



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH 2018

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Councillor Claire Feaver (CF)
Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Brian McDonald (BM)	David Edgar (DE)
Fabio Villani (FV)	Franz & Amanda
Graham Hilditch (GH)	Mike Scott (MS)
Vicky Flood (VF)	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 Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Debbie Herron (DH) and Graham Murdoch (GM).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in February 2018	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by David Parker and seconded by Councillor Lorna Creswell.	
3a. Process for Dualling of the A96	Fabio attended a recent A96 dualling meeting at the Town Hall. He became aware of an A9 co-creative approach for dualling the road in which Dunkeld residents were able to have an input into the design of the road i.e. what the community would get out of the process. Fabio proposed FAF convene an open event to which people involved in the co-creative approach in Dunkeld would be invited to speak about the process they had undertaken. Those present	

	<p>agreed to FAF facilitating a meeting to discuss the process for dualling the A96. The Secretary is to arrange a meeting in the week commencing 16th or 23rd April in the Town Hall. A sub group consisting of Fabio, David E, David P, Vicky, John B and the Secretary are to hold an initial meeting, the Secretary is to arrange a date and venue and contact the sub group members.</p>	<p>TC TC</p>
<p>4. Matters Arising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – David P stated bus stop information had been raised at a previous FCC meeting • Item 4 – Transport meeting scheduled for 13th March 2018, it is not a seminar • Item 5 – insurance information was passed to the Treasurer • Item 6 – FACT have emailed out the resource letter • Item 7 – MTP allocation was discussed with regard to £4k received by the Sanquhar Pond Group. Brian raised the point that he did not suggest handing this money back as the boards have been designed and £3,5k would be spent. A meeting took place with the Chair, Andrew Wright, Debbie Herron and Murray Drummond attending to discuss the spending of MTP money held by FiB on signage. It was agreed board signage would be placed at the top end of town, near the bowling club, at the sunken garden, at the Wee Fibeas garden, at the Witches Stone and 2 on Cluny Hill (1 at the cemetery the other at the archaeological dig). The design chosen would be used in all future signage, these are in the process of being ordered. MTP money has to be spent by the end of March 2018 and invoices are to be paid • Item 8 – Moray Community Awards deadline extended to 30th March 2018 – Maryan White and her daughters proposed for their pioneering work re mortuaries, proposed by Chair and agreed by those present. Brian proposed the Secretary for her work with groups in Forres. Healthier Lifestyle Award proposed Doug Cowie, proposed by Graham Hilditch FCC to nominate and take to FCC • Item 9 – Forres Business Association did not disband • Item 11- Debbie Herron will attend the GDPR meeting in April and will report back – to be placed on April's agenda • Planning for Real meeting on 13th March to move forward • Bucks for Buckie will disperse MTP money at a meeting at Buckie High School, 9.30 am on Sunday 	<p>TC</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Current balance stands at £4,755.50 with following cheques written: £50 for secretarial duties, £25 to Rays Opportunities for refreshments, Moray and Nairn Newspapers £14.76, Moray Council £253.40, computer protection £119 and £9.24 for insurance.</p>	

<p>6. Correspondence</p>	<p>Chair read out a list of emails the Secretary had forwarded to the FAF membership which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Haytack – stating he was taking early retirement, agreed FAF to write a letter to say thankyou • Police Scotland – thefts from outbuildings • Reshaping Care in the Community – cancelled due to the weather although a small group did meet • Scotland’s Towns Partnership – funds currently available • Scotland’s Towns Partnership – cross party group on towns and town centres meeting on 14th March 2018 12.30 pm to 2 pm • Clash Gour – memorandum of understanding • NHS Grampian endowment fund, community small grants of up to £5k applications will be considered quarterly, next applications due at the end of May 2018 from groups 	<p>TC</p>
<p>7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p>	<p>Vicky reported the following:</p> <p>Town Hall – final touches to the draft Community Asset Transfer paperwork before being submitted</p> <p>Forres On-Line – post re-advertised and received 5 applications, interviews take place soon</p> <p>Ancestry/family history workshops takes place on 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th April with a charge of £6 per workshop and is web based, poster to be emailed to Secretary for circulation</p> <p>Older Persons Project, next Scottish Government consultation event to be held on 12th March 2 pm – 4 pm at the FACT office, all welcome</p> <p>Directories are being distributed and also available in an audio format</p> <p>Maps of the town are being updated by Helen Stirling and are available as a PDF</p> <p>Resource list has been emailed out and is ongoing</p> <p>Moray Food Bank donations box located in the FACT office</p> <p>Techie Teas start 10th/17th April, to be held in village halls</p> <p>Dementia awareness training on 27th March 2018 with Wendy Menzies in the FACT office commencing at 10 am, if anyone would like to attend contact the FACT office</p>	<p>VF</p>
<p>8. MTP Allocation</p>	<p>Chair informed the group there would be no more MTP funding, agreed to have a meeting in the future with Rene Millburn and others to look at sources of funding which the MTP might apply for. Would still want to hold meetings with the four towns and Elgin.</p> <p>Member raised the question of whether money given to Piping at Forres would be given back when funds were dispersed – unsure but thought the answer is no.</p> <p>Sanquhar Loch group agreed unspent £500 (see item 4, bullet point 5 - original £4k award) would be given back to MC, vote taken and this money to be used by FiB for signage.</p> <p>Chair to contact Alan MacBeth and request money returned be used by FiB.</p>	<p>SM</p>

