



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Vice Chair (SM)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Councillor Claire Feaver (CF)	Debbie Herron (DH)
Franz	Amanda
Graham Murdoch (GMu)	Laurie Piper (LP)
Ray MacDonald (RM)	Sandra McIver (SMc)
Victoria Butler (VB)	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

(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. Introductions were made.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Angela Sutherland (AS), Brian McDonald (BM), Joanna & Peter Taylor (J&PT) and John Bremner (JB).	
3. Laurie Piper – Expo 17	Laurie Piper from Moray Speyside Tourism, a Destination Marketing Organisation, funded by HIE and MC with other monies having to be raised from other funders. He has been in the job 18 months and is currently marketing and promoting the region and working with Visit Scotland. Laurie explained more about the Expo 2017 event, explaining how the Expo event was run, there were 6 stands at the event. Laurie will be attending Expo 2018 and no money will be required from Forums although any monies previously ring-fenced for this project would be greatly accepted and would go towards promoting Moray in the form of USB sticks. Victoria also attended Expo 2017 and she gave a flavour of how the visit	

	went and the work that was undertaken. Any impacts from Expo 2017 will be seen in around 12 – 18 months.	
4. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in September 2017	There was one amendment on page 5, the Transport Steering Group AGM on 30 th September 2017 should have read the proposed Annual Transport Seminar at Lhanbryde on 30 th September 2017. The minutes were proposed by Debbie Herron and seconded by Lorna Creswell.	
5. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – Debbie invited Laurie to attend this month's FAF meeting • Item 4 – Debbie informed meeting the equipment storage and access letter was in hand • Item 6, Secretary emailed a letter to FCC re 20 mph speed limit on the High Street • Item 6, Developers contribution – Lorna to email Secretary with figures who is to forward on to FAF membership • Item 7, pop-up banner Secretary and Debbie to meet • Item 8, interpretation signage, meeting deferred and to take place after 20th October with invites to be sent out • Item 9, Vice Chair emailed Fiona Rolt regarding Transport Group dates • Item 9, regarding Christmas lights no contact made, Vice Chair to follow up 	<p>LC</p> <p>TC/DH BM/SM DH</p> <p>SM</p>
6. Treasurers Report	Treasurer was unable to attend due to illness, no report submitted.	
7. Correspondence	No correspondence received.	
8. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie informed those present of the following:</p> <p>Postponed public consultation on CAT of Town Hall, new meeting on 13th November 2017 from 2 pm to 6 pm at Town Hall, invites to be sent out, refreshments available and all welcome</p> <p>On 14th November 2017, working in partnership with Forres Business Association and Moray Business Week 2 pm to 4.30 pm in the Town Hall – lots of groups attending – information available for those wanting to start or wishing to improve businesses or social enterprises – Eventbright and drop in activity 100 tickets available – message to be sent round shortly</p> <p>On 8th November 2017 Moray Speyside Tourism (MST) conference tickets available, £25 + VAT buy one get one free – on the MST website</p> <p>Social Impact Awards on 6th October 2017 commencing at 7 pm at Innes House – attending will be members from FACT, FACU, Findhorn Bay Arts, Moray Wastebusters and Reboot – bus leaving Forres at 6 pm</p> <p>Moray Leader event on 10th October 2017 from 7 pm to 8.30 pm – find out about funding programme in the FACT office</p> <p>Forres Area Tourism Network meeting on 26th October at 9.30 am – open to all</p> <p>FACT, Findhorn Bay Arts and others partners in the Great</p>	

