



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra MacLennan, Vice Chair (SM)</b>	<b>John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)</b>
<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</b>	<b>Brian McDonald (BM)</b>
<b>David Parker (DP)</b>	<b>Debbie Herron (DH)</b>
<b>Gordon Thornton (GT)</b>	<b>Jenny Smith (JS)</b>
<b>Ian Todd (IT)</b>	<b>Mike Scott (MS)</b>
<b>Vicky Flood (VF)</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)

<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 and asked everyone to introduce themselves.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC) and Ray McDonald (RM).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in November 2017	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by Debbie Herron and seconded by Brian McDonald.	
4. Matters Arising	Before Matters Arising Jenny Smith from Forres Incredible Veg asked to say a few words. She explained what Forres Incredible Veg did and that they worked at the Castlehill Church. She explained that their insurance expired at the end of January 2018 and she was seeking a grant of £170. Unfortunately Vice Chair explained that there was no money left in the Moray Towns Partnership fund and FAF were	

	<p>unable to help at this point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 5 – equipment storage to be discussed later in the meeting.</li> <li>• Item 4 - Development Contributions – Secretary emailed information to FAF membership, Brian explained he had been interested in the information</li> <li>• Item 4 - Vice Chair to speak with Christmas Lights Secretary, Caroline Barr. Mike will pass on contact details for Caroline</li> <li>• Item 4 – Scotland’s Most Beautiful High Street Vice Chair showed those present the winning framed certificate</li> <li>• Item 4 – Councillor Creswell had no further information on booking of coffee mornings, coffee morning booking made for 2019</li> <li>• Item 6 – Secretary forwarded on bus information emailed out to FAF membership which had tbc next to the venue. Secretary to look out original email and forward on to Vice Chair</li> <li>• Item 6 – Secretary forwarded on information about Future Town Design</li> <li>• Item 7 – Secretary forwarded on thank you card to Samantha Fraser</li> <li>• Item 7 - pop up banner available for use by other group and is stored in FACT office</li> <li>• Item 8 – Moray Towns Partnership (MTP) money, Secretary emailed all groups with regard to £1,200 funding, all groups accepted money</li> <li>• Item 8 – no Forres members able to attend MTP meeting</li> <li>• Item 12 - Secretary informed FHCC that date of first meeting of FAF in 2018 would be 10<sup>th</sup> January</li> </ul>	<p>MS</p> <p>TC</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Current balance stands at £4,034.98 with following cheques written £100 for secretarial duties, £50 to Rays Opportunities for refreshments, cheques to Debbie amounting to £268.14, cheque to Secretary amounting to £154,80 and £9.24 for insurance.</p>	
<p>6. Correspondence</p>	<p>Vice Chair read out a list of emails Secretary had forwarded on to FAF membership which included:          Grants for Paths, Community Active Travel, The Most Beautiful High Street Winner, Forres 20/20 Vision, Health and Social Care meeting, Forres Engagement Team requesting volunteers, Developer Obligations email, You Choose2 funding opportunities and Proposed Changes to Moray Bus Network – Have Your Say.          Discussion took place with regard to Grants for Paths, discussion on the muddy path beside Applegrove School and the path at the side of Tom Logie’s premises. Nobody had any particular areas of concern with regard to the improvement of paths. Brian informed those present the Sanquhar Loch Group has accessed money for help with</p>	

	<p>pathways. Moray Area Forum – meeting to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 includes election of office bearers. John will not be continuing as Treasurer, Vice Chair to attend the meeting. Fiona Rolt emailed out information on MC’s budget cuts proposals. Fiona prepared a paper on the future of Area Forums, correction to report required and Secretary to place on January 2018 agenda.</p>	<p>SM  TC</p>
<p>7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p>	<p>Forres On-line – replacement for Samantha Fraser has not yet been appointed, looking at new year. Samantha left and project coming on. Connections with Digital Scotland and work around vulnerable individuals and support at job centre with those struggling digitally. Applied for a grant from Aviva Community Project not successful, received £100 for taking part although received £1,800 for outreach work from Money for Moray. Older Persons Project - White Christmas movie at Town Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 from 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm, refreshments available – donations split between Film Forres and FACT Older Persons Project Town Hall consultation on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 50 people attended and 200 surveys completed, costs received amount to £3 million to refurbish and looking to submit draft Community Asset Transfer (CAT) before Christmas, expression of interest to be in by June 2018 – already submitted an expression of interest – all Scottish Land Fund preliminary work undertaken. Business Plan – draft received from Consultant and requires amendment. Coffee morning in FACT office on 22<sup>nd</sup> December between 10 am and 12 midday all welcome. Tourism – Colours of Cluny won Moray Speyside Tourism Award award and committed through MTP to support Expo next year – request from FAF funds to pay for volunteers travel and accommodation in 2018 – Alan MacBeth, MC will book accommodation, to be held at SEC. Proposal that the same people who attended last year will attend this year, Debbie, Victoria (from the Loft) and the Taylors – those present approved and Debbie will contact everyone and get back to Alan. World Host – have regional status with a new year launch event in Moray – training available but not at subsidised rate, £75 per head if interested speak to Debbie. Forres Area Tourism Network – met last week and developing a programme of activities to promote Forres area to visitors next year – money from MTP to work on maps, trails and information for visitors to be worked on over next few months. Vice Chair and Debbie to meet with Hamish Lochore. Vice Chair and Debbie on front of Gazette at the launch of 2020 Vision. Main bulk of work around Town Hall and inducting Vicki Flood</p>	<p>DH</p>

