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MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM (FAF) MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2020

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)
Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)	Debbie Herron (DH)
Brian McDonald (BM)	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, 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), Angela Sutherland (AS) and Ian Todd (IT).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in December 2019	There was one amendment, item 14, bullet point 7 should read Moray Councillors. The minutes were accepted as a true record by those in attendance, proposed by Debbie and seconded by Brian.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 5 – Chair informed those present the person in charge regarding the Nimrod structure is away on detachment - ongoing • Item 4 – Debbie sent banner supplier information to the Chair • Item 4 – Grant Park – nothing further to report • Item 6 – the accounts were forwarded on to Ian Todd • Item 13 – no update available regarding the CSU job • Item 13 – YouChoose4 – FACT received £450, Debbie has made a request to find out how many votes were cast, who they were allocated to and how much each group received – Debbie to report back 	SM DH

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5. Treasurers Report	The balance on the account stands at £2,514.27. The following cheques have been cashed: £50 to Secretary for secretarial duties and £40 to FACT for a 2021 coffee morning deposit. MC's admin grant of £1,142 had been received.	
6. Correspondence	<p>Secretary read out a list of emails forwarded to the FAF membership which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland's Towns Partnership Funding Finder – December 2019 • tsiMORAY News E-Bulletin • Scotland's Towns Partnership – job opportunity P/T Project Director • tsiMORAY News E-Bulletin • Scotland's Towns Partnership & Scotland's Improvement District – December bulletin • Job Centre and Lossiemouth Entertainment Academy - Engaging the Spectrum 	
7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie informed those present of the following:</p> <p>TH went to the Sheriff on 6th December and notification from MC to say the Sheriff would agree to the release of the TH from the Common Good Fund, find out on 23rd January if successful with the Scottish Land Fund (SLF), if not successful will go back to the local authority and ask for a transfer at no value.</p> <p>Older Person's Project – applying to the Auchernack Trust, Stafford Trust and preparing applications to other funds. Currently worked with over 200 people this year and 23 people waiting for befrienders. Christmas shopping trip was a success and aim to engage with those persons requiring help to engage socially.</p> <p>Undertaking annual appraisals with staff.</p> <p>Successfully bid for work in partnership with tsiMORAY from the Leancoil Trust, next stage following on from the feasibility study is to check the information received fits with what the community want to see happen and the Trust is in the process of being formed. Will hold an event on 5th February in the TH from 7pm to 9pm to get answers to 3 specific questions, the evening will be open to the public and activities outwith Forres will take place.</p> <p>Diary dates – 11th January FACT coffee morning donations of prizes and bottles accepted also offers of help required: 27th January FACT Board development meeting with MC and Highlands & Islands Enterprise staff: 10th February – community meal using food recovery, free to attend with donations taken: 13th February Town Hall User Group meeting commencing at 6.45 pm: 6th June – Big Lunch.</p> <p>TH coffee morning bookings sold out for 2020 with a couple of dates free in 2021.</p> <p>Risk Assessments being undertaken i.e. reminders on how high to stack chairs in the Main Hall.</p>	

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	Walkers are Welcome – fees are due, Lorna proposed and Brian seconded that FAF pay the fees, Debbie to contact the Treasurer regarding payment.	DH
8. Forres Area A96 Community Group	There have been no meetings since the last FAF meeting, although those present said letters had been sent out to land owners regarding compulsory land purchases in 2021.	
9. Planning for Real (known as Green Spaces Group)	Meeting on 15 th January. The Mosset Burn report is out, very technical and still to be discussed. Community Food Day – report awaited. Sanquhar Pond – Brian informed the group the foot bridge which had been condemned had been removed and upon a request from those using the area opposite the pond the paths had been reinstated, dead trees, rhododendron and laurel removed and aquatic plants removed from the pond.	
10. Moray Towns Partnership	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting.	
11. Moray Area Forum	Working on the next Money for Moray bid with an application to be submitted for £153k. On 21 st January at the Inkwell there will be a meeting to bring in people to decide the criteria, an invite to FAF has been received and Lorna will attend to represent Forres Area Credit Union. Criteria when set will be used to encourage partnership working, no community interest companies and only companies with a turnover of less than £50k, 1 organisation, 1 application. Aim is to support small community groups, next meeting will be held on 27 th January.	
12. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – Swimming Club coffee morning at TH on 18th January between 10am and midday • JB – VE day meeting at Royal British Legion which he will attend and report back on • SM – Varis Club open day on 14th January with FiB at 10am in the Tolbooth, all welcome 	JB
13. Councillors	Councillor Creswell updated those present on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget discussions ongoing • Carnegie Trust on affordable credit – reported back • Men’s Shed meals over Christmas, low attendance on the first day, better attendance on the second day • Osprey Trust – held an AGM and 3 new people joined – RDA person, Shaun Moat and David Parker. Jo Lineham to be asked if she would like to attend. Considering changing the trust’s name. Next meeting on 15th January 	
14. AOB	FAF AGM discussed, suggestion to cancel the meeting as it will clash with the Leancoil meeting and hold the AGM on the 4 th March, those present agreed. Secretary to cancel the North Room booking for February. Spirit of Community event discussed and will be held on 15 th April 2020 in the TH. FAF 2021 coffee morning to be held on 4 th September 2021.	TC

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15. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 th March 2020, 7 pm, North Rooms, Forres TH, to include the AGM.	
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