mrs White Leanchoil – after new year discussion with community - what does the community say about it – 	
	decision to be made	
13. AOB	Secretary proposed AGM date of 1 st February 2017 – those	
	present agreed to date – new office bearers will be required.	
14. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 11 th January 2017, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC).	