	<p>as new worker.                  Vicki – equipment, letter completed and proforma to be attached and emailed out asking if groups would like to be involved and who has what community equipment they would be willing to lend out – resources list. Have to identify issues including where to find defibrillators in the town – one at Royal British Legion and another at Soccer Sevens.                  Brian raised the point resources which exist in community some groups may not be too keen on sharing or use by other groups – Vicki said it would have to be a small start and build on it – could have a deposit system on an item or a donation for use of items. Would need a proper system to record item when lending out equipment, the list is the first step and could highlight a need of what we have not got. Vice Chair asked where could Forres store Santa’s Sleigh – discussion ensued.</p>	
<p>8. Moray Towns Partnership</p>	<p>Item not discussed.</p>	
<p>9. Round the Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BM – Forwards Christmas party to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017, some members have won prizes – work carrying on at the Loch includes felling of non-native trees</li> <li>• JB – Colours of Cluny finished who is to pay to repair where vans parked and the grass has been churned up at the gate next to the bowling green – Vice Chair suggested asking Grant Speed, MC – Secretary to email Grant about the state of the grass with regard to the generators and who pays for repairs</li> <li>• DH – FACT offices closed from 12 midday on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 and will reopen on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018. FACT coffee morning in Town Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from 10 am to 12 midday – donations for coffee morning greatly received</li> <li>• MS – informed that PVG forms can take up to 4 weeks to be processed and unable to volunteer until PVG form received</li> <li>• DP – last FCC meeting for 2017 to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017</li> <li>• AS – attended Moray Forum Transport Steering Group meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 no minutes through and due to a broken wrist no notes taken – presentation from Catherine Evans about new sports complex – public transport changes, proposed 2 buses/hour between Elgin and Inverness, No 11 change at Nairn, No 10 are new buses and travels up to Enterprise Park – no proposals for travel to Forbeshill, dental or medical centre. Seminar rescheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 venue tbc, next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Have to change at Nairn if going to the airport, Jetbus 11 no timetables out have to wait and see – Gordon would like to know why</li> </ul>	<p>TC</p>

	<p>consult in change of service if going to put in place cutbacks which are unwelcome – discussion about buses took place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IT – Sylvia Jamieson, MC is back in Forres</li> </ul>	
10. Councillors	No Councillors were present.	
11. Money for Moray – Participatory Budgeting	Economic Development grants awarded – Vice Chair informed those present the following groups had been awarded grants - Findhorn Village, FACU, Forres & District Pipe Band, Dava Way, Moray Ways, Moravia and FACT £60,000 received from Scottish Government with £55,000 going to groups and £5,000 to run the event.	
12. Planning for Real – 20/20 Vision	Report out following a successful launch, most people seemed happy with the report. Vice Chair spoke to Sylvia Jamieson and they are to meet in January 2018 – discussion ensued with regard to groups working together.	
13. AOB	Vice Chair received a paper on the MC's budget proposals. Vice Chair read out some of the items which would affect Forres due to the proposed cuts by MC. Ian Todd stated a review of management structures and briefing meetings are taking place within MC. Other items raised were the closure of Community Centres, CAT of Town Hall, closure of toilets – Vice Chair had heard there would be a possible CAT by some of the sports clubs for the toilet block building, the removal of MTP money and Rural Regeneration Fund, a review of parking charges – currently no charges in Forres, could have a negative impact on shops if Forres has parking charges introduced but MC maintains the car parks together with various other efficiency savings which are to be made. Consultation – Secretary to email out.	TC
14. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2018, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)	