



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT

Sandra MacIennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	Graham Murdoch (GM)
Ian Todd (IT)	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 – 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), David Edgar (DE) and Debbie Herron (DH).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in July 2018	There was one amendment, item 7 should read Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council. The minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by David Parker.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 4 – cheque to Film Forres has been cashed and a thank you letter received by the Chair 	
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £3,232.61 with the following cheques written: £50 for secretarial duties and £25 to Rays Opportunities for refreshments, £30 donation to Film Forres and £45 to FACT for room hire, this cheque has to be cashed.	
6. Correspondence	Secretary read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tsiMORAY – update for July 2018 Scotland's Towns Funding Finder – July 2018 CARES Bulletin – August 2018 Allotments Consultation 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tsiMORAY – August Newsletter • Scotland’s Towns Partnership – Town News Update – August 2018 • tsiMORAY – workshops • Smart Justice Moray event – 13th September 2018 • Scotland’s Towns Funding Finder – August 2018 	
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>The Town Hall (TH) has held work mornings over the past few weeks with holes in walls being filled, the area under the stage has been cleaned and painted and the Men’s Shed members are putting up shelving.</p> <p>TH User Group has had monthly meetings.</p> <p>The office is very busy with a lot of visitors. FACT will be signed up to become part of the comfort scheme regarding toilets.</p> <p>A two year support programme has been drawn up for the 7 groups who have taken over THs and they will meet regularly. Eight staff and Board members attended the DTAS conference in Aberdeen.</p>	
8. Forres Area A96 Community Group	<p>The group met on 27th August 2018, an article appeared on the front of the Forres Gazette. Transport Scotland have put out a new route update with responses on the options available back by 14th September 2018, hoping to get local MSP on board.</p> <p>A donor stepped forward and group will be able to pay for meeting room rents. The group would like to thank FAF for funding previous meetings.</p>	
9. Money for Moray (M4M)	<p>The M4M Group applied for £60k from the Scottish Government for intergenerational work but were unsuccessful, offer of a possible £3k and may go for it – possible Participatory Budgeting in the future and looking at two areas of deprivation, New Elgin South and Buckie.</p> <p>Conference moved to November 2018 and all Councillors and heads of departments within MC are to be invited.</p>	
10. Planning for Real	<p>There is to be a possible meeting on 10th September in FHCC. Comments on Facebook regarding the park and Councillor MacLean has shown an interest.</p>	
11. Moray Towns Partnership	<p>Nothing to report, the MTP group has not met. MTP deals with Forums and regeneration groups in Elgin, Lossiemouth, Buckie and Keith.</p>	
12. Moray Area Forum	<p>Nothing to report – Elgin, Keith, Lossiemouth and Forres currently have Area Forums. MAF meeting cancelled at short notice.</p>	
13. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM – Leancoil hospital has been temporarily closed to admissions – meeting at the start of November 2018 to decide what to do, to be held by the Integrated Joint Board. Applied for funding for a feasibility study for £25k, unsuccessful. At the Forres Community Council meeting the subject of anti-social behaviour was brought up, occurring at various places within the town and there could be a possible public meeting with 	

	<p>Douglas Ross. Forres Features applied for funding, their application was rejected, reapplied and have managed to get through the first stage of the Scottish Landfill Fund, paperwork away for the second stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS – Transport Forum Seminar on 22nd September 2018 incorporating Have Your Say on Transport at Lhanbryde Community Centre 9.45 am to 2.30 pm. Angela attended the last Transport meeting held on 17th July 2018, with the next meeting scheduled for 18th September 2018. Stagecoach have a Mercedes Sprinter minibus on the No 31 bus route • DP – toilets discussed at the Joint Community Council meeting. Grant Park toilets discussed, Secretary is to contact Colin Bell, MC to ask him about opening and closing times during winter months. Currently a photo exhibition in the Tolbooth • IT – 3 key areas the Community Support Unit are involved in are LOIP, Locality Action Plans and CAT's – 7 TH's have signed their leases and all will run their TH's for the next 2 years – a support package produced for all the groups. Budgets – elected members to go out to consultation. Two new staff members recruited • GH – FCC meeting held • SM – attending Haddington for the Beautiful Scotland Awards. Flower Show on 8th September 2018 in the TH. Findhorn Bay Arts Festival on from 26th September to 1st October 2018. Will attend the Adopt a Station awards at the end of the month. Interpretation boards group will be meeting. FACT Tourism Group to meet on 4th October 2018 	TC
14. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated everyone on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed on the Criminal Justice Committee • Suffragettes events – 4th October 2018 evening to bring people together in the Chambers, Talk last week in Elgin library from an RGU lecturer • Attended DTAS conference • Local plans to be discussed on 7th September 2018 • FAWN meeting attended • Free Town Hall coffee slot on 15th September 2018 • Universal Credit – jobs clubs in library there to help – asked for a leaflet to be made up to point people in the right direction • Budget briefings attended • Leaders from cross party meet regarding the February 2019 budget • Film Forres AGM on 12th September 2018 • Taigh Farrais – surplus to requirements (MC building) • Social Workers have moved to the Health Centre in Forres 	

For further information please email: forresareaforum@btinternet.com

15. AOB	Discussion regarding change of meeting venue for FAF – no decisions agreed, staying at FHCC for meetings.	
16. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 3 rd October 2018, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)	