



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra MacIennan, Chair (SM)</b>	<b>David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)</b>
<b>John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)</b>	<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</b>
<b>David Edgar (DE)</b>	<b>Debbie Herron (DH)</b>
<b>Ian Todd (IT)</b>	<b>Tina Coffey (Minutes) (TC)</b>

(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 Lorna Creswell (LC) and Mike Scott (MS).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in December 18	There was one correction to the minutes, item 12, bullet point 6, the dates for the meal were 27 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2018. The minutes were proposed by David Parker and seconded by Debbie Herron.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 4 – funding for the stations – no further forward although the Chair believes the Planning Department of MC have been in touch with Lands and Parks regarding a plan Bam Nuttall had undertaken for the planting and MC is looking in to having planting done - Chair to take forward</li> <li>Item 4 – resource list – being worked on</li> <li>Item 4 – no contact about bus – Chair to follow up</li> <li>Item 4 – Towerview – Councillor Creswell to follow up - to be carried forward</li> <li>Item 4 – Friends of Falconer Museum - payment of a yearly membership required – Secretary to follow up and take forward</li> </ul>	<p>SM</p> <p>SM</p> <p>LC</p> <p>TC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 12 – all documents referring to the proposed Clash Gour wind farm are available in the library</li> <li>Item 12 – interpretation sign – there is a draft/pilot sign and there will be a meeting to discuss it</li> </ul>	SM
5. Treasurers Report	<p>Treasurer was contacted by Ian Todd with a request for bank account details which the Treasurer passed on. Admin money will be processed soon.</p> <p>Current balance stands at £1,677.51 with the following cheques written: £50 for secretarial duties, £853.80 for the purchase of screens and £25 to Ray's Opportunities for refreshments.</p> <p>The trolleys have been received and an invoice is awaited for payment. New signatory paperwork is awaited from the bank. Treasurer handed the Secretary details to access the bank account.</p>	DH
6. Correspondence	<p>Secretary read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stagecoach – Christmas and New Year bus services timetable</li> <li>Free family community meal</li> <li>FACT – mail chimp training</li> <li>Toilet scheme</li> <li>MC free after 3pm car parking at St Giles Centre over the festive period</li> <li>Bin collection calendar 2019</li> <li>Scotland's Towns Partnership Funding Finder – December 2018</li> <li>Scotland's Towns Partnership News – December 2018</li> <li>Moray Local Development Plan 2020</li> <li>Moray Local Landscape Designation Review</li> <li>BBC TV Licence Consultation</li> <li>Moray Speyside Tourism TBID Focus Group Invitation</li> </ul>	
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>DH informed those present of the following:</p> <p>Shopping trip to Inverness went well with people making social connections.</p> <p>Community meal held on 28<sup>th</sup> December was well attended with 40 people present.</p> <p>Co-op fund – so far £100 raised, the money will go towards the Befriending Scheme and older peoples work. If you haven't chosen a group please consider FACT.</p> <p>TH is fully booked for the 2020 coffee morning, 2019 is booked all bar 1 Saturday. If groups would like to be placed on a waiting list please contact FACT. A new booking system was tried this year.</p> <p>Volunteers thank you Christmas party attracted 100 people.</p> <p>The utility provider has been changed.</p> <p>A first claim from the deficit funding has been received, there has been nothing heard regarding the extension to the funding. Still waiting to hear about the roof and the floor from the MC.</p>	

	<p>Development Consultation for the A96 was attended by around 1,500 people, the Grantown Road consultation was attended by 50 – 60 people.</p> <p>The Findhorn Bay Arts Hogmanay Ball was sold out.</p> <p>FACT has 35 volunteers on their books – still looking for volunteers to help with maintenance and repair of the TH.</p> <p>Debbie is due to have a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January with Sandra McIver and Joanna Taylor regarding the volunteering mailing list.</p> <p>FACT is coming up to the end of the 6 month deficit funding and the FACT board are to review their position regarding continuing with a CAT.</p> <p>Burns afternoon tea dance on 24<sup>th</sup> January from 2 – 4 pm in the TH, entrance fee is £3 includes tea and biscuits.</p> <p>Training – HIE are offering digital training to stay safe online, holding an open 2 hour session in February, all are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Forres Online – funded to the end of March 2019 and in the process of looking for funding to continue.</p> <p>Logie Steading Christmas Market raffle raised £800 for FACT.</p> <p>Debbie is to offer a short 3 hour fund raising training session.</p> <p>Debbie will put out a request from FACT staff that people visiting the TH are to be more considerate and polite to all.</p> <p>FACT saw 1,500 people through the TH doors during December 2018.</p>	
8. Forres Area A96 Community Group	<p>David E informed those present members of the group had met with reps from Transport Scotland and SWECO. It was a productive meeting where the group asked for the co-creative option, when pressed if they would consider this there was no answer. The group are also pressing for visualisations of what the road would look like. At the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December it was agreed to encourage people to feedback to Transport Scotland. The group are keen to try and obtain a copy of the full report from Transport Scotland in order to have a copy available at the library. The next meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.</p>	
9. Planning for Real	<p>A meeting took place, the report for Cluny Woods is not ready yet, the proposed orchard at Rose Garden was spoken about.</p>	
10. Moray Towns Partnership	<p>There have been no meetings since the last FAF meeting.</p>	
11. Moray Area Forum	<p>There have been no meetings since the last FAF meeting.</p>	
12. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TC – FACT coffee morning on 12<sup>th</sup> January in the TH from 10 am to midday</li> <li>• AS – meeting of MAF Transport Group.</li> <li>• DP – Men’s Shed – 2 events went well and raffle raised £200+ of which £100 was handed back to the Minister and aiming for a similar day next year with discussions ongoing regarding an event at Easter.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>FCC – will see how to take forward Leancoil Hospital, unsure of funding and wait to see what happens at the January meeting. The plaque is going forward and is to be funded by the Common Good Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IT – Councillors met 1-2% cut in budget to the area and substantial cuts still to be made. CSU has 3 main focuses LOIP engagement, CAT's and Participatory Budgeting</li></ul>	
13. Councillors	No Councillors present.	
14. AOB	Forres Gazette has been informed of the AGM and an advert will appear in the paper. At the AGM on 6 <sup>th</sup> February, the Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary would be willing to stand again, the Chair will be standing down.	
15. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC) will include the AGM followed by the monthly meeting.	