



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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>Debbie Herron (DH)</b>	<b>Graham Murdoch (GMU)</b>
<b>Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)</b>	

(Abbreviations of groups – TTF – Transition Town Forres, FACT – Forres Area Community Trust, FiB – Forres in Bloom, MC – Moray Council, BBCT – Berryburn Community Trust, FCC – Forres Community Council)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	The post of Chair is vacant therefore the Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Ray MacDonald (RM) and Ian Todd (IT).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in June 2017	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Angela Sutherland.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 4 – Older Persons Directory – ongoing and Vice Chair will proof read paperwork</li> <li>Item 4 – survey of Burn – Graham Hilditch to be in touch with BBCT to establish a cost for a survey, FCC has some money but need to find out what scope is</li> <li>Item 4 – Debbie agreed to invite Laurie Piper to a FAF meeting</li> <li>Item 4 – Sylvia Jamieson is unwell and meeting had to be postponed, Vice Chair to send Ian Todd an email to ask if anyone will be taking over from Sylvia</li> <li>Item 6 – meeting to discuss paths up Cluny Hill took place with Grant Speed, MC, Eddie Tomkinson and</li> </ul>	<p>GMu</p> <p>SM</p>

	<p>GMu in attendance – see what work to be done – roots could be removed – Eddie has been in touch with Rattrays to see about costings and then apply for funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 7 – Moray Towns Partnership – Town Hall – booked by Vice Chair who will meet with Debbie to discuss meeting</li> <li>• Item 9 – Vice Chair booked Town Hall</li> <li>• Item 9 – Lorna has sent an email regarding roundabouts. Roundabout at Lidl tidied</li> <li>• Item 9 – A96 consultation held</li> <li>• Item 10 – Shaping Future Health and Social Care in the Forres Area meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, follow up meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Forres Academy from 7 – 9.30 pm</li> <li>• Item 10 – foliage covering sign in lane has been cut back by Lorna</li> </ul>	GMu
5. Treasurers Report	<p>Current balance stands at £4,909.38. There were 3 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties, £25 for Ray's Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night) and £58.20 for hire of the lesser room in the Town Hall for the Hustings, also insurance for a month (£9.24) was deducted.</p>	
5a. Correspondence	<p>Operation Cedar - police urging members of public to report any potential issues</p> <p>Grampian Housing Association – Board members required Moray Draft Local Scottish Fire and Rescue Plan 2017-20 – consultation out – on agenda for September 2017</p> <p>Stalled Places Toolkit – Secretary to email Ian Todd to speak at the next FAF meeting</p> <p>Alan MacBeth – request for a report on the spending of MTP money over the past year and what is to be undertaken this year, to include projects that brought in funding for the town. Vice Chair proposed that Secretary is to be paid for the report, all those in attendance agreed. Secretary to produce a report.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
6. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie informed those present of the following:</p> <p>Forres On-line – Project Manager has been on holiday, after break will review past year and make changes – people still coming in to FACT office for help with their portable appliances</p> <p>Older Persons Project – launch of Cameron's Champion befriending service – well attended and volunteers stepping forward to participate, there will be training for volunteers available, if interested please contact FACT office if interested</p> <p>On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 toured Castlehill Church, 1 x wall has been removed as a joist was being replaced. Plan is to turn the building into flats with a community element. The building is category B listed and the outside façade will</p>	

6. FACT (cont'd)	<p>have to be kept the same.</p> <p>Older People's Directory is ready to be proof read and aiming for distribution after the end of July 2017. Will aim to distribute to key places and not via the Post Office.</p> <p>Town Hall – meeting to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in the Tolbooth from 3 – 9 pm to work with user groups of the Town Hall. This is a first level of consultation.</p> <p>Application in for an Awards for All grant to run workshops in connection with publicity and marketing – find out end of August 2017 if award is successful.</p> <p>CARS (2) – Debbie received an email from Rene stating Great Place expression of interest has been accepted and now able to submit an application – meeting in August 2017 – a Moray wide project.</p>	
7. Moray Towns Partnership	<p>Request from Colours of Cluny for a donation of £2,000 towards costs. Vice Chair proposed and all in agreement that money is provided for this project. Secretary to inform Murray Drummond of decision and request an invoice.</p>	TC
8. Equipment Storage and Access	<p>Debbie informed those present a mailing list has been composed together with a letter and is ready to email/post out, information produced by Judith Binney. Aim is to circulate now with a reminder at the end of August, information to be in by the end of September 2017.</p>	
9. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMu – Colours of Cluny coming along well, keen to do more for those disabled – been in touch with Highland Disabled Ramblers with regard to mobility off road scooters possibility of use on the opening night – costs to be factored in – possibly apply to Auchernack Trust for funding a disabled train for a night – could submit an application in to Berryburn Fund for money. Voluntary Action Fund – Debbie informed group is there to support volunteer training and she will pass on email link.</li> <li>Skateboard Park trip - Graham spoke to children who were unaware of the trip, suggestion that Forres Academy is informed, Debbie will promote within Forres Academy</li> <li>• AS – Moray Forum Transport Steering Group will meet on 18<sup>th</sup> July, Angela will attend both this and the next meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017</li> <li>• DH – Scottish week will run from 2 – 10 June 2018, Toun Mercat to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018</li> </ul>	DH DH
10. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated those present on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belfast visit – looked at various different social enterprises, recycling projects, credit union visit and met young offenders</li> <li>• Attended the Sports Hub celebration night</li> <li>• Royal Bank of Scotland – due to close in October 2017</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• German exchange visit – over to attend Piping at Forres</li> <li>• Fiona Harris, Practice Manager has started at the Health Centre</li> <li>• Planning a Forres Area Wellbeing Network (FAWN) meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 – Holly Hendry to book a venue</li> <li>• Attended weekly hub meetings where social work, fire and police meet, larger monthly meetings take place</li> <li>• Attended a Police Fire and Rescue meeting</li> <li>• 8 x Auchernack applications received and discussed, letters will be posted out</li> <li>• Varis Court – open day on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017</li> <li>• Credit Union will be opening their new premises on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 – <i>subsequent to the meeting the opening day has moved to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017</i></li> </ul>	
11. AOB	Vice Chair submitted an application for Scotland's Most Beautiful High Street – 300 words and 2 photos – submitted jointly on behalf of FAF and FiB.	
12. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2017, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)	