



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2022

PRESENT

Sandra Maclennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Debbie Herron, (DH)	Martin Robertson, Moray Council (MR)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

APOLOGIES

David Edgar (DE)	Mike Scott (MS)
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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those present send their condolences to the family of John Channon, the Chair of Forres Pipe Band.	
2. Minutes from 5 th January 22	The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated, there were no amendments. The minutes were proposed by Lorna and seconded by David P.	
3. Matters arising	Item 3 – Event Charging Consultation – unanimously supported at Moray Council (MC) without the letter from Joanna Taylor having to be read out Item 3 - Martin to forward to Secretary reply from Dawn Brodie regarding Fiona Rolt Item 3 - Chair has not heard anything regarding the Heiland Coo Item 3 – Roundabouts - Lorna heard from Gary stating Bear are happy to work with community groups – Gary wrote an article and has given the Chair the name of a person to contact – Chair to follow up	MR SM

	<p>Item 3 - Bus timetables – Lorna followed up, Stagecoach met with Donald MacRae, Public Transport Unit, MC and there should be bus timetables put in place</p> <p>Item 3 - Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Lorna followed up and there should be no fee</p> <p>Item 3 – Resilience Planning - MC contacting Community and Joint Community Councils</p> <p>Item 3 - how do public get online – meetings are back face to face, Forres Community Council put out a link requesting people email for a link to join a meeting</p> <p>Item 10 - Scottish Water – meeting to be held on 24th February in the Tolbooth – no time yet – not a public meeting just for those affected by flash flooding</p> <p>Item 10 – Developer Contributions – where money to go has been decided and information was in the paper – £10k set aside for an outdoor gym with money to be spent by 2023</p> <p>Item 10 – can we get extra funding to add to the £50k which is going to Mannachie, misunderstood and a Mannachie meeting took place to decide on a consultant to do a plan and James said the money had to be spent before the end of the financial year. Dawn Brodie, MC to go back and find out if this is correct – Martin said it could be possible to do this work in stages</p> <p>Item 12 - council tax not been proposed yet</p>	DB
4. Treasurers Report	The bank account stands at £2,257.36. A copy of the accounts was given to Martin along with Moray Forum bank statements to pass on to Jane Martin, MC.	MR
5. Correspondence	<p>Secretary emailed out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • Forres Outdoor Gym Project • MFCU – apprentice job opportunity • Children’s Panel recruitment • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • Women’s Health Conference • STP Fund Finder – January • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • Events at St Leonard’s • STP e-Bulletin • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin 	
6. FACT	<p>Debbie informed those present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February newsletter has been emailed out • Coffee mornings commence again on 5th February, 1 vacant Saturday morning in February and also vacancies in July and August – contact the office for more information • Frances started in her role, she had a good meeting with Margaret Cowie, MC and was invited to apply to the lottery for funding 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be advertising shortly a job for the Employability Project through the European Social Fund – advert to go out soon with person in post in March • Meet and Eat is very popular, held on Wednesdays from 12 – 1.30pm and continuing to the end of March – open to anyone • Community meals start in February, 1 evening /month for 6 months from 4 – 6pm to reduce food waste and aimed at families • Spirit of Community 2022 (SoC) meeting held 31st January with the next on 22nd February at 6.30pm in the North Room of the Town Hall, confirmed a volunteer market place event on 2nd April, Ken McLennan to organise, 20 tables available and opportunities for posters and leaflets, to be held Saturday morning during the coffee morning. Evening event for the SoC, format to come and to be held from 6 – 9.30pm – information will feed into the Open Spaces Group, Leancoil Trust, FACT and Community Councils – aim to access schools and hold an event for the youth to engage with • Larder project delayed due to delivery of equipment and will run on Saturdays between 10am and 12pm during coffee mornings • Some staff are working from home and there is a limit on numbers in the office at any one time 	
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.	
10. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – FACT coffee morning to take place on 26th February • MR – new in post and still learning • DH – Forres Online is available for those needing help with IT and there are posters in the Town Hall regarding the activity projects • AS – glad to hear timetables are to be put up • LC – informed that there is no bus service up Forbeshill on Saturday, trying to launch the Osprey bus but have no lists of names. Informed that Dial-A-Bus works on Saturdays – unsure how to co-ordinate all the buses as a lot of people do not know about them • DP – Men’s Shed open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am to midday – hoping to hold another open day after Easter – track and trace in operation 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SM – FAF facilitated hustings for the last election could Forres Community Council hold them this time? Money for Moray - £50k to East and West, not enough applications received from the East – thought would do one for the whole of Moray or look at proportioning the number of applications, work in progress. Sign on lamp post near senior citizens flats that says there are new road signs on Grantown Road. Museum AGM to take place unsure of date. Town Centre Improvements Plan – Secretary to email out the link 	TC
11. Councillors	<p>Councillor Creswell informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on ending food banks to be in by 25th February and a response from the Fairer Moray Action Group – shared with Community Planning Partnership Sheltered housing – long process and with temporary housing may be able to stay there longer but has to be requested Fund raising that links in with the poverty agenda and met with the Rotary who are keen to help, they wanted to know if the Osprey Bus could be used – they have a coffee morning this Saturday and have been allocated money from the Auchernack Trust to hold afternoon teas and are asking for nominations Met with Moira Strathdee, MC Attended Kinloss Parent Council Keen before the end of April to show home made films – no cost attached if films are home made – work in progress 	
12. AOB	Nothing to report	
13. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd March 2022, 7pm in the North Room of the Town Hall.	