



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra Maclennan, Chair (SM)</b>	<b>David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)</b>
<b>Debbie Herron, (DH)</b>	<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</b>
<b>Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)</b>	

### APOLOGIES !

<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)</b>	<b>David Edgar (DE)</b>
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<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Minutes from 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 21	The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated, there were no amendments. The minutes were proposed by Debbie and seconded by David.	
3. Matters arising	Item 3 – Chair and Secretary to take the banner forward Item 5 – Event Charging Consultation, group wondered with regard to groups who do a lot for the Community and the area potentially being charged for services. Those attending the meeting thought that voluntary groups should not pay, if people are charging for a service then they should be charged, possibly discuss this at the upcoming event in April (see below item 6) Item 9 – await an answer from Dawn Brodie, MC Item 10 – Lorna to look into timetables which are not available at bus stops Item 10 – Lorna to find out about the roundabout tidy up Item 10 – await an answer regarding the Heiland Coo	SM/TC          DB  LC LC SM

	Item 11 – awaiting an answer regarding payment or non-payment by community groups and not for profit groups regarding the fee during the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Forres Community Council have placed an order for two lots of plants for the Queen’s Jubilee	LC
4. Treasurers Report	The Treasurer was not present.	
5. Correspondence	Secretary informed those present the following emails had been emailed out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• STP invite to CPG towns meeting</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Watch – amber weather warning</li> <li>• Quarriers information – unpaid carer update</li> <li>• HIE Greening Community Assets Fund</li> <li>• Invest in Communities Fund</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• STP – invite to CPG meeting</li> <li>• Vacancies at FACT</li> <li>• Forres – Child Poverty Consultation 3</li> <li>• Suicide Prevention Training</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• Covid booster and flu jabs – book online</li> <li>• Money 4 Moray</li> <li>• STP Fund Finder November 2021</li> <li>• Royal Voluntary Service</li> <li>• NHS Grampian Plan for the Future</li> <li>• Scotland Loves Local gift card</li> </ul> <p>Unsure if there were any shops in Forres taking the gift cards – unsure if there is an outlet in Forres.</p>	
6. FACT	Debbie Herron informed those present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing on Thursday from 2 – 4pm festive singing</li> <li>• Meet and eat on Wednesdays up to the 15<sup>th</sup> December then meet again after Christmas</li> <li>• Winter Wonderland – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 10am – 4pm</li> <li>• Wreath making on 10<sup>th</sup> December – booking required £12 to attend morning and afternoon sessions</li> <li>• Town Hall closes 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12pm and re-opens on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10am</li> <li>• Pop up pantry starting in the new year on Saturday mornings, aiming to reduce food waste, open to anyone and payment is £2 - £2.50, this will get £10-£15 worth of groceries possibly freeing up cash to spend in the High Street</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> December holding a network lunch 12 noon until 1pm, bring your own lunch</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 2022 – Spirit of Community event with a possible date of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022, meeting to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm to discuss in more detail. Aiming to invite Forres Community Council, FACT, other Community Councils and the Rotary – aim is to inform people of what has happened since the first Spirit of Community event held in 2014 and what is wanted in the future – hoping for this to be an information gathering event. Could consider a Resilience Plan for the area and possibly apply to SSE fund for items such as generators and emergency equipment, Debbie to forward on a Resilience Plan for Findhorn.</li> <li>Jubilee – hoping to hold an event in the park on 5<sup>th</sup> June, coincides with Voluntary Week 1 – 7 June</li> <li>Submitted an application to the European Social Fund through Moray Council for staff to do employability work with those people who are furthest from the work place</li> <li>FACT – 2 posts advertised and hoping to hold interviews next week</li> </ul>	DH
7. Planning for Real	With Sylvia Jamieson, ex MC went through the Planning for Real document with the Green Spaces Group to see what had been done, a few things were able to be ticked off the document.	
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.	
10. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TC – upcoming coffee mornings, 4<sup>th</sup> December Friends of Guiding and 11<sup>th</sup> December Film Forres</li> <li>DP – Film Forres is in the Spotlight magazine advertising all the adult and children’s film in the coming months. Last meeting of the year for the Community Council on 18<sup>th</sup> December, using Whatsapp to communicate. Moray Food Plus going to the Men’s Shed to make pies. Osprey Bus AGM will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>SM - Money for Moray extended the closing date deadline to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022</li> </ul>	
11. Councillors	No Councillors were available to attend.	
12. AOB	The AGM will take place on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022.	
13. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022, via Zoom	