	<p>Place Awards – if successful find out end December 2017/beginning of January 2018. Moray wide and Forres a participant i.e. interpretation panels, pop-up installations for art, increased opportunity for accurate and attractive information panels linked in to the Planning for Real process – meeting to make a working group to take forward with regard to information panels, have funding set aside but would wish to match fund - application to be submitted</p> <p>Request from Alan MacBeth, MC for information leaflets to take with him – request to Colours of Cluny for leaflets for the event – presentation to Cross Party Group meeting in Edinburgh on 25th October 2017</p> <p>Scotland’s Most Beautiful High Street – voting closed and find out on 21st November 2017 in Paisley who won – possible delegation to attend presentation</p> <p>World Host Training – Forres, Fochabers and Elgin have status – Keith, Speyside, Lossiemouth and Buckie need to gain status and courses to be run soon – if anyone knows of anyone who would like to participate let Debbie know – subsidised training available but time is running out</p> <p>Forres On-Line programme – going well, drop in sessions available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Friday morning</p> <p>Older Persons Project – reached target of 10 volunteers and 10 clients of Cameron’s Project – Kirsty Williams to obtain clarification on meeting needs of older community members</p> <p>Town Hall event on 13th November 2017 – meeting next week with Big Lottery Capital Team – initial assessment to see whether eligible – advice and guidance given as applications to lottery over subscribed</p> <p>Lorna queried Business Week and Financial Capability Week, could they be tied together? Lorna to check dates, Debbie stated space for more to attend and she is to invite S4-6 pupils</p>	<p>SMc</p> <p>DH/SM</p> <p>LC DH</p>
<p>9. Moray Towns Partnership</p>	<p>Chair and Debbie attended the last meeting – spoke about funding applications and towns giving money towards Expo 18 – FAF had set money aside money and proposed funding USB sticks – Debbie would support FAF donating the money.</p> <p>MTP reports submitted by Keith and Forres – reports to be submitted regardless of other towns submitting their reports – a member from each town gave an oral report, remaining MTP money to be spent by end March 2018.</p> <p>Three requests for MTP money were received from FACU, Findhorn Bay Arts and Ray’s Opportunities, not discussed at this meeting and Secretary to circulate for discussion at next FAF meeting in November 2017.</p>	<p>TC</p>
<p>10. Round the Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMu – Mosset Burn, no update and trying to contact person undertaking report – Bob Laughton is to speak first and see what cost implications are likely to be. FiB would like to be involved and are happy to help clear the burn. Graham stated survey needs to be undertaken 	

	<p>first then contact SEPA – informed that person from MC looks at trees every 6 months, survey is the first step. Colours of Cluny – coming on well everything in place – looking for volunteers. Accessibility – Pat Ellison made progress with Disabled Ramblers who possibly have buggies and concentrated on land train owner from Newmill, Keith and both Ray and Pat to visit and find out cost implications - only there on opening night. Pat and Ray to pursue under Ray's Opportunities umbrella. FCC – voting took place with a 10 member council and 2 vacant seats – next meeting on 19th October 2017 at Town Hall with office bearers to be allocated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franz – next golf tournament on 21st October 2017 – golf and music on at Covesea Golf Course – part of Moray Feelgood Festival – all welcome • SM – Britain in Bloom award ceremony on 27th November 2017 in Llandudno – 4 to attend. Rotary bonfire takes place on 4th November 2017 	
<p>11. Councillors</p>	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated those present on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caught a train down to Edinburgh on 3rd October 2017 to attend a meeting which was cancelled once she arrived – wasted day • Attended a media course last week • Transport meeting on at St Giles Church on 5th October 2017 – <i>subsequent to FAF meeting Angela Sutherland attended the Steering Group meeting on 26th September 2017 and the next meeting will be held on 21st November 2017.</i> • Attended Federation of Village Halls in Dallas and next one in Rafford • Feelgood Festival starts this weekend • Letter received from someone asking if she could sponsor an innovative piece of work – now put forward for an award in Vienna on behalf of BALL group • Osprey bus struggling in Forres – administered by staff in FHCC – looking for active trustees • Film Forres looking for volunteers • Area Forums – confusion about FCC and FAF and who does what – try and involve people so give out information only once – making links and try to do something to bring people together – how to bring communities together <p>Councillor Claire Feaver is finding her feet and attending meetings – concerned about Moray College which is not delivering courses on tourism, funding is difficult – how will Moray keep young adults in the area if the local college is unable to find funding for courses aimed at keeping young people in the area.</p>	
<p>12. Planning for Real</p>	<p>To be launched on 8th November 2017 in the Town Hall in the evening - all welcome – report to be published.</p>	

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13. AOB	<p>Secretary to rebook Blue Room for first Wednesday of each month in 2018.</p> <p>Secretary to book a coffee morning in the Town Hall in 2019.</p> <p>Lorna to raise how bookings are taken re Saturday bookings of Town Hall.</p> <p>Launch of Credit Union new building – invites to be sent out – Lorna will be unable to attend next meeting.</p> <p>Debbie raised the subject of Scotland Town Partnership Conference awards on 21st November 2017, Debbie proposed FAF joining for £99 as this ties in with regeneration work, discussion ensued and 4 FAF members present agreed (nobody disagreed or abstained) FAF is to join as a member with 2 tickets to be purchased for the presentation at Paisley.</p> <p>AGM will take place on 1st Wednesday in February 2018.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting - £60,000 from Moray Council for economic development - £200 - £4,000 could apply for funding</p> <p>- Secretary to email poster out</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>LC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
14. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 1st November 2017, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC) – apologies from Councillor Lorna Creswell</p>	