



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2019

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)</b>	<b>David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)</b>
<b>John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)</b>	<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)</b>
<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</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, TH - Town Hall, Area Forum - AF)

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 Hilditch (GH), Brian McDonald (BM) and Ian Todd (IT).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in September 2019	There were no amendments. The minutes were accepted as a true record by those in attendance.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 5 – trolley invoice has been paid</li> <li>• Item 5 – Grant Park – Deed of Trust discussed, there are 2 x Grant Park Trusts, first registered on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1923 as a Declaration of Trust and the second dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 1923 was due to Alexander Grant giving an additional £5k for the upkeep of the park and is registered with OSCR for the upkeep and maintenance of Grant Park</li> <li>• Item 8 – Skate Park – SCIO nearly ready and another meeting to take place</li> <li>• Item 10 – Food Growing Strategy – arranged with Emma Gordon, MC on 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10 am to 4 pm in Lesser Hall of the TH to get people's reaction to where food should be grown around Forres, REAP will</li> </ul>	

	<p>be in attendance. Coffee afternoon run by Royal British Legion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 10 – Mosset renovation work received £25k to tidy up the ponds. Rene Milburn suggested put in a bid for Forres, there appears to have been no discussion with either the community or Green Spaces Group. Lorna will write to Grant Speed, MC to see how this money will be administered and money to be spent by March 2020. Museum Square, Market Cross and observation tower on the Tolbooth will all receive money for renovations</li> <li>• Item 10 – Chair met with Rene Milburn, groups want to be more engaged in the Museum Square, informed work to be undertaken by MC officers and then consultation with everyone. Rene is unable to make contact with Craig Wilson regarding signs</li> <li>• Item 13 – Doors Open Day in TH, 70 people attended and children’s party in hall which added to the atmosphere. Wee Gallery doing well, coffee morning held last weekend and Nahed appreciative of the money raised</li> <li>• Item 13 – banners to be ordered, Chair and Secretary to meet to discuss</li> <li>• Item 13 - Queen’s Award to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2 pm in St Leonard’s Church, open invite to those who have been involved over the past 30 years, holding an afternoon tea</li> <li>• Item 13 - Forres won the Best War Memorial with a garden and Lossiemouth the Best without a garden. Thank to Barry Ashby for the work he undertook in Forres</li> <li>• Item 15 – FAF/FACT coffee morning held, FAF to pay half the charge for the use of the TH</li> <li>• Item 15 – tsiMORAY to look into the Museum – possible feasibility study to be undertaken. No response from Fabio Villani</li> </ul>	<p>LC</p> <p>SM/TC</p>
<p>5. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>The balance on the account stands at £2,392.11. Secretary passed on invoices for payment.</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"> <li>• 32 September Community Safety Report</li> <li>• Participatory Budgeting Charter for Scotland</li> <li>• tsiMORAY – update for September 2019</li> <li>• tsiMORAY – amendment to email</li> <li>• Town Centre Capital Fund 19 – 20 application</li> <li>• Scotland’s Towns and Improvement Districts News/Events and competitions</li> <li>• Moray IJB – consultation on draft Strategic Plan for Health and Social Care in Moray</li> <li>• Challenge Poverty Event – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scotland's Towns Partnership - September Funding Finder</li> <li>Forres Community Council – Traffic Survey</li> <li>FACT – Community Asset Transfer – Policies and Resources Meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11 am</li> <li>Compensatory Planting Consultation</li> </ul>	
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>In Debbie's absence the Secretary informed those attending of the following:  FACT will apply to the Robertson Trust for funding for the Older Persons project.  Kirsty-Anne, Marketing Graduate's last day was 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019.  Community Asset Transfer went before MC and it was approved, needs to go to the Sheriff and no date set as yet.</p>	
8. Forres Area A96 Community Group	No meeting since the last FAF meeting.	
9. Planning for Real known as Green Spaces Group	<p>Ongoing – spoke about Mosset, Cluny and Sanquhar Pond and Emma Gordon spoke about the Food Policy. Review the plan and would like to go for a Green Flag for Grant Park.  Green Spaces asked for grass cutting to go on the next agenda.  The plan for Cluny Hill should be out soon and there is a plan for Sanquhar Pond.</p>	
10. Moray Towns Partnership	Have not met since the last FAF meeting.	
11. Moray Area Forum	Next meeting will take place on 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019.	
12. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JB – Royal British Legion – remembrance meeting is next week, Whitley Memorial to be included. Chair to email about the Nimrod</li> <li>AS – no meetings held for the Transport Group, problem may be cutbacks in staff, nobody to pick up work if anyone is away. Stopping of cars parking outside the takeaway at the top end of town</li> <li>SM – FiB coffee morning on 16<sup>th</sup> November in the TH</li> <li>LC - Mamma Mia film for OAP's on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and adult film is Addams Family in October 2019. The Big Feast in the TH on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019, tickets £20</li> <li>DP – Leancoil Hospital ongoing. Mosset ongoing, clearing out the water of Japanese knotweed</li> <li>TC – St John's church coffee morning in St Leonards hall from 10 am to midday on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019</li> </ul>	SM
13. Councillors	<p>Councillor Creswell informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email received from Moray Mortuary and will meet with Angie McColl to discuss patient transport, also spoke to the Carshare group and transport needs co-ordination</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the Federation of Village Halls meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September – no PAT test list and no list of who has paid fees – next meeting is in November 2019. Fiona Rolt reported there was a lightning strike at Lhanbryde and Spey Bay halls and the insurance paid out. Insurance is charged per footage of hall</li> <li>• Kieran’s Legacy – Sandra McKandie spoke about defibrillators – looking to raise £21k</li> <li>• Visited Glasgow for a Criminal Justice meeting</li> <li>• Participatory Budgeting (PB) – short brief – minimum 1% of PB money</li> <li>• Lossiemouth Development Trust – worker, Hugh moving on</li> <li>• Community Asset Transfer of TH – happy with the outcome</li> <li>• Carnegie Trust commissioned a piece of work for the Trust regarding affordable credit</li> <li>• Attended a poverty meeting arranged by churches on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Forres</li> <li>• Poverty launch on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019</li> <li>• Received an email regarding the delay of the Auchernack staff moving to FHCC</li> <li>• Restructuring taking place in MC departments</li> <li>• Integrated Joint Board is now taking in adults</li> </ul>	
14. AOB	Meeting dates for 2020 agreed, FACT emailed and room booked for the 2020 meetings.	
15. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7 pm, Lesser Hall, Forres TH.	