



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE 2018

PRESENT

Sandra MacIennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
David Edgar (DE)	Debbie Herron (DH)
Graham Hilditch (GH)	Ian Todd (IT)
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 introductions were made.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC), Councillor Claire Feaver (CF), Fabio Villani (FV), Graham Murdoch (GM) and Mike Scott (MS).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in May 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 – Chair attended GDPR training • Item 5 – invoice from FACT for badges is to be emailed to the Secretary • Item 7 – bunting was made, Debbie apologised that due to a busy month the email was not sent to FAF • Item 11 – Secretary emailed out GDPR information with regard to signing up to receive FAF information • Item 12 – David Edgar attended the Forres Area A96 Community Group meeting on 25th May, 15 attended. Terms of Reference set, the group agreed their aim is to get the best outcome for the Forres area from the 	DH

	<p>proposed dualling of the A96 as defined by the local community. Those attending meetings are to be route agnostic, tasks agreed which included contacting Keith Brown to ask for consideration of adopting the co-creative process. Slack group set up for information sharing, the next meeting will take place on 11th June 2018. Request for costs to hire a venue to be paid by FAF, FAF agreed and the group are grateful for the FAF's continued support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 13 - Secretary to contact Film Forres regarding a donation from FAF for equipment used 	TC
5. Treasurers Report	<p>Current balance stands at £3,165.51 with the following cheques written: £50 for secretarial duties, £25 to Rays Opportunities for refreshments, £84 to Moray and Nairn for newspaper adverts, £61 to Moray Council, £160.11 to Peter Taylor and £55.54 to Debbie Herron to cover Expo costs.</p>	
6. Correspondence	<p>Chair read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glasgow School of Art – exhibition dates 	
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie reported on the following: Big Picnic – 3rd June, well supported 100 - 150 in attendance, mentioned on 3rd Sector News and positive feedback received, badges given out. Older Persons Project – still raising funds and awaiting a reply from the Auchernack Trust regarding a funding application. Vintage Tea – 70 attended. Toun Mercat – skate park will be in Andersons Primary, the ramp to be moved to Tesco car park on 10th June – 90 stalls. Town Hall – progressing, looking to take on an interim lease from 1st July 2018 for 2 years, awaiting a lease from MC then to the solicitors – meeting with TH users group on 11th June 2018 – submitted a change of use application regarding an office area. Aim is to have a big spring clean day when in the TH. Forres On-line – Janice Cooper appointed as the new tutor – funding received to March 2019 – look to submit further funding applications. Techie Teas – first stage visits completed. Thank you to Debbie for all the hard work undertaken.</p>	
8. Planning for Real	<p>Slack to be set up and user group to join. Marked on a map how the land round Forres is used and who is responsible for which area. Nick Mulner is looking to create an orchard in Bogton. Next meeting takes place in September 2018 with the aim to look at plans for the woods and Grant Park.</p>	
9. Moray Towns Partnership	<p>Group has not met.</p>	
10. Moray Area Forum	<p>Meeting held 5th June and nothing to report.</p>	
11. Expo 18	<p>A mop up meeting was held 2 weeks ago. General consensus</p>	

	<p>was it was an excellent event, links for future bookings made and 250 contacts followed up. Enquiries from lots of bespoke travel trade. Positive comments and successful links between the towns. Feedback from Laurie Piper, very impressed with stands, people attending were proactive and those in the travel trade enjoyed the tastings. In the future committed to attend Expo 2019 and Laurie Piper will look towards private investment. Memory sticks FAF supplied with MTP money were very useful.</p> <p>Chair is to forward on information from the USB pen to Secretary for onward sharing with the FAF membership.</p> <p>Mentioned at the wash up meeting was the Malt Whisky Festival, suggested it would be good to do something similar in Forres next year.</p>	SM
12. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – Forres Area Credit Union coffee morning on 23rd June and FAF coffee morning 30th June both in the TH • AS – Transport Forum Steering Group meeting held on 21st May following discussed: patient transport from hospital, public transport – changes with staffing at Stagecoach and no rep attended – not enough lowered floor buses and ones in use are difficult to access, there are no buses at the back of Dr Gray’s also advised it was too difficult for buses to get out of the Wittet Drive junction onto the A96 as the junction is too tight. Seminar is on 22nd September at Lhanbryde. There is an extra crew of 8 ambulance persons to be based at Elgin. Moray Carshare have a couple of electric bikes. Next meeting is 17th July at 9 am in Elgin and then 18th September. Application form for a low carbon hub for Aberlour has been successful, current electric chargers will be removed to be replaced by rapid chargers. • GH – next round of Berryburn on 11th June, the quality of applications (projects) is not as good and possibly look to target longer term, bigger, more meaningful projects and will have to change the articles. Leancoil project is moving forward and trying to get access to the nurse’s home – thanks to Debbie for help with sourcing places to get funding for a feasibility study. Large attendance at the last FCC meeting. Serious offers of interest to support FCC and their plans for Leancoil. Market Street junction has lines painted on it. Meeting with Sustrans aiming to have 20 mph speed limit in Forres High Street – aiming to conduct a feasibility study of traffic in the Forres area. Auchernack Trust – meeting for funding this month with any applications to be submitted soon • DH – Toun Mercat is on 8th June, roads to be closed at 5.30 pm and reopen at 9.45 pm • DP – Universal Credit Awareness Event is on 12th June, 9.30 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 3 pm at Elgin Job 	

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	<p>Centre. Men's Shed received £150 from Keith Builders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT - CAT and completing budgets, working on LOIP, looking to do 2 engagement pilots and CSU to facilitate • SM – attended Community Learning and Development Strategy and Planning event. Moray Community Planning Partnership needs a strategy and a plan with specific outcomes 	
13. Councillors	No Councillors in attendance.	
14. AOB	<p>FAF coffee morning on 30th June 2018 – request for donations and offers of help on the day, Sandra to run the raffle and Debbie to help on the day.</p> <p>Proposed and agreed no meeting in August 2018. Secretary to inform FHCC.</p>	TC
15. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 th July 2018, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC) – please note no meeting in August 2018	