9. GDPR	To be discussed at the April 2018 meeting.	
10. Money for Moray	Money for Moray voting day will be 16 th March and a few Forres groups have got through, 63 applications with 37 through to the next round. Total amount available and put forward is £93k with a public vote to decide on how the money is dispersed.	
11. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – 17th March 2018 coffee morning at the Town Hall from 10 am to midday for St John’s Church • FV – Join the Dots, annual networking conference for tsi MORAY takes place on 21st March 2018, from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. The theme is ‘working together for all of us’. TTF – Wellbeing classes have restarted and the Let’s Eat programme is ongoing. The Café Collective a monthly social group starts on 7th April from 11 am – 3 pm then the first Saturday of each month with free entry • Amanda/Franz – 2 events in May 2018, the first to celebrate Learning Disability Week and the other Mental Health Awareness Week is exclusively for all professionals and staff working in mental health in Moray. Received some funding to explore the relationship between golf and dementia • DP – Stagecoach is undertaking a survey on the No 10 bus • CF – had contact with Stagecoach, people are unable to get on the buses, a concern with regard to getting up the steps, not certain when the low-level bus is in use • MS – query re leaflet funding for the A96, FAF would pay for leaflets • BM – Sanquhar Dam volunteers are back at work, the main focus is to improve the access around the loch paths for all • AS – Transport Seminar soon although unsure of the date • GH – next FCC meeting on 15th March 2018 in the Tolbooth commencing at 7.15 pm, all welcome • SM – update on landscaping at the railway station, Chair to meet contacts Dave Joyce, Network Rail and Stewart McKay, Bam Nuttall and take this forward. Vicky passed on that Jenny Smith felt there needed to be specific bio-diversity planting around the railway station. Unsure which toilet is to remain open in Forres, informed it could be the one in the town and not in the park – Councillor Creswell to check and report back at the next meeting • BM – Sanquhar Dam group took trees offered by Bam Nuttall and will plant them asap, informed by MC not to plan anything at the railway station • Amanda – asked if the railway toilets were to remain open, informed only open during the week not at the 	<p>SM</p> <p>LC</p>

	weekends	
12. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a Cancer Clan meeting and showed a lady around, looking for volunteers. Visited Varis Court which is full and met the new manager, also visited Leancoil, Taigh Farrais and Maybank • Pam Gowans to give a briefing on Friday and Lorna unable to attend and requires clarification on what is happening to the buildings visited (see above) • CoSLA meeting on Friday • Suffragettes – something to celebrate them, Lorna has approached the Theme Day group and they may show the Suffragette film in the Town Hall on theme day • Film night – asking groups to sponsor a film in the Town Hall pertinent to their group with a £1 entry fee. Lorna to email details to Fabio • 6 wheelchairs to go to good homes, if interested contact Lorna • MC update – full Council to discuss the costs of the Lossiemouth school <p>Councillor Claire Feaver informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning meeting on 8th March 2018 from 2 – 8 pm at the Town Hall, important to discuss what to do with open spaces • Leaflet delivery – getting a few returns via mail 	LC
13. AOB	<p>David P – talk at the Tolbooth on 21st March 2018, Heritage Group AGM on 27th March 2018 at 7 pm in the Tolbooth and Nelsons Tower reopens on 31st March 2018. FiB meeting on 12th March 2018. Planning for Real meeting on 13th March 2018. Wastebusters meeting on 14th March 2018.</p>	
14. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 th April, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)	