



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY 2018

PRESENT

Sandra MacIennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	David Edgar (DE)
Debbie Herron (DH)	Graham Hilditch (GH)
Tina Coffey (Minutes) (TC)	

(Abbreviations of groups: TTF – Transition Town Forres, FACT – Forres Area Community Trust, FiB – Forres in Bloom, MC – Moray Council, BBCT – Berry Burn 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 Councillor Claire Feaver (CF), Fabio Villani (FV), Graham Murdoch (GM) and Mike Scott (MS).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in June 2018	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by David Edgar.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – invoice from FACT regarding badges awaited • Item 3 – cheque for £30 will be sent to Film Forres • Item 12 – change of articles, a sub-committee set up to review this, to go to Statkraft UK for ultimate approval, information available on the Berry Burn Community Fund website • Item 14 – it was noted that the last coffee morning under MC was a relaxed affair with a pleasant atmosphere • Item 14 – Secretary emailed FHCC to inform them no meeting will be held in August 	DH TC

5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £3,382.61 with the following cheques written: £50 for secretarial duties and £25 to Rays Opportunities for refreshments. The FAF coffee morning raised £292.10 (with the Town Hall costs to be deducted), thank you to all who helped out on the day.	
6. Correspondence	Secretary read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland's Towns Partnership – AGM to be held on 25th June 2018 • tsiMORAY – June newsletter 	
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie reported on the following:</p> <p>FACT Board met before the Toun Mercat – combination of FACT, Forres Community Activities Association and Rachel Philp, one small accident during the evening, well attended event and only heard good things as part of Scottish Week. Older Persons – funding received from the Auchernack Trust, the project is funded to the end of 2019, with a photo in the Gazette – other funding was received from Awards for All, BBCT and some support from the Volunteer Support Fund. Local funding helps secure funding nationally.</p> <p>Invitation received from Findherne and Kinloss Community Council to help with feasibility work around befriending and help them build links with the Moray Handyperson Service.</p> <p>Forres On-line – drop in available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, ongoing through the summer.</p> <p>Skate Park – pop up event at the Toun Mercat and in the Tesco car park.</p> <p>Town Hall – 2-year lease signed on 29th June 2018, with a move planned at the end of July 2018 into the TH. Change of use request submitted to MC. Any bookings for the TH please contact the FACT office on 674388 or email info@forresarea.org MC has posted out letters to current users informing them of the changes made. TH User Group will meet on 9th July and will continue to meet fortnightly for the next few months, they agreed that a spring clean would have to be arranged in July. A key safe is to be installed at the side door and due to having no hall keeper it was agreed groups would have extra time to put out and tidy away equipment which would be free from charges. The FACT cleaner will concentrate on the kitchen and toilet areas and groups would be expected to leave any areas booked in a clean and tidy state. Thank you to Debbie for all her hard work.</p>	
8. Forres Area A96 Community Group	Since the last FAF meeting, FAA96CG have met on 11 th and 19 th June and 3 rd July, with attendance of between 15 – 20 people at each occasion. The group wrote to Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary on 28 th June, since then following a cabinet reshuffle the same letter has been resent to Michael Matheson, Cabinet Minister welcoming him to the post and requesting a response to the co-creative process. The next meeting will be 31 st July 2018. Press release on 27 th June in	

	the Forres Gazette, the 3 MSP's are being kept in the loop and are working whilst Holyrood is on recess. Another public meeting is being planned in the future, possibly inviting the Cabinet Secretary to attend. The group requests funding from FAF to retrospectively pay for the hire of the FACT office on 3 occasions and for a meeting at the end of July where funding is on the agenda. FAF members agreed with funding requirements to be on the next FAA96CG agenda.	
9. Planning for Real	Map under the stage at the TH. New slide to come into the park, Ken Kennedy from MC, Mr Budge and Graham Murdoch had dealings with regard to the movement of the slide and associated accidents on the slide, the current Grant Park slide is to go to Elgin.	
10. Moray Towns Partnership	The group met on 26 th June and was attended by members from Keith, Buckie, Elgin Bid and Hugh Williams from Lossiemouth Trust, Councillor Leadbitter chaired. Rene Milburn attended - £60k was voted against by MC and concern about Forum's future – various funding information was given out. A report was requested for items MTP/Forum money has financed this year, includes Expo and A96 meetings. Fund raising seminar in September/October 2018. Next meeting will be 16 th October to discuss joint projects.	
11. Moray Area Forum	Nothing to report.	
12. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS - Transport Forum Steering Group meetings on 17th July and 18th September, with the Forum Seminar on 22nd September • DP – Forres Highland Games on 7th July in Grant Park. Crown Estate Scotland Pilot Scheme Launch and the National Council of Rural Advisers consultation open • GH – FCC meeting held • SM – Money for Moray - £60k rural communities money through MC – applying for another grant to encourage intergenerational working, seminar on 7th September in Elgin TH 	
13. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated everyone on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a change in Council leadership • British Sign Language – 2 attended a meeting • Sitting on Children and Young People's Committee • Full council meeting with confidential matters discussed • Budgets need to be balanced • Sitting on Councillors Open Group (COG) consists of 5 x Independent and 1 x Conservative councillor 	
14. AOB	Nothing to report.	
15. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 5 th September 2018, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC) – please note no meeting in August 2018	