



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra Maclennan, Chair (SM)</b>	<b>David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)</b>
<b>John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)</b>	<b>Councillor George Alexander (GA)</b>
<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)</b>	<b>Debbie Herron, (DH)</b>
<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</b>	<b>Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)</b>

### APOLOGIES

<b>Willie Chisholm, SFRS (WC)</b>	<b>David Edgar (DE)</b>
<b>Mike Scott (MS)</b>	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Minutes from 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated, there was one amendment, item 11, the Men's Shed AGM will take place on 24 <sup>th</sup> November. The minutes were proposed by David P and seconded by John.	
3. Matters arising	Item 3 – Chair and Secretary to take the banner forward Item 11 – Royal British Legion lunches started 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 1pm start, well attended Willie Chisholm emailed a report which was forwarded on by the Secretary.	SM/TC
4. Treasurers Report	The balance on the account stands at £2,535.70, the following has been paid out: £50 to the Secretary for secretarial duties.	
5. Correspondence	Secretary informed those present the following emails had been emailed out:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event Charging Consultation, Moray Council</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• Quarriers information – unpaid carer update</li> <li>• STP – Conference 2021</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• STP funding finder October 2021</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• Consultation – Leancoil</li> </ul> <p>There was a query regarding the information on the Event Charging Consultation, Secretary to forward on the original email received to George - <i>post the meeting George found out the survey originated with Colin Bell, Environmental Protection Manager. He had been asked to bring a report to the council concerning the present position with regard to charges levied for the use of open spaces which the council is responsible for. The results of this survey will be used to help officers compile the final report. George will report back that the consultation should have been sent to a much wider range of groups.</i></p>	TC
6. FACT	<p>Debbie Herron informed those present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FACT’s AGM will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> November, invitations to be sent out shortly, all are welcome and will also celebrate FACT’s 10<sup>th</sup> birthday</li> <li>• Staff changes have meant 2 vacancies have arisen for a Volunteer Co-ordinator and a Cameron Project Co-ordinator, hope to appoint by the end of the month – not many applications so far, please share information with contacts</li> <li>• Coffee morning bookings are open for 2023, spaces are still available for 2022 – able to book online</li> <li>• Activities programme has started and includes musical bingo, knitting, crochet etc, gentle seated exercise and drumming classes and always a chance of a social after</li> <li>• First day of the Lunch Club not well attended, starts at 12.15pm and open to anyone over 50 – book to avoid waste and if anyone needs the Osprey bus please get in touch</li> <li>• Spirit of Community event – planned for 2022 – Zoom meeting with Karen Chamberlain, HIE and Dawn Brodie, MC – once plans are clear can arrange a meeting between Community Councils, FAF and any interested parties, to discuss and run early next year</li> <li>• Volunteer marketplace event – to meet with the Council to discuss going forward</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday morning Debbie has been invited to attend local government review select committee via Zoom – feedback regarding whether local communities knew about democracy matters information which happened previously – feedback experiences from this area – similar general experiences from all over Scotland</li> <li>• Town Hall (TH) is getting busier and in the process of promoting what FACT is doing</li> <li>• Writing the Business Plan for the next 5 years</li> <li>• Have the design costs and meeting with the Architect and Fund-Raising Consultant, estimated to cost £2.8 million for work and fees</li> </ul>	
7. Planning for Real	Closing date for application is Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November and there is a meeting next week – Participatory Budgeting.	
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. Dawn Brodie, MC is to contact Anita to find out where we are.	DB
10. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JB – Royal British Legion (RBL) - 31<sup>st</sup> October two chefs catered for 30 veteran’s lunches at £6/head, successful and will continue on the last Sunday of each month. On 11<sup>th</sup> November a normal service at the war memorial and on 14<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Sunday trying to get back to how it used to be pre-Covid. Extension to the RBL building will have to find money.</li> <li>• TC – upcoming coffee mornings, 7<sup>th</sup> November Moray Firth Credit Union pop up, 13<sup>th</sup> November Wee Fibbees and 27<sup>th</sup> November St John’s Church</li> <li>• AS – discussion regarding the usage of the number 314 bus, also lack of bus timetables in bus shelters – Lorna to follow up, timetables are also available online</li> <li>• DH – Leancoil update meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November from 11am – 3pm in the Tolbooth and on 11<sup>th</sup> November from 2 – 4pm and 7 – 8.30pm in the TH. Holding a Winter Wonderland in the TH on 4<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 4pm having a gingerbread house making competition sponsored by MacLean’s bakery. On 4<sup>th</sup> November there will be a Lunch Club in the TH and a drop-in in the North Room at lunch time (bring your own lunch) to allow for networking for those interested in the third sector and community development (for an hour)</li> <li>• DP – Forres Community Council meet up on 4<sup>th</sup> November to sort out posts on the Council – face to face meeting will be going forward, first meeting on</li> </ul>	LC

	<p>the 18<sup>th</sup> November and open to the public. Joint Community Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SM – Forres in Bloom (FiB) AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Roundabouts tidy up – numerous phone calls taken place to Transport Scotland and no replies – Lorna sent an email query and will follow up for a response. Auchernack – no grass cut and closing date for bids is 1<sup>st</sup> December at offers over £110k. Heiland Cow – wanted to put in the park next to the flag poles but it needs a concrete base so looking elsewhere (possibly looking at Andersons and outside the Community Centre) – looked at with Grant Speed, Moray Council. FiB would like to plant an oak tree for the Queens Platinum Jubilee – good to have a big community event in the park, have to see if there is interest</li> </ul>	LC
11. Councillors	<p>Councillor's George Alexander and Lorna Creswell informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GA – Queens Platinum Jubilee takes place on the first weekend in June 2022 – next week Councillors to decide if community groups and not for profit groups will have to pay the fee – runs from Saturday to Wednesday</li> <li>• LC – Auchernack Trust is open, Skateboard AGM on Tuesday, looked at housing issues, Moray Firth Credit Union looking at renovations in their office and there is a pop-up coffee morning this coming Saturday arranged by the credit union team</li> </ul>	
12. AOB	<p>Film Forres publicized upcoming films online:  <a href="#">Film Forres   Local Movies in the Town Hall</a>                  Ruth Whitfield has been appointed as the Film Forres Development Officer for a year</p>	
13. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021, 7pm in the North Rooms, Forres TH.</p>	