



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2022

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Councillor Scott Lawrence (SL)	Councillor Paul McBain (PM)
Councillor Draeyk Van Der Horn (DVH)	Lorna Creswell (LC)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Minutes from 4 th May 2022	The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated, there were no amendments. The minutes were proposed by Martin and seconded by Sandra.	
3. Matters arising	Item 4 – roundabouts, waiting for new the Councillors Item 4 – Martin tried to get a copy of the presentation and unable to at present, he will continue to persevere Item 4 – invite not extended to Kresanna re Dandelion Project Item 8 – Spirit of Community no stall booked at the Toun Mercat as it was thought it would not be the right format for engagement Item 9 – MTP – Conservative led Council and agreed to take back to them when they have settled in, SNP said that if they led the Council they would reinstate it	SM MR SM

	<p>Item 10 – Area Forums, heard nothing more about starting up the Forums again</p> <p>Item 11 – 314 circular bus route, not heard anything – to be discussed at the next meeting</p> <p>Item 11 – Planning for Real map - tried to find a place for it but past its best and agreed to reuse it by recycling it (made from insulation material)</p> <p>Item 13 – Mannachie Park engagement – Martin informed those present the survey has closed and collating 130 responses. There will be a further focus group and looking at funding. Working on the project and will present results, all funding dependent – wait until a group has formed and Martin to finalise details next week. Green Spaces Group asked for a plan as lots to fit in the park. Martin feedback information to the team who commissioned the plan and they will look again at the plan, £50k capital funding for the playpark any other money to be raised will be undertaken by a community group, no earmarked funding for any other thing than the play park</p> <p>Skate Park public consultation upcoming, group would like the skate park to be sited in Grant Park.</p> <p>Martin will do a roundup report for the next meeting on what he has been up to.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>4. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>The current account stands at £2,826.63.</p>	
<p>5. Correspondence</p>	<p>Secretary emailed out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FACT summer and autumn activities programme • STP – Cross Party Group on towns and town centres • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • STP Bulletin • SFRS – Scottish Fire and Rescue draft Strategic Plan 2022 - 2025 • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • STP Funding Finder – May 2022 • STP Bulletin • FACT – new Finance and Admin Post information • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin 	
<p>6. FACT</p>	<p>Debbie updated the meeting as follows:</p> <p>Toun Mercat has around 60 stalls booked for Friday 3rd June, the Community Centre and Town Hall toilets will be open. The Pipe Band and Wave Radio will be in attendance and some of the shops will be open, last meeting takes place on 2nd June.</p> <p>Activities Programme is nearly full with bookings – book via email at info@forresarea.org or ring the office.</p> <p>Some spare dates for coffee mornings in July and August, contact the office if interested in holding a coffee morning.</p> <p>Two jobs on offer, full time Operations and Finance Manager post and a part time cleaner.</p>	

	Town Hall project – getting together information for a building warrant which has to be submitted by the end of June – currently writing funding applications for capital money grants. Still busy and Cameron Project is getting busier.	
7. Spirit of Community 2022	Spirit of Community event – over 100 respondents to the survey monkey and continue to push as it is open until 7 th June and once information in able to write a report. There will be a follow up meeting once all information has been collated from the surveys. Forres Academy pupils have received the survey and will need to set up a focus group. Martin agreed to contact Gary Simpson on Debbie’s behalf.	MR
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 – coffee mornings coming up, Moray Firth Credit Union on 18th June and Friends of Guiding on 25th June • DP – training at Making Every Opportunity Count workshop, attended on 18th May and run through Public Health online via Microsoft Teams. Men’s Shed have applied to the National Lottery for a defibrillator – will hear in August if they have received funding. Film Forres – lots of films adult and children’s due to be screened during June, took the Film Forres equipment to Rafford Hall, also screened a film for the Brownies and Rainbows from the local area in the Town Hall • MS – asking for help from FACT volunteers with teas at the Highland Games, Mike to speak with Debbie. Awaiting legal input from Alex Burrell, Moray Council, Martin to follow up • DH – Pantry pilot project being run on Saturday mornings in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall in partnership with Moray Food Plus - 104 members attracting roughly 40 people per week • MR – will keep the group updated every 6 – 8 weeks with regard to Council projects he is aware of and if any groups require help with anything Council based get in touch with Martin. Martin to email information regarding the Learning Estate paper to the Secretary for onward transmission to the FAF membership • SM – Money for Moray presentation went well with 10 out of 12 Forres based groups successful in gaining funding. Jubilee fancy dress competition for children, concerned there may not be enough competitors. Skate Park consultation in the Community Centre on 8th June from 5 – 7pm for 	MS MR MR

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	stakeholders and on 15 th June from 4 – 8pm for the public. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DP – Forres Community Council are looking for a new Chair voting takes place later this month	
11. Councillors	No Councillors were present.	
12. AOB	It was agreed there would be no meeting in July, Tina to cancel the room hire for July. Unsure if Auchernack had been sold. Money for Moray have been invited to apply for the next round of funding and invited to be