



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2019

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)
Alan James (AJ)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Brian McDonald (BM)	Graham Murdoch (GM)
Shaun Moat (SMo)	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, Area Forum - AF)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Councillor's Lorna Creswell (LC) and Claire Feaver (CF), Debbie Herron (DH), Graham Hilditch (GH), Ian Todd (IT) and Mike Scott (MS).	
3. Talk by Alan James	Alan James gave a talk regarding the route chosen for the A96 road dualling. Alan explained the Scottish Government had commissioned the road and Transport Scotland put out tenders with Mott MacDonald Sweco undertaking the design of the road. After consultation the preferred route chosen was the north route. Alan briefed those present and explained why he thought the north route would not be the best option for Forres. Alan would like to ensure that the information he has with regard to the north route is made available to the people of Forres and that MSP's and MP's are made aware of the works required.	
4. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in April 2019	There were two corrections to the name Anita Rolt on page 2 and page 4, the name should have read Anita Milne. The minutes were proposed by John and seconded by Angela.	
5. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 4 – the Chair had a meeting with Kevin Rooney and he will send maps regarding the railway station. 	

	<p>FiB will have to decide which area they would like to take on (after arranging with Scotrail) on a year by year lease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – Towerview response awaited • Item 4 – trolley invoice to be emailed to the Secretary • Item 4 – Spirit of Community – Chair is in discussion with Councillor Creswell – debate whether to go ahead with this event in October due to the amount of upcoming consultations • Item 4 – Army held engagement on 2nd April 2019, Councillor Creswell to update the Forum • Item 4 – Rene Milburn toilet scheme survey, question for Councillors as to the progress on this item • Item 6 – Place Standards Consultation information emailed out to FAF membership • Item 9 – Mosset audit proposal, Chair to email to Secretary for onward transmission • Item 12 – Secretary sent off cheque for insurance • Item 12 – Grant Park Trusts – there was no feedback from the FCC. John stated the Grant Park Trust was set up in 1923 and the Grant Park Public Trust was set up in 2016 by MC – believed Grant Park is thought to be part of the Common Good – owned by the people of Forres as it was gifted. John is to photocopy the paperwork he has on this item, it was hoped this would answer queries 	<p>LC DH</p> <p>LC</p> <p>LC/CF</p> <p>JB</p>
<p>6. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>The balance on the account is £2,741.05. Cheques cashed for the month were: £50 for Secretarial duties, £25 to the Community Café, £322.40 refund to Debbie Herron for Expo 2019 and £113 for Zurich insurance.</p> <p>Shaun queried the expenditure for Expo 2019, he was informed FAF used money from MTP and used FAF funds to reimburse expenditure to Debbie Herron who attended the event as a representative of Forres.</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"> • Place Standards Consultation • Fireworks Consultation Event, Elgin on 17th April 2019 • Esme Fairburn Foundation Report • Scotland’s Towns Partnership – Town Delivery Models and Governance Strategy Workshop • tsiMORAY – April e-Bulletin • Scotland’s Towns Partnership – Upcoming Towns and Improvement Districts Events • tsiMORAY – training dates in April and May 19 • Scotland’s Towns Partnership Funding Finder for April 2019 	
<p>8. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p>	<p>Chair and Secretary updated those present on FACT’s activities over the past month.</p>	

	<p>CAT paperwork – aiming for submission to MC in June 2019 and if agreed has to go out for public consultation with a date to PR&D of September 2019.</p> <p>Debbie is writing reports for funders and is submitting applications to funders for grants to keep the Forres Online project going.</p> <p>Town Hall – leaky roof and a broken lintel above the fire door requires repairing at a cost of around £2k.</p> <p>Town Hall User Group – next meeting 9th May 2019.</p> <p>Visit by Donna Chisholm, Head of HIE, impressed with what has been done so far and was positive about future funding.</p> <p>Skate Park held a roller disco in FHCC, successful for children, lower attendance for the adults.</p>	
9. Forres Area A96 Community Group	The group has not met since the last FAF meeting.	
10. Planning for Real	Green Spaces Group met and discussed Sanquhar Pond, the work carries on and await a management report – identified a device called a Kelpie to remove weeds from the pond – lots of goodwill in the town but battling against problems which can be disheartening.	
11. Moray Towns Partnership	Meeting with Rene Milburn to discuss Scottish Government £1.22 million money for Moray – bids in to MC who will allocate the money – capital property owners to change non-accommodation to accommodation £50k and for shop fronts £25k, have to have match funding. Public spaces do not have to have match funding but would be looked on more favourably if they have, June is the closing date.	
12. Moray Area Forum	The group have not met since the last FAF meeting.	
13. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – 3 coffee mornings in the Town Hall, FiB on 11th May, Forres Area Credit Union on 1st June and Friends of Guiding on 15th June • AS – received no more information regarding a transport meeting • SMO – Leancoil Hospital update, Consultants have come up with a project plan, there will be a public consultation and try and hold one in Leancoil Hospital and try to arrange for ex staff members to attend. Alan James and Max Miller have been elected Associate Members of the FCC to look after the A96 Project. FCC members are to visit FiB on Sunday 5th May during the Theme Day • SM – FiB – received maps of where grass would be cut in Forres. FiB is selling ducks at Mackenzie & Cruickshank. Walking to Town Hall from Findhorn part of the Big Lunch Community Walk on 23rd May 2019, Energising Communities by invitation of Moray Leader on 3rd May 2019 	

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14. Councillors	There were no Councillors present.	
15. AOB	<p>Chair to contact FHCC regarding booking another room due to the noise from the exercise class in the room above the Blue Room.</p> <p>FAF Development Plan discussed, it is old and has been overtaken, Chair proposed to wait and review it following the Spirit of Community meeting.</p> <p>Secretary is to bring membership paperwork to the June meeting.</p> <p>Chair proposed no meeting in August due to holidays, those able to vote agreed. Secretary to contact FHCC and inform them of the non-attendance date.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
16. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 5 th June 2019, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC).	