



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra MacLennan, Vice Chair (SM)</b>	<b>John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)</b>
<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)</b>	<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</b>
<b>Graham Hilditch (GH)</b>	<b>Graham Murdoch (GMu)</b>
<b>Ray MacDonald (RM)</b>	<b>Terry Monaghan (TM)</b>
<b>Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)</b>	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Welcome from Chair	The post of Chair is vacant therefore the Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. She introduced Graham Hilditch, Chair of Forres Community Council (FCC).	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Brian McDonald (BM), Debbie Herron (DH) and Ian Todd (IT).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in May 2017	There were two amendments, item 4, bullet point 8 had been included from the previous set of minutes and under item 6, Work Host should read World Host. The minutes were proposed by Lorna Creswell and seconded by John Bremner.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 4 – GH informed those present the FCC were hoping to put together a survey to review the status of the Mosset Burn for future users – asked for tenders and hope to take this forward before the next Council is elected. Chair stated Forres in Bloom (FiB) would like to be involved as would Adrian Hutcheson from the Mosset Burn clear up group.</li> <li>Item 4 – equipment storage access – DH not in attendance – to be carried forward. Tents from Transition Town Forres (TTF) are to be checked for their condition when next in use – Vice Chair to ask Fabio Villani if Piping at Forres would like to borrow</li> </ul>	

	<p>them, the tents could then be checked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 6 – Older Persons Directory – will be with printers by the end of the week. Unsure if proof reading had taken place.</li> <li>• Item 6 – Debbie to ask if an Expo rep could come to a FAF meeting. At MTP meeting attended by Vice Chair, Laurie Piper was in attendance and will prepare a report – agreed to wait and possibly invite Laurie to September meeting.</li> <li>• Item 9 – Planning for Real, meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> June of organising group to produce an action plan for Forres, good photos of Forres are sought for the report. Once complete there will be an evening meeting to launch the action plan. FAF to cover cost of refreshments – no claim for expenses had been submitted.</li> <li>• Item 10 – Area Forums final paper went to the Community Engagement Group (CEG) on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – paper and recommendations agreed and Fiona Rolt will present it to the next Community Planning Board.</li> <li>• Item 13 – AS attended the transport meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Items discussed: Speyside car share, transport guide comments are required and were to be distributed at the Joint Community Council meeting and copies were to be made available at the Joint Area Forms. There was a press release in Northern Scot on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Undertaking a draft constitution, spoke about Stagecoach buses changes. Two drivers recruited for the buses, new bus to Kingston. Seminar proposed for 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Lhanbryde Community Centre and next transport meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in Elgin.</li> <li>• Item 15 – Secretary emailed FAF membership asking for donations to the coffee morning.</li> <li>• Item 15 – Secretary invited Graham H to attend a FAF meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>SM</p> <p>DH</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Current balance stands at £5,051.82. There were 3 cheques cashed: £100 for secretarial duties, £22.50 for Ray's Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night) and £22.50 for expenses, also insurance for 2 months (£18.48) was deducted.</p> <p>The coffee morning raised £520.70 (£723.15 – (float £162 + receipts £40.44) before hire of Town Hall was deducted.</p>	
<p>6. Forres Community Council (FCC) – Overview</p>	<p>Due to illness there was no FACT representative available and Graham H was asked to give an overview of FCC. He introduced himself, became Chair a couple of months ago. Main objective to continuing good working relationship with Moray Council (MC) and build on making Forres people aware of what FCC does. Mosset Burn initiative in place and once surveyed will engage with local groups. Looking</p>	

