



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

	£2,000 donation from Moray Towns Partnership money towards Piping at Forres.	
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £5,372.98. There were 2 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 Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie Herron passed on the following information:</p> <p>Social Enterprise Centre (SEC) – stage 1 application with Scottish Land Fund successful. LDN Architects appointed and feasibility report to be undertaken up to March 2017 then if viable apply to buy building.</p> <p>Skate Park – reports back from Village SOS for funding needed, next meeting 13th December 2016 – good meeting between FACT, Lossiemouth and Aberlour – possible joint visit to various skate parks in spring 2017.</p> <p>Forres Online courses are going well – push for volunteers in the new year – get in touch with FACT if interested.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>FACT coffee morning on 21st December 2016 – 10 am to midday.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Mosset Park representatives attended Skate Park meetings Sportshub meets at same time as FAF meeting and Debbie may attend these alternately.</p>	
7. Moray Area Forum Report	<p>Chair and Vice Chair attended latest MAF meeting – a joint 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.</p> <p>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</p>	

	<p>closer relationship with Community Engagement Group. Quarterly report – Secretary to produce – format still to be decided.</p>	TC
8. MTP Allocations	<p>Last meeting attended 2 weeks ago – John Cowe, Head Councillor Community Planning very pleased with Colours of Cluny.</p> <p>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 2nd 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Over 50’s directory – reprint with amendments required, last guide was posted out to all properties in the IV36 area. Cost of postage means updated directory more cost effective to be emailed out. Those present agreed to allocate £3,500 towards a reprint and update of the directory, excluding delivery. Secretary to email Alan MacBeth for approval.</p> <p>Resources directory discussed, have to check with TTF and FBA to see if they have any items.</p> <p>Expo 2018 – those present discussed and agreed to allocate forward £2,500 to support tourism in the town.</p>	<p>DH TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>SM</p>

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Emma Gordon – Moray Local Development Plan – call for sites deadline 28th February 2017. Community Report received – Secretary to circulate. Forwards 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</p>	TC
11. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated those present on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 ▪ Leancoil – 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).	