



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2022

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra Maclennan, Chair (SM)</b>	<b>David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)</b>
<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)</b>	<b>Emma Gordon, Moray Council (EG)</b>
<b>Debbie Herron, (DH)</b>	<b>Graham Murdoch (GM)</b>
<b>Kathleen Robertson (KR)</b>	<b>Martin Robertson, Moray Council (MR)</b>
<b>Mike Scott (MS)</b>	<b>Ben Stewart (BS)</b>
<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</b>	<b>Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)</b>

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Emma Gordon, Strategy Planning and Development Team, Moray Council.	
2. Emma Gordon – Forres High Street Regeneration Consultation	Emma informed those present of the proposal and objectives for the regeneration of Forres Town Centre. This has gone out to consultation, looking to increase the vibrancy and attract more people to the town centre. Emma referred to and went through the Forres Town Centre Improvement Plan and has already had 1:1 sessions with groups and welcomed the opportunity to walk round the town with groups if they contacted her, she is looking for feedback on the paper. Moray Council has no money but will try and put together funding applications to help groups be proactive when attempting to obtain funding. Emma went through each of the proposals and answered questions as they came up. She will come back to the group with answers to the following: where did money allocated to Forres for the Town Centre Regeneration Fund end up – has the money been lost/drawn down and did Reni Milburn get anywhere with the drawings;	

	<p>transportation queries regarding supporting businesses – removing HGV's from using the High Street.                  Emma will respond to the notes she has taken from this group and she will send a link so responses can be read.                  The consultation ends in the middle of March.</p>	
3. Minutes from 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 22	<p>The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated, there were no amendments. The minutes were proposed by David and seconded by Angela.</p>	
4. Matters arising	<p>Item 3 – Martin to forward to the Secretary the reply from Dawn Brodie regarding Fiona Rolt                  Item 3 – Roundabouts – Chair to follow up                  Item 3 – Chair spoke to Lorna Cameron, CSU who deals with playparks (Forres, Mannachie are receiving £50k through Participatory Budgeting) and Chair has a name for a lady in Rothes who managed to treble the amount of money received and hope to do the same in Forres, Martin has said he will help with this                  Item 4 – bank statements have been passed on                  Item 10 – Hustings – Chair is waiting to see who is standing and will then contact those willing to stand, would it be possible to hold a young people event, Ben to see if anyone is interested                  Item 10 – Town Centre link emailed out</p>	<p>MR                  SM</p> <p>SM/MR</p> <p>SM</p> <p>BS</p>
5. Treasurers Report	<p>The Treasurer was not available.</p>	
6. Correspondence	<p>Secretary emailed out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Town Centre Improvement Plans</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Watch – National Litter and Flytipping Consultation</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• tsiMORAY – free Cyber training</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Watch - Highway Code changes</li> <li>• Amber weather warning</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• STP – bulletin</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• STP – bulletin</li> <li>• STP Funding Finder – February 2022</li> <li>• Forres Queen's Platinum Jubilee</li> <li>• Moray Transport Forum Relaunch</li> <li>• tsiMORAY e-Bulletin</li> <li>• STP – bulletin</li> </ul> <p>David stated Join the Dots online would take place in March 22. Transport Forum relaunch in Buckie, Dial M contacted for transport and could take the Osprey bus if there were older people wanting transportation, Angela to attend with Sandra driving.                  Lorna to ask Martin how to find out if people wanting to go – FACT will ask on their website and share the information and put in touch with the Chair.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>DH</p>

7. FACT	There will be a report next month.	
8. Spirit of Community 2022	Meeting took place to look at the format of the evening, tea and coffee, welcome, short presentation about what has been achieved since 2014, discussion groups with 4 themes, questions to be asked with 2 group choices, summary then close and networking. Information gathered into a report, hope to engage with young people on specific work which will feed into a report. Have to recognise how much has been achieved.	
9. Moray Towns Partnership	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting.	
10. Moray Area Forum	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting.	
11. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MS – Highland Games going ahead on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and working on the lease of the shed, Lorna to look into this</li> <li>• DH – Town Hall is busy, lots of activities, coffee mornings coming up. Forres On-line is doing a few outreach visits in the area</li> <li>• KR – has taken on the role as Acting Chair of Forres Pipe Band who are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March and another on 30<sup>th</sup> April in collaboration with the Twinning Association. Pipe Band are starting public performances. Forres Community Council called a meeting on Wednesday night for a Jubilee meeting to try and bring all the groups together, outline is 2<sup>nd</sup> June ceremony start at 9.30pm together with choir from St Johns with St Lawrence church campanologists to ring the bells at 9.45pm and green beacon light up and there will be a fire beacon lit on Findhorn pier. Toun Mercat on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June with the Forres Business Association arranging for the shop fronts to be decorated in something royal, there will be an event in the park on Sunday together with a tree planting ceremony. Waiting to find out if there has been any funding from Berryburn regarding the outdoor gym, if successful MC has promised that if managed to get over 50% of funding they will do the tendering and procurement. Forres Pipe Band will start undertaking events in the sunken garden and elsewhere around Forres and looking to put in a commemorative bench for John Channon in the sunken garden, choice of bench to be directed by Moray Council. Chair and Kathleen to liaise</li> <li>• AS – pleased to hear about the Transport Forum relaunch and no bus timetables up in bus stops yet, Lorna to follow up</li> <li>• DP – new houses on Grant Road, temporary 30mph zone – if street lighting up then does this area have</li> </ul>	<p>LC</p> <p>SM/KR</p> <p>LC</p>

	<p>to be a permanent 30mph zone, Lorna to follow up. Men's Shed received £200 cheque from Asda from the green 'buttons'. Money received from Police Scotland for community use for older people and planning an open day during Easter to recruit more members, Dial-A-Ride can be used to book transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TC – St John's coffee morning to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• SM – 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Money for Moray, an event at Lhanbryde from 1-3pm all those who applied can attend and run a stall, can vote in person on the day and then online afterwards for groups who they feel deserve the money, must vote for 10 groups</li> </ul>	LC
12. Councillors	<p>Councillor Creswell informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer's fair information in the paper</li> <li>• Busy and winding up queries asked of her</li> </ul>	
13. AOB	<p>Film Forres were busy with films being shown on Friday and Saturday nights and keen to be involved in the Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>Dandelion Project – Kresanna Aigner has funding, looking to plant down lanes and harvest in September, meeting at Transition Town Forres on Tuesday from 5.30 – 7pm. Chair to invite Kresanna to come to speak at a FAF meeting.</p>	SM
14. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 7pm in the North Room of the Town Hall.</p>	