	<p>at development in Forres, the proposed Dallas Dhu development and looking into new A96 crossing to new railway station – both ongoing. Will be looking for new Councillors. Meeting with Grant Speed, Moray Council (MC) to discuss paths up Cluny Hill, issue with flooding on some paths, need to get some quotes for work involved and submit an application to the Land Fill Fund for funding around £18 – 20,000.</p> <p>Graham M informed the meeting that whilst trees have been cleared around the top of Cluny Hill, Graham M met with Michael Sharp and walked around the hill top. He was shown the outline of a possible fort and ditches which are being excavated with the possibility at a later date to look for round houses. Graham M stated felling and planting of trees is on hold until excavation work is undertaken.</p> <p>Vice Chair queried how FAF could work with FCC, Graham stated there was a lot of overlap and he would have to attend more meetings. It was suggested more information could be shared. When Planning for Real action plan is ready hope to work together to take it forward.</p> <p>On 11<sup>th</sup> June FACT plan a visit to a skate park, uptake from Forres 2 people – please inform either Debbie or Sylvia Jamieson, MC if you would like to attend.</p>	
<p>7. Moray Towns Partnership</p>	<p>Vice Chair attended – Laurie Piper from Expo (Glasgow) present and stated 95% people who attended have never heard of Moray – those attending learned a lot and had a great time, following up tour operators and 335 contacts made who are being followed up. Boards used at Expo are in Elgin Town Hall and will be used at the election results. Laurie looking to fund next Expo from possible growth fund and not funded via the towns. Proposal from Bill (Elgin) for a possible joint application from all forums to Leader, there was a proposal to meet and discuss further. Expo – Laurie to undertake a survey to contrast number of visitors each year, there are no facts and figures and he will try to monitor and count in voluntary hours. Vice Chair received a USB pen containing information which she will use on 8<sup>th</sup> August when Britain in Bloom judges visit Forres, Town Hall to be booked and set up various groups involved with USB pen to be passed to Debbie to use on the night.</p> <p>Current spend £35,782 from initial £45,000 leaving £9,218 to spend. £4,260 ringfenced for Expo 18 with £4,958 to be spent by end of March 2018. Colours of Cluny will submit a proposal for MTP money.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>GMu</p>
<p>8. Equipment Storage and Access</p>	<p>To be carried forward.</p>	
<p>9. Round the Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM – upcoming coffee morning on 10<sup>th</sup> June in the Town Hall from 10 am to midday, Ray handed out fliers. Euan’s Guide – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Ryan McDonald,</li> </ul>	

	<p>Ambassador attended impressed with town and visited Findhorn, liked area said it was friendly and would come back to visit. 20 retail outlets on High Street now recognised on Euan's Guide as having disabled friendly access. Discussed potential of access with regard to Colours of Cluny, Ryan promised to return and see physically what problems Cluny Hill presents to wheelchair users. Possibility of a third awareness day in Forres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMu – discussed Colours of Cluny and access for those with a disability, suggestion of first night when invited guests, media and those with disabilities get to go around Cluny Hill, possibility of a tractor to pull small carriages which accommodate wheelchairs around Cluny Hill – to be looked into further.</li> <li>• SM – Britain in Bloom judges visiting on 8<sup>th</sup> August – display in Town Hall to be paid for by FAF – Vice Chair to book Town Hall. A96 roundabouts looked after by Bear – discussion ensued with regard to their current state, could tar over using a permeable substance, could use sculptures although expensive, would have to be the same at all roundabouts approaching Forres. Lorna to raise. Scotland's Most Beautiful High Street application due in by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 300 words and some photos (ideally 1 or 2) run by Keep Scotland Beautiful – Vice Chair would like to enter and volunteered to submit an application – have to speak with FACT. Participatory Budgeting in Moray meeting next week, possibility Community Support Unit, MC will not be available to run it - are PB group willing to carry it on without MC support? A96 Consultation in the Town Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 12 pm to 7 pm.</li> </ul>	<p>SM</p> <p>LC</p> <p>SM</p>
<p>10. Councillors</p>	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated those present on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will attend a public meeting on how to shape Health and Social Care Services within Forres, to be held at Forres Academy from 7 pm to 9 pm on 8th June</li> <li>• No longer on the Integrated Joint Board</li> <li>• Communities Community – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 attended at champions launch for looked after children</li> <li>• Sitting on Police, Fire and Rescue Committee, first meeting last week</li> <li>• Children and Young People's Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017</li> <li>• Alzheimer's Day – wear purple collected in the Annexe Elgin and in Forres</li> <li>• Will attend a conference in Findhorn about Democracy</li> <li>• Attended RAF flypast in Lossiemouth</li> <li>• Attended Army cocktail party</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors Corner in Forres Gazette reinstated and limited to 400 words</li> <li>• Church Hall moving and renovated</li> <li>• Skateboard Park – support lacking</li> <li>• Directory for Older People ready for printing later this week</li> <li>• Belfast trip next week</li> <li>• Sports Hub celebration on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Bowling Club in Reidhaven Street, Elgin</li> <li>• Complaints about parking at the lights at the Town Hall</li> <li>• Lane by FHCC signs covered by plants and being ignored, people ignoring no entry sign, has been reported</li> <li>• Royal Bank of Scotland – fixtures and fittings to be dismantled</li> </ul>	
11. AOB	<p>Graham M stated a letter printed in the Forres Gazette with regard to Planning for Real and 20/20 Vision in Forres, he felt was it was unfair and demeaning of the amount of work put into the project. Vice Chair thought there was a misunderstanding of who had built the map, volunteers had undertaken this.</p>	
12. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)</p>	