



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY 2018

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Councillor Claire Feaver (CF)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Debbie Herron (DH)	Graham Murdoch (GM)
Ian Todd (IT)	Mike Bathurst (MB)
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 and thanked the Vice Chair for overseeing the last meeting and introductions were made.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Brian McDonald (BM), David Edgar (DE), Fabio Villani (FV) and Mike Scott (MS).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in April 2018	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by David Parker and seconded by Debbie Herron.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 3 – Councillor Creswell had sent David Haytack a thank you card • Item 3 - the Chair attended a meeting with Kevin Rooney and David Boyce who would speak to Scotrail. Floral displays at the railway station to be looked at with regard to being allowed sooner than before the 6 years quoted. Funding pots are available and Chair to progress • Item 6 – Chair attended GDPR training • Item 7 – Helge's Hole is the correct spelling 	SM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 10 – all actions in connection with the A96 meeting had been completed 	
5. Treasurers Report	<p>Current balance stands at £3,620.40 with the following cheques written: £50 for secretarial duties, £25 to Rays Opportunities for refreshments, £15 to FACT for room hire and £84 to Moray and Nairn for newspaper adverts. It was proposed FAF facilitate and pay for the room hire for the next A96 meeting, this was agreed.</p> <p>Proposal from Debbie, FACT who requests £400 to pay for design and production of badges to hand out to volunteers in celebration of Volunteering Week at an event in Grant Park on 3rd June 2018, proposal discussed and agreed. Debbie to contact Secretary with regard to invoices.</p>	DH
6. Correspondence	<p>Chair read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scotland's Towns Partnership – Creating Health, Wealth and Happiness in your Town Clash Gour Wind Farms Public Exhibition A96/Market Street – traffic works tsiMORAY upcoming training events Scotland's Towns Partnership – Towns News The Big Lunch/Volunteers Week – 3rd June 2018 Narrow the Gap – MC Budget Consultations EDF – wind turbine movements 	
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie reported the following:</p> <p>Ian Bailey has left FACT and a new tutor is to be appointed. Eleanor Symon has started in the office as Forres On-line Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Techie Teas – visited several areas, mixed attendance – still to visit Edinkillie and Dallas.</p> <p>Ancestry workshops – not well attended and have ceased. Digital review undertaken, looked into GDPR and will share any templates.</p> <p>Bunting Making workshop on 16th May for the Town Hall vintage teas on 6th June 2018 – Debbie to email information to Secretary.</p> <p>Older Persons Project – funding complete, match funding received from Berryburn which needs to be match funded.</p> <p>Scottish week from 2nd – 10th June. Comprises:</p> <p>02/06/18 – Pipe Band at the Tolbooth and a concert in Grant Pand</p> <p>03/06/18 – Pipe Band play at the Tolbooth and The Big Lunch</p> <p>04/06/18 – road races on the High Street and Scottish music in St Laurence Church</p> <p>05/06/18 – Burgess Ceremony at Forres Academy</p> <p>06/06/16 – Vintage Tea Dance at Forres Town Hall</p> <p>07/06/18 – Historic evening walks and talks about Forres</p> <p>08/06/18 – Toun Mercat on the High Street</p> <p>09/06/18 – Children's Pet Show in Grant Park</p> <p>10/06/18 – Cycle event round Forres, Ecumenical church service at 6 pm</p>	DH

	<p>Tourism – network group still meeting. Expo trip - good presence by Moray and Speyside – results at next month’s meeting. Digital maps - use of MTP money - PDF’s available to be emailed out, vinyl maps still to be printed. Forres Town Hall – negotiations ongoing, presentations given and user groups updated on progress. Resources list – emails sent out to groups, to be followed up. Skateboard – pop-up ramp at the Toun Mercat and possibly on 10th June at Tesco car park.</p>	
8. Planning for Real	<p>Next meeting on 16th May, Red Room at FHCC commencing at 7 pm. Interpretation Board Group met and text being written before being sent to the designer. Complaint about bench in Grant Park – being looked into.</p>	SM
9. Moray Towns Partnership	<p>Group has not met.</p>	
10. Moray Area Forum	<p>Group has not met.</p>	
11. GDPR	<p>Secretary to email out GDPR statement requesting those who wish to remain on the email distribution list are to reply to confirm they wish to remain on the FAF email distribution list.</p>	TC
12. A96 Meeting	<p>Chair read out information from Fabio Villani – assumption was everyone who attended was in agreement that there would be further meetings. A96 Steering Group set up with 31 interested in attending, meeting tbc. Mike Bathurst thanked FAF for funding the initial meeting.</p>	
13. Film Forres	<p>Proposal that Film Forres (FF) is given a donation by FAF by way of a thank you for the loan of their equipment during the A96 meeting, £30 agreed. FF AGM will take place in September 2018. Secretary to contact Margaret Cowie, Film Forres.</p>	TC
14. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC - FiB coffee morning, 12th May in the TH, Christian Aid coffee morning at St Leonards church hall on 12th May 2018, lunches being held in church halls throughout the week and bucket collections for Christian Aid in the High Street on 19th May 2018 • GM – FCC are moving the subject of a CAT for Leancoil forwards • DP – 19th May in the Tolbooth promotion to recruit more Councillors • IT – Community Support Unit is heavily involved in budget consultations, MC facilities to be shut on 30th June 2018. 1 x CSU officer 2-year post and job to be advertised. Locality Action Plan – 2 pilots in Elgin South and Buckie, CSU to facilitate. 12-month post in CSU. Clinic on CAT info to be held on 10th May with all key MC officers attending and reps from CAT groups invited. In touch with Community Outreach Scotland (COS) • SM – Flicker’s garden party on 12th May 2018. FiB 	

	<p>starting to plant up Grant Park in June and they were awarded Environmental Community Champions in Moray. Money for Moray held a Participatory Budgeting event, conference in September 2018 with venue tbc</p>	
15. Councillors	<p>Councillor Claire Feaver informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget engagement – survey questions to be sent out, looking to find £14 million in cuts – ongoing • Planning – consultation ongoing <p>Councillor Lorna Creswell informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auchernack Trust money is available • Attended the Wellbeing CoSLA Group and audio conferenced from Elgin • Requested to join the Criminal Justice Group to make better connections • Film Forres' AGM is to be held on the 2nd Wednesday in September • Theme Day – attended and presented trophies • Joint Community Council – will ask who would like to support something involving young people in Elgin • Idea put forward to hire a bus to take youngsters on an outing, possibly to attend a march • Youth Café – to fold and money in fund to be distributed • Leisure and schools estate to be looked at • FACU – schools video shown at Andersons Primary • Church steering group - 2 resigned – outreach workers required • Moray Council has been shortlisted for flexible employer • Empty buildings looked into – some for sale and will ask why some are empty for so long 	
16. AOB	<p>FAF coffee morning on 30th June 2018 – request for donations and offers of help on the day.</p>	
17. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 6th June 2018, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)</p>	