



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	Graham Hilditch (GH)
Gordon McAlpine (GMcA)	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 David Edgar (DE), Debbie Herron (DH), Graham Murdoch (GM), Mike Scott (MS) and Ian Todd (IT).	
3. Gordon McAlpine – Moray Carshare	Gordon had come from Moray Carshare to discuss the siting of charging points in Forres for electric cars, bikes and buses. Money had been received from Moray Council (MC) and LEADER for the purposes of providing three charge points in central Forres (MC to fund the rapid charge point). Gordon had spoken to Forres Community Council and was seeking further input from FAF. Various locations were discussed for the bus, car and bike charge points with Leys Road, Orchard Road and Tulloch Park car parks being thought to be the best sites. Chair volunteered to undertake a car survey of Grant Park car park. The electricity will be paid by Moray Carshare for the first year, after this a charge will be made to members of the public for their use of electricity. The decision for charging points is to be taken by the end of October 2018.	SM
4. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in July	There were two amendments, item 12 should read Buckie and not Lossiemouth and item 14 point 12 should read Care Workers not Social Workers. The minutes were proposed by	

2018	John Bremner and seconded by David Parker.	
5. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 9 – the Money for Moray group conference is on 9th November 2018 in Elgin Town Hall – other areas invited to look at Participatory Budget in Moray and how it might be brought into Councils • Item 10 – meeting held on 2nd October 2018 for Planning for Real • Item 13 – email received from Sharon Mair, MC regarding the toilets at Grant Park. The public conveniences will be open all year. They are opened every morning by a Mobile Toilet Attendant (MTA) around 7.30 am and locked on Mondays by the MTA around 3.30 pm, the other nights they are locked by the owners of the ice cream shop at Grant Park. The water is not turned off and the pipes will need lagging • Item 13 – Forres won the Community Involvement Award and a gold medal from Britain in Bloom • Item 13 – the flower show was a success • Item 13 – Adopt a Station – Chair to attend a seminar on 4th October 2018 – Chair spoke with Kevin Rooney who wants plans for the landscaping - ongoing • Today's paper stated Leancoil Hospital has closed, NHS proposed and meeting to be set up with Pam Gowans 	
6. Treasurers Report	<p>Current balance stands at £3,016.11 with the following cheques written: £50 for secretarial duties and £25 to Rays Opportunities for refreshments, £91.50 to MC for TH room hire. It was thought MC is to half the amount of money going to each Area Forum for next year. Treasurer stated the admin money for the current year has not been received. Treasurer is to check who are the current signatories on the bank account.</p>	JB
7. Correspondence	<p>Secretary read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland's Towns Partnership – Towns News Update – September 2018 • Moray Carshare – placement of charging points • Consultation on Draft Transformation Plan for the redesign of Health and Social Care Services in the Forres locality 	
8. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>TH User Group is continuing to hold monthly meetings. The office is very busy, repairs are needed and users have to set out their own chairs, tables etc. Findhorn Festival – a busy period. Film Forres – to be discussed but hoping for equipment to be used to its best advantage in the TH. FACT team busy and supporting groups to work together. Chair – Skate Park meeting unable to use the ramp at Culture Day due to no transport to move equipment on the day. The group has been in touch with a company regarding funding. Tourism Group meets on 4th October 2018.</p>	

	<p>Older Persons Project has received funding to enable it to continue. Rates relief of 20% agreed.</p>	
9. Forres Area A96 Community Group	<p>The group met on 18th September 2018, a sub group met with Richard Lochhead MSP on 28th September 2018. Mr Lochhead's responded that he would speak with Transport Scotland regarding the co-creative process in this area, he is generally supportive of community engagement and he would ask Michael Matheson to keep an eye on the co-creative process regarding the A96 in the Forres area. An article appeared on the front page of the P&J.</p>	
10. Planning for Real	<p>Meeting held on 2nd October 2018, well attended. Talk from Ken Major regarding suggestions for footpaths, ideas included linking paths, maps were available and those attending drew on where they thought footpaths should go – Active Travel leaflets are available for those who wish to have an input. Money has been received to undertake a consultation. The next step is another meeting, spoke about Cluny Woods and David from Tilhill attended and he will undertake a survey of the woodland and go out to the public regarding what to do with the land. There is no Chair for the Green Spaces and all communication is via Slack, looking at a Management Plan for Grant Park. Budget engagement on 16th October 2018 in the library from 10 am to 7 pm. Have to engage park and Cluny Wood users.</p>	
11. Moray Towns Partnership	<p>Nothing to report, the MTP group has not met.</p>	
12. Moray Area Forum	<p>Signatories on the cheque account have changed and Chair hopes to attend a meeting during the day within the next few weeks.</p>	
13. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – coffee morning on 20th October 2018 in St Leonard's church hall for St Johns Church between 10 am and midday • AS – transport seminar attended – buses discussed with Jamie Reid, Operations Director for Stagecoach Moray and Buchan attended – four new coaches on the 10 route with low level access. On 10th November timetable changes which state which buses are low level. There are difficulties in accessing the number 31 bus as last bus to leave Forres for Kinloss is 5.05 pm. Dial M were trying out an electric bus, purchase cost was high with running costs low. More trains will be running in Moray. Well attended seminar and the next meeting is in November 2018 • DP – wheelchair sign on new bus timetables. Scottish Transport Bill proposed. Greens put a bill in for 20 mph speed limits in towns. Friends of Falconer 	

	<p>Museum event on 24th October 2018, 2 – 4 pm on the Scottish language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB – 100th anniversaries of the end of the 1st World War and the formation of the RAF – Royal British Legion commissioned two granite plaques for the back of the war memorial – unveiling of the centenary plaques on Saturday 27th October 2018 at 11 am at the War Memorial • SM – Rotary Club on 5th October 2018 will be having a collection at Tesco for the Indonesia tsunami for the shelter boxes. Bonfire in Grant Park on 3rd November 2018, planting bulbs on 24th October 2018 with school children and Christian Aid coffee morning on 6th October 2018 	
14. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated everyone on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findhorn Bay Festival – 112 activities over the 5 days • Attended Democracy Matters – discussed Participatory Budgeting and Community Councils taking on more responsibility • Taigh Farris – surplus to requirements and with MC Estates • Attended Federation of Village Halls – held at Archiestown • Attended the Transport Seminar • Transform Process – in MC regarding redundancies • Suffragette event at 7 pm on 4th October 2018 at Council Chambers – Marie Anne Nicholson speaker • Film Forres – AGM attended • Budget discussions attended weekly 	
15. AOB	<p>Dates for FAF meetings included on the agenda, AGM will be held on 6th February. Secretary to book rooms in FHCC via Ian Todd.</p> <p>Councillor Creswell – looking at film shows/art/drama for younger people, meeting with FACT to discuss further.</p>	TC
16. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 7th November 2018, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)</p>	