



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL 2018

PRESENT

David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)	John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)
Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Debbie Herron (DH)	Fabio Villani (FV)
Graham Murdoch (GM)	Howard Stollar (HS)
Mike Scott (MS)	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 Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Sandra MacLennan (SM), Brian McDonald (BM), Councillor Claire Feaver (CF), Amanda Rollinck (AR), Franz Rollinck (FR), Ray McDonald (RM), Vicky Flood (VF), David Edgar (DE) and Graham Hilditch (GH).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in March 2018	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Fabio Villani.	
3. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 3 – bus information – complaints received with regard to access via the bus steps, informed nearly every second bus is a low level one – Vice Chair informed those present the bus timetable will change on 16th April and fares are being increased • Item 4 – Community Awards deadline for submissions was 30th March with presentations on 27th April 2018 • Item 6 – Reshaping Care in the Community – rescheduled meeting date of 18th April 2018 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 6 – Councillor Lorna Creswell to send David Haytack a thank you card • Item 7 – information on Ancestry/family history workshops emailed out by FACT • Item 8 – MTP money returned and has been put towards interpretation boards sourced by FiB • Item 11 – Chair will attend a meeting with regard to the railway station on 10th April 2018 • Item 11 – toilets in Grant Park will remain open • Item 12 – Councillor Lorna Creswell informed those present the Suffragette film is being shown to correspond with Theme Day on 6th May 2018 	<p>LC</p> <p>SM</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Current balance stands at £3,794.40 with the following cheques written: £50 for secretarial duties, £25 to Rays Opportunities for refreshments, £113 for a year's insurance with Zurich Insurance and £782.60 to Moray Council for Expo accommodation.</p>	
<p>6. Correspondence</p>	<p>Secretary read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on the Third Findhorn Bay Festival • Data Protection Training on 7th April 2018 – Chair to attend • Interactive Tour Guide Training • Launch of the North Scotland Resilient Community Fund • Money 4 Moray • Scottish Government survey on bank closures • tsiMORAY – training and development events • Taxi Fare Review • Citizens Advice Transport Information on Moray Transport • Reshaping Health and Social Care in the Forres Area – workshop on 18th April 2018 in the Town Hall commencing at 7 pm 	<p>SM</p>
<p>7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p>	<p>Debbie reported the following: Working with FiB on the interpretation panels and signage, invoice in and to be paid, sufficient money left over to employ an art tutor to work with young people. Query regarding spelling of Helge's Hole, Debbie to check. Interpretation boards are to be placed in Grant Park and Cluny Hill up to Nelson's Tower – looking at using similar lettering and styl throughout the town. Maps for panels around the town are to be updated and amendments to be sent to the map designer for incorporation and printing, more copies can be printed if required. Forres Online – Eleanor Symon appointed to the part-time Co-ordinator role and starts in post on 16th April 2018. Kirsty Williams will continue with the volunteer aspect of the role. Ancestry/family history workshops starting next week with booking required. Consultation around social isolation completed and sent back</p>	<p>DH</p>

	<p>to the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Dementia Training undertaken on 27th Mar 2018, well attended.</p> <p>Money 4 Moray – money received for Techie Roadshows to take place at Findhorn on 17th April, Rafford on 24th April, Dyke on 1st May, Alves on 8th May, Edinkillie on 15th May and Dallas on 22nd May.</p> <p>Town Hall project - survey revealed lots of interest in being involved. Currently in dialogue with MC officers. Negotiating to keep the Town Hall open beyond 1st June 2018, meeting with local Councillors on 16th April. Points to be resolved around cash-flow and underwriting the deficit.</p> <p>Training by North East Sensory Services on 23rd April in the FACT office, spaces available at £10 per person – training covers awareness of visual or sensory impairment.</p> <p>Forres On-Line sessions take place on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.</p> <p>FACT office is a collection point for Toun Mercat applications – possibly 30 groups/people interested in having a stall.</p> <p>Berryburn funding – received half of the project costs and looking to match-fund for other half with regard to the Older Persons Project.</p> <p>Big Lottery Fund has released money for projects around the Year of Young People.</p>	
8. MTP Allocation	There has been no meeting since the last FAF meeting and the next MTP meeting has been scheduled for July 2018. All money received by FAF has been dispersed.	
9. GDPR	Debbie informed those present she would email the link from the Information Commissioners Office, '12 steps of GDPR' to the Secretary for distribution. If anyone has any further queries Ian Bailey at FACT may be able to help.	DH/TC
10. A96 Meeting	Open meeting to take place on 23 rd April 2018 in the Town Hall, doors open at 7 pm. Adverts placed in the Forres Gazette w/c 26 th March and 16 th April and a press release is to be emailed to the Gazette. Alastair Wylie is the guest speaker, format of the meeting will be a presentation followed by a question and answer session with conversations at each tables. FAF are to provide refreshments on the night. Howard is to email the Secretary contact details for Dave Gowans, Communities Manager to inform him of the meeting. Secretary to contact Margaret Cowie, Film Forres with regard to which media format will be required to show a short video.	FV HS/TC TC
11. Moray Area Forum (MAF)	Angela attended the transport meeting and reported back that there was no representation from either MC or Stagecoach. Discussion about access to the No 10 bus and the Dial a Bus. The next meeting takes place on 21 st May with the Seminar postponed until September 2018.	
12. Money 4 Moray (M4M)	6 Forres based groups received money, these included: Moray Fresh Start - £4k, Moray District Scouting - £4k, Moravian Orienteering Club - £4k, Moray Trampoline Club - £3,350.04, Findherne Community Council - £4k and Forres St	

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	Lawrence Cricket Club - £700.	
13. Planning for Real	Graham informed those present a working group had met and the next meeting is tbc with an unconfirmed date of 16 th May. Focus will be on green spaces in the town and looking at a Management Plan for Cluny Hill, also looking at pockets of green spaces.	
14. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FV – tsiMORAY training information has been emailed out. Join the Dots Conference on 21st March a great success with a good turn out • DP – Forres Real Ale Festival at the Mosset Tavern from 5th to 8th April 2018 • GM – Forres Business Association are unsure how GDPR will impact on businesses. Noted that the long stay car parking costs at Dalcross Airport are expensive compared to other airports 	
15. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted a Councillors Corner article to the Gazette • Attended various courses and training • Credit Union have produced a video in conjunction with the school's savings scheme • Theme Day on 6th May in conjunction will be showing the film Suffragettes in the Town Hall between 1.30 pm and 5.30 pm 	
16. AOB	Nothing to report.	
17. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 9 th May 2018, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)	