



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra MacLennan, Vice Chair (SM)</b>	<b>John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)</b>
<b>Brian McDonald (BM)</b>	<b>Debbie Herron (DH)</b>
<b>Mike Scott (MS)</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 Angela Sutherland (AS), Councillor Claire Feaver (CF), Fabio Villani (FV), Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC) and Ray McDonald (RM)	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in October 2017	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by Debbie Herron and seconded by Tina Coffey.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 5 – Debbie informed meeting the equipment storage and access letter was in hand</li> <li>• Item 5 – Councillor Creswell forwarded on an email in connection with development contributions Secretary to email to FAF membership</li> <li>• Item 5 – Vice Chair contacted Fiona Rolt</li> <li>• Item 5 – Vice Chair is to speak with the Christmas Lights committee</li> <li>• Item 8 – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Moray Speyside Tourism meeting – Debbie to attend and feedback</li> <li>• Item 8 – Social Impact Awards – good attendance with Reboot and Findhorn Bay Arts winning awards</li> <li>• Item 13 – Vice Chair and Debbie will attend Scotland Town Partnership Presentation at Paisley on 21<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>	<p>DH</p> <p>TC</p> <p>SM</p> <p>DH</p>

	<p>November 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 8 – Scotland’s Most Beautiful High Street – voting now closed</li> <li>• Item 8 – World Host training on 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 spaces available – ready to have destination status</li> <li>• Item 8 – Debbie invited S4-6 pupils to Town Hall for Business Week and Credit Union presence as well – awaiting response from Academy and Debbie will chase up</li> <li>• Item 10 – Graham Murdoch not present re Mosset Burn update</li> <li>• Item 13 – Secretary prepared and sent off paperwork for FAF to join Scotlands Town Partnership</li> <li>• Item 13 – Secretary emailed out information in connection with Participatory Budgeting</li> <li>• Item 14 – Secretary has booked Blue Room for meetings in 2018</li> <li>• Item 14 – Councillor Creswell to bring to next meeting information on how to book coffee mornings</li> </ul>	<p>SM/DH</p> <p>DH</p> <p>LC</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Insurance was the only expense since the last meeting. Cheques written to cover October 2017 expenses and current balance is £4,178.70. Awaiting annual admin payment from Moray Council.</p> <p>Rumours of possible disbandment of Forums discussed – informed Forums obliged by statute and cannot be dissolved.</p>	
<p>6. Correspondence</p>	<p>Proposed changes to Moray bus network - public meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 from 9am to 12pm in Forres, location to be confirmed – to discuss changes to bus routes. Secretary to forward on information to FAF membership.</p> <p>Scotlands Towns Partnership – future Town Design Partnership to be forwarded on by Secretary.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
<p>7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p>	<p>Debbie informed those present of the following:            CAT of Town Hall will carry on despite not being eligible for lottery funding due to Forres not being a significantly disadvantaged community - consultation with community underway and survey produced for everyone in paper form and on line – link below:  <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/forrestownhall">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/forrestownhall</a>            Town Hall invite on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 from 2 pm to 7 pm open invite to look at progress.            On 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 as part of Moray Business Week collaborating with local businesses promoting services they have for the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations and businesses.            Samantha Fraser has resigned from her position in FACT for personal reasons, effective end of November 2017 – another person has been appointed. FAF to send a thank you card to Samantha.            Forres On-line – Ian Bailey appointed and will continue with</p>	<p>TC</p>

	<p>funding for another year.</p> <p>Older Persons project – going well, directory in circulation copies available in FACT office, Received more enquiries re Cameron’s Champions and funding application submitted to Auchernach Trust. Kirsty Williams giving support to the Osprey Trust to help build their capacity.</p> <p>Forres On-line is part of the Aviva Community Project, can vote on line for Techie Teas – outreach work is a good social event, could possibly apply for funds from Money for Moray.</p> <p>Colours of Cluny – well promoted but still need volunteers particularly on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Community Council night.</p> <p>Newsletter going out shortly.</p> <p>Coffee morning to be held in December during the last week before Christmas – more information to follow.</p> <p>Display Panels to be used by any group in the area – Moray Speyside Tourism donated a curved framework for a pop-up banner – needs to be reskinned – designers came up with 2 designs which were voted upon with the ‘square’ design voted winner with 6 votes. 5 strips are required at £40 per strip.</p> <p>Debbie will go back to the designers with some suggestions made by those present.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>DH</p>
<p>8. Moray Towns Partnership</p>	<p>Secretary declared a conflict of interest and would not be taking part or voting on any decisions. Three requests for money had been received from Findhorn Bay Arts, FACU and Ray’s Opportunities. Vice Chair read out each request (which had previously been emailed out to FAF membership). A discussion ensued and those members able to vote agreed that all 3 groups should receive £1,200 each on the proviso that each group was able to match fund to the amount they requested and get back to FAF by the end of November 2017. Secretary to email each group.</p> <p>Next MTP meeting will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017, nobody from Forres can attend due to previous commitments, Secretary to send apologies to Alan MacBeth. Vice Chair and Debbie will be attending the Planning for Real launch on the same night.</p> <p>Brian asked about the money to be paid to Moray Speyside Tourism, Debbie explained money will go towards USB sticks and other marketing items for use within Moray, she will be involved in this and there will be representation from Forres.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
<p>9. Round the Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TC – St John’s Church coffee morning on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in St Leonards Church Hall from 10 am to midday, Friends of Guiding coffee morning on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 in Town Hall from 10 am to midday</li> <li>• JB – Remembrance concert in the Town Hall on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with Military Wives Choir singing – <i>subsequent to meeting this event has been cancelled.</i> British Legion coffee afternoon on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in the Town Hall from 2 pm to 4 pm. Remembrance parades on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017</li> </ul>	

	<p>service at St Leonards Church, on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 11 am at the war memorial and on 12<sup>th</sup> November 10.45 am at St Leonards Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BM – Forwards writing group produced a book called Only a Lifetime Ago, tales of growing up during the war years, a social history of how life was, this evoked discussion's amongst OAP's with the suggestion of another follow up book with a Forces/National Service background a possibility, involvement with British Legion to raise funds. The book is selling well</li> <li>• SM – bonfire in Grant Park on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 commencing at 6.30 pm. Rotary Quiz on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in the Mosset. FiB coffee morning in Town Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 from 10 am to midday, AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in St Leonards Hall. On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 Ainsley James called all youth group to attend as Piping at Forres concentrating on youth this year. Moray Tourism group meet on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 from 9.30 am to 4 pm</li> </ul>	
10. Councillors	No Councillors present.	
11. Planning for Real	Possible new date for launch of Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2017.	
12. AOB	<p>Discussion took place with regard to meeting date in January 2018 – those present agreed to change the date of the January meeting to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018. Secretary to inform main desk in FHCC.</p> <p>Colours of Cluny – not able to use buggies for disabled on opening night.</p>	TC
13. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)	