



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	David Edgar (DE)
Debbie Herron (DH)	Fiona Rodger (FR)
Iain Todd (IT)	Mike Scott (MS)
Phil Staton (PS)	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, TH - Town Hall)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Brian MacDonald	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in January 2019	There were no amendments to the minutes which were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Debbie Herron.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 4 – funding for the stations – not moved on and Chair to take forward Item 4 – bus charging point – Grant Park is not suitable and will be looking at Leys Road as an alternative Item 4 – bus route from Aberlour to Forres discussed, proposal that Angela to take train arrival and bus departure times forward Item 4 – Councillor Creswell awaits a response regarding Towerview – ongoing Item 4 - Friends of Falconer Museum – FAF have paid their joining fee Item 4 – interpretation signs are being worked on 	<p>SM</p> <p>AS</p> <p>LC</p> <p>SM</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 5 – invoice for trolleys held by FACT are to be emailed to the Secretary • Item 5 – Treasurer to bring new cheque signatory paperwork to the March meeting • Item 6 – Vice Chair attended the BBC TV Licence Consultation • Item 6 – Debbie attended the Moray Speyside Tourism TBID Focus Group meeting – the meeting was to look at tourism and marketing in the area in future and how it is to be funded. In Aberdeen all businesses in tourism are asked to make a contribution towards a fund • Item 12 – 2 x TH coffee mornings, FACT and a pop up coffee morning saw 150 people attend and over £1,000 raised towards funds for the TH 	<p>DH JB</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Current balance stands at £3,653.71 with the following cheques written: £100 for secretarial duties, £158.80 to join Scotland's Towns Partnership and a deposit to book a coffee morning in the TH and £50 to Ray's Opportunities for refreshments.</p> <p>Admin remittance had been received from MC totalling £2,285.</p> <p>At this point Fiona Rodger spoke about the Forres Skate Park Initiative, a constituted group who have applied to become a charity. As a new group they are preparing to build a new facility, a non-motorised wheel park and are being supported by FACT. A FAF grant is required for leaflets and marketing. A request for £200 was submitted which was proposed by David Edgar and seconded by David Parker. Treasurer is to write a cheque for £200 to the group.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>6. Correspondence</p>	<p>Secretary read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Place Plan Support Survey • tsiMORAY – January news and events newsletter • tsiMORAY – training calendar for 2019 • Scotland's Towns Funding Finder – January 2019 • Forres Library – Communities Day • Aberlour to Forres bus route • Moray Licensing Matters event – 27th March 2019 <p>Discussion ensued regarding distribution of information to groups.</p>	
<p>7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p>	<p>DH informed those present of the following: FACT Board will progress forward with a CAT for the TH, as it is part of the Common Good land it will have to go to before the Sherriff.</p> <p>The final deficit claim has been submitted towards the running costs of the TH.</p> <p>Keith Builders donated £150 and items in kind.</p> <p>TH requires work on the floor, roof and the battery backup for the fire system has to be replaced, FACT will apply for funding.</p>	

	<p>There are coffee morning dates available for 2020. FACT have applied for membership of the Federation of Village Halls and will attend the next meeting. FACT are working with Forres Feature and Forres Events Ltd to recruit volunteers via email. Debbie is to forward on the email to the Secretary for distribution.</p> <p>Volunteer Market Place, free event in the TH on 7th March, 1.30 – 4.30 pm – to showcase what is on offer. FAF to apply.</p> <p>Forres On-Line – techie teas roadshow to promote how to use technical gadgets (laptops, phones etc), project funded to the end of March 2019 and looking for funding.</p> <p>Food larder – helping with parcels and referrals (increase in demand for referrals).</p> <p>Attended TBID meeting – useful look to build connections.</p> <p>TH is available as a venue for hire for meetings and social events and has a Public Entertainments Licence.</p> <p>Film Forres has a new committee and is looking to expand their range of dates for showing films.</p> <p>TH User Group meetings continue and Debbie will send out an invite to request help for a TH spring clean.</p> <p>TH maintenance team work on a Wednesday and are looking for volunteers.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>TC</p>
8. Forres Area A96 Community Group	<p>David E informed those present the group had formed a year ago, were route neutral and were interested in taking a co-creative process forward. Having met with Transport Scotland following the announcement of the preferred route FAA96CG have 3 priorities: to achieve a co-creative process, have a visualisation of the road particularly heights and to have a copy of the full report based in the Forres library. The next meeting is to be held on 26th March 2019 in the TH.</p>	
9. Planning for Real	<p>Chair met with Sylvia, David from Tilhill and Ken Kennedy, MC and looked around Cluny Hill to draw up a management plan – ready to start implementing in January 2020. The Orchard Group were consulting in Tesco and the Co-op, they have 4 potential locations and are looking for feedback on these sites.</p>	
10. Moray Towns Partnership	<p>Meeting held on 5th February, not a full meeting, presentation from MC regarding Developer Contributions which will focus on education, transport and healthcare. Looking at a 3G pitch (all weather), group requested to have engagement in decision making (consultation) as process goes forward. Councillor Creswell to check crossings near Market Street.</p>	<p>LC</p>
11. Moray Area Forum	<p>A meeting was held in Forres, not enough to form a quorum and the meeting did not take place, another meeting will take place although no date has been set.</p>	
12. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT – CSU team priorities remain: 7 CATs for halls, Participatory Budgeting pilots, Equalities Impact Assessment Consultations on cuts – CSU staff are involved in facilitation assessments, there are 2 LOIPs in New Elgin and Buckie and data from consultations 	

	<p>undertaken – draft locality plans are to be done by May and hope to produce priorities (areas to be identified)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS – MC will charge for road restrictions during events. Visited by MC with regard to leasing of the building the Highland Games committee use • AS – no transport meetings held, awaiting timetables changes as of 11th February. Will bring up link of bus timetables at the next meeting • DP – drop in session for veterans on 11th February from 1 – 3 pm at the Moray Resource Centre. Attended the Moray Winter Festival meeting • SM – received a phone call regarding a meeting at MC on 12th February to look at discretionary non-domestic rates relief – this will be discussed by a P&R Committee and will affect a lot of community groups if it goes through, information available on MC website. Alec Burrell, MC visited FiB – looking to lease the Forres Grant Park Depot nursery back to FiB 	AS
13. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell informed all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of a poverty workshop • Spirit of Community – hoping to have a second event following the last one 5 years ago • CAREs – March 2019 before anything heard • Film Forres – second film shown – look to set up matinee and other alternative presentations • FACU – paid worker moved on, back to volunteers • Library – attended an open day for community groups – successful • Osprey bus AGM on 20th February in the British Legion commencing at 7 pm – door to the garage is broken – Transport will speak to Donald Macrae, MC • Bus shelter – complaint the shelter opposite Tesco is not broad enough to take a wheelchair – will follow up again • Will attend a study visit • Toilets in Grant Park may be closed 	LC
14. AOB	Discussion ensued regarding which land in Forres is Common Good and which is Grant Park Trust land needs to be clarified.	
15. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 th March 2019, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC).	