



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2017

PRESENT

Brian McDonald, Chair (BM)	Sandra MacLennan, Vice Chair (SM)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Debbie Herron (DH)	Fabio Villani (FV)
Ian Todd (IT)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Mike Scott (MS)	Vicky Flood (VF)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	No apologies were received.	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in December 2016	There was one amendment, item 4, bullet point 1 correct spelling should be Kristy Puplett and not Cristie Puplett. The minutes were proposed by Sandra MacLennan and seconded by Debbie Herron.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 4 – Fabio looked through cupboards at Transition Town Forres (TTF) and invited Vice Chair to come and look at items currently stored at TTF, banners found – plan to look round and start to do a check against asset list. Debbie has a volunteer, Judith Binney, who will undertake an inventory of items held by groups within the Forres area – there is an issue with storage and access to equipment for groups will have to be discussed – Councillor Lorna Creswell to ask with regard to portacabin storage. Possibly could ask Kresanna Aigner, Findhorn Bay Arts about any storage she may have spare – agreed 	SM

	<p>to look for dry storage and easy access to equipment, to pursue and bring back to February 2017 meeting – Secretary to place on February 2017 agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – Chair emailed Debbie a short summary of FAF which Debbie will place on the FACT website • Item 8 – Debbie emailed Laurie Piper who stated it will be alright to transfer funds and he will email invoice for Expo 2017 in Glasgow (£3,700 set aside for this project). For Expo 2018 £3,600 has been set aside this includes VAT and is to be transferred to Moray Speyside Tourism when invoices have been received from Laurie, money can then be allocated as and when Moray Speyside Tourism request money for approved tourism projects. Debbie is to contact Laurie and request two separate invoices, one for each Expo. • Item 10 – Graham Murdoch not available re Mosset Burn information - ongoing. • Debbie has arranged to promote Forres in Bloom (FiB), FACT and Forres Community Woodlands Trust (FCWT) with regard to the Co-op fund – FCWT have yet to reply to Debbie with regard to attending promotion. • Leancoil – Councillor Lorna Creswell spoke to the Community Council. FACT will prepare a paper for the next Council meeting and there will have to be a press release. FAF to fund meeting venue, location required for the meeting in February 2017. Lorna to inform Secretary of agenda and date of proposed meeting. 	<p>TC</p> <p>DH</p> <p>GMu</p> <p>LC</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Current balance stands at £5,290.82. There were 2 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties, £22.50 for Ray's Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night). Insurance of £9.66 was also deducted from the account. £2,500 to be set aside for Spirit of Community event from FAF funds.</p>	
<p>6. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p>	<p>Debbie Herron passed on the following information: Social Enterprise Centre (SEC) – there has been an offer on the bank building from another company – FACT have indicated their interest if the deal falls through – possible alternative SEC premises on the High Street were discussed. Skate Park – plan for a trip out to Lossiemouth and Aberlour at the end of March 2017 to visit other skate parks. Older Peoples Project – funding received from Auchernack – plan to be discussed at FACT Board meeting – job advert in Forres Gazette w/c 20th January closing date of 3rd February and interview w/c 13th February with person in 12 month post by end February/beginning March and person in post will work on the Directory.</p>	

	<p>Emma Gordon – areas to be considered for development in our locality, any suggestions for – ideas to be developed to be in by end February 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT – has sent an email to Fiona Rolt for distribution to Forums re Squadron Leader Burn from RAF Lossiemouth who a group of airmen who will be willing to help community groups with any projects, S/L Burn will provide the manpower, materials are to be provided by the group – Secretary to email to FAF membership when received • DH – Forres Area Tourism Network meeting on 19th January at 10 am. Forres Business Association have their Burns Night on 24th January 2017 in Horizon building – book through Claire Findhorn Village Centre running a sewing class on 21st January 2017 ▪ Moray Food Network event on 20th January 2017 at Inkwell ▪ VF – Rays Opportunities – 12th January 2017 information evening about a new course – 10 week course to help with budgeting 	TC
12. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated those present on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Auchernack – 6 grants paid out ▪ Preparation for new in coming Council – meet once a week and look at budgets ▪ Forres Area Well-being Network (FAWN) – met twice ▪ Gave a talk at the Guild on Tuesday re Credit Union ▪ 21st February 2017 AGM for Forres Area Credit Union (FACU) at FACT office ▪ Glasgow School of Art launch on 20th January 2017 	
13. AOB		
14. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 1st February 2017, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC) – AGM will be held at this meeting.</p>	