



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT

Sandra Maclennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Willie Chisholm (WC)	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)	David Edgar (DE)
Debbie Herron (DE)	Mike Scott (MS)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed all present Sylvia Jamieson will be leaving the Council to go to work at Morayvia and Dawn Brodie (DB), Moray Council was unable to attend tonight's meeting.	
2. Minutes from 4 th March 2020	The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated, there was one spelling mistake, Sean should read Shaun in item 6. The minutes were proposed by David and seconded by John.	
3. Matters arising	Item 3 – the Nimrod structure has been returned Item 6 – the Spirit of Community event did not happen, Dawn was to inform us of council plans Item 6 – Skate Park Group has charitable status and has completed a feasibility study, submitting an Expression of Interest for a piece of ground Item 6 – resources list, to be discussed at the next meeting Item 6 – portable defibrillator, to be discussed at the next meeting	DB

	<p>Item 6 – area at the back of the town hall has not been tidied as Community Payback personnel are in unavailable</p> <p>Item 7 – the A96 Community Group has not met since the last FAF meeting – David added that there may be something happening in the future</p> <p>Item 11 – volunteer hotlist – Debbie to speak at the next meeting</p> <p>Item 12 – mortuary meeting to be discussed at the next meeting</p> <p>Item 12 – the museum has closed</p> <p>Item 12 – Ian Todd has retired – a restructuring took place and Dawn Brodie was promoted</p> <p>Item 13 – banner – Chair and Secretary to look at a design</p> <p>New council scheme for Participatory Budgeting, an online consultation although unsure if this is working online with regards to Money for Moray looking to roll out later this year.</p> <p>Secretary changed the address from the Hub to the Town Hall.</p> <p>The AGM will take place in February 2022.</p>	<p>DH</p> <p>SM/TC</p>
4. Treasurers Report	The balance on the account stands at £3,528.38, this includes Moray Council (MC) remittance received of £1,119.26.	
5. Correspondence	Secretary informed those present that since March 2020, 271 emails has been forwarded on.	
6. FACT	<p>Secretary informed those present the following had happened:</p> <p>Coffee morning held, not large numbers attending but good to have people in the building</p> <p>Office open and groups beginning to use the space in the town hall – survey currently underway regarding services in the town hall</p>	
7. Planning for Real	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting.	
8. Moray Towns Partnership	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting.	
9. Moray Area Forum	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting. Chair informed all that Fiona Rolt had resigned and currently looking for a new Secretary.	
10. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS – transport, 314 bus Forbeshill to Knockomie handy but not well used • TC – upcoming coffee mornings, Forres Area Community Trust on 18th September and Forres in Bloom (FiB) on 13th November • JB – Royal British Legion are starting to meet again • DP – 18th September Open Day at the Men’s Shed, open from 10am to 12 midday and able to use the dial a bus to get there • DP - Tree canopy for the Queen’s Jubilee, the Council to discuss in October. Forres Community 	

	<p>Council elections will be held in September 2021, leaflets being distributed, process finishes on 28th September with new Council in place in October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SM - Mannachie Park - £50k from Moray Council Land and Parks capital programme for play area improvements. MC looking at plans which include wild flower beds, Skate Park and orchard are looking at it, suggested to look at all who would like to use the space and make proper plans for the space. There will be a public consultation. On 24th September there will be a march through Forres, Climate Change – Earth March. Forres in Bloom (FiB) get the results of the judging on 23rd September online, they applied for the discretionary award of Community Horticulture. Green Spaces Group has met, looking to develop a wildflower area in Bogton and replicated in other parts of the town 	
11. Councillors	No Councillors able to attend, this is due to no face to face meetings allowed at present.	
12. AOB	<p>Work on the ironworks in town will take place from 14th to 17th September, the high street will have traffic lights in operation.</p> <p>Willie Carson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will be attending as and when requested, he is able to supply information in a report format with regard to local fire incidents, trends etc. Current issues include recruitment and retention of retained firefighters, should be 20 currently but only have 12 and looking to recruit in Forres.</p> <p>Recruitment campaign underway looking for people able to offer time throughout their week who have a minimum age of 18, a standard level of fitness and able to attend training nights once a week. Aiming to work on reducing false fire alarms. Currently there is a consultation regarding how to respond to automatic fire alarm, responses can be submitted by following this link: https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/sfrs-communications/time-for-change-reducing-ufas/</p>	
14. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 th October 2021, 7pm in the North Rooms, Forres TH.	