



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT

Sandra MacIennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	Debbie Herron (DH)
Graham Hilditch (GH)	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 David Edgar (DE), Brian McDonald (BM), Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC) and Councillor Claire Feaver (CF).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in November 2018	There was one correction to the minutes, item 12, bullet point 2, there is an indication of low level buses on the timetables. The minutes were proposed by Debbie Herron and seconded by David Parker.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – the toilet pipes in Grant Park have been lagged • Item 4 – funding for the stations, have not heard back • Item 5 – Boards and trolleys purchased by FACT for the Town Hall have been delivered • Item 9 – no Green Spaces meeting has been held, will raise the planning of the garden on 13th December • Item 12 – last bullet point – resources list is in progress and is being worked on – people want to talk through the list • Item 12 – Douglas Ross has planted up the trees 	SM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 12 – Kevin Price was going to bring a bus to Grant Park but it has a leak Item 12 – Towerview – Councillor Creswell to follow up Item 14 – FAF agreed to be a Friend of Falconer Museum 	LC
5. Treasurers Report	Ian Todd informed those present a letter had been issued in June regarding the administrative grant from MC for the year. Ian requires a copy of the accounts and will email the letter to the Chair.	JB IT
6. Correspondence	Secretary read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forres Locality Public Meeting – 27th November 2018 CARS information link Scotland’s Towns Funding Finder – November 2018 MC Allocations Policy Review December Community Safety Report 	
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>DH informed those present of the following:</p> <p>The FACT AGM took place on 9th November following an open afternoon both were well attended.</p> <p>Christmas Crafts session on the afternoon of the 6th December in the Town Hall.</p> <p>Tuesday 11th December – shopping trip to Inverness arranged for older people, a couple of spaces left.</p> <p>28th November – Community meal held, well attended and looking to run it again in the new year, possibly run once a month depending on attendance, donations received of over £100.</p> <p>Applied to the Co-op fund and have been selected as one of three groups to receive money, runs for a year.</p> <p>2020 coffee mornings will be booked on 10th December, Town Hall will open at 9.30 am and bookings taken from 10 am – tickets issued for a place in the queue, a deposit of £40 is to be paid at the time of booking.</p> <p>Volunteer thank you on 19th December from 2 – 4 pm, all welcome.</p> <p>Utility bills are high (October 2018 electric bill £2,800) – changed electricity provider, income does not match expenditure – FACT have 6 months of deficit funding and will also have to fund raise. Ian raised the extension of deficit funding at a CAT meeting.</p> <p>Developer consultation on Grantown Road on Thursday 6th December held in the Town Hall.</p> <p>Consultation for SWECO A96 on Friday 7th December in the main hall.</p> <p>Space available to book in the Town Hall during the day.</p> <p>Findhorn Bay Arts will be holding a Hogmanay ball on 31st December (private hire) – tickets are available.</p> <p>FACT office will be closed from 21st December 2018 to 7th January 2019</p> <p>Cameron’s Champions – busy time and have completed training for 12 volunteers.</p>	

	<p>Forres Events, Forres Features and FACT getting together in partnership to set up a volunteer mailing list to send out information to existing volunteers by circular newsletter via email, press release out in January 2019 – FACT will offer volunteering support and training to the volunteers.</p> <p>Tourism Group – meeting held last week and looked at the old plan, half of which had been completed and the other half was superseded by the Moray Speyside Tourism Plan. Group is busy deciding what to focus on next.</p> <p>Question was asked whether FAF were willing to pay the expenses for volunteers to go down to Expo 19 and promote Moray – those eligible to vote were in favour.</p> <p>Skate Park – had training on governance, small group set up and looking for potential sites, the main site being looked at is at Bogton.</p> <p>Ian – visits from Town Hall Groups in February 2019.</p>	
8. Forres Area A96 Community Group	The group met on 26 th November and agreed to attend the public exhibition in Elgin on 4 th December, also a group will meet with Transport Scotland in Forres Town Hall on 7 th December. The group is to meet again on 10 th December.	
9. Planning for Real	A meeting is to be held on 13 th December in FHCC – looking at plans for Cluny Woods. FiB are in discussions with the Orchard Group about the proposed orchard in the Rose Gardens.	
10. Moray Towns Partnership	There have been no meetings since the last FAF meeting.	
11. Moray Area Forum	<p>Meeting took place on 3rd December – discussion regarding Community Engagement Group and Planning Groups – report in writing to be produced. Due to MC cuts there may not be resources to engage with the public. Engagement consultations were specific to libraries and were held in libraries.</p> <p>Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs) – engagement and meetings held to affect change, aiming to shift limited resources to those most in need with more focused input and resources, Community Support Unit facilitates the engagement process with an expectation of change as a result. There will be 2 pilots and 5 areas to be identified, will be reviewing the LOIP areas.</p>	
12. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – St John’s Christmas Fete and Tree Festival on 7th to 9th December at the church • DH – Logie Steading Christmas Market 8th – 9th December, FACT is the designated charity • GH – Leancoil officially closing down and meeting held before hand (future plans) FCC aim to separate the health and the building issue. Moving forward and possibly submitting a CAT, setting up a meeting before Christmas with NHS property manager – possibly buy at a nominal cost. Meeting held with Force 9 (Clash Gour) regarding planning applications – application to 	

	<p>be forwarded to MC towards the end of next week for 48 turbines some 179m some 149.5m in height. Berry Burn scheme – do not see many from road – few up to Dallas – biggest problem visual – lots of detail and planning to get the turbines – 200 mega-watt energy could generate energy for 150,000 houses if all turbines in use, £1.25 million community benefit per annum over 25 years of estimated life. Worth looking at legacy funding. Looking at changing the constitution for Berry Burn Community Trust. Forecast of £20-25 million of benefit to the Forres Community over 25 years – value of the building process to Moray is £26.7 million. 2020 start if approval from MC received, if it goes to the Scottish Government could be 2021. Application in December 18 and consultation to February 2019 – 1 year build. War memorial plack will go in front of the Tolbooth, size reduced to the same as the one at the Market Cross – black and gold writing to be used</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS – 20th November meeting with Transport Scotland cancelled and next meeting possibly in January 2019 • MS – James Jones is expanding and Hydro Electric are rebuilding pylons • DP – Men’s Shed – talking with Wellbeing Hub to put on a soup and sweet on either 27th or 28th December – aimed at single men in their 50’s, idea at present in the early stages • SM – Santa’s sleigh outings started. CARS meeting last week looked at the town. Heritage Trust to contribute to the cost of renovation of the Market Cross. Signage Group – no money under CARS scheme and money from Great Places, looking at interpretation pilot signs for people to comment on. 	
13. Councillors	No Councillors present.	
14. AOB	No other business	
15. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 9 th January 2019, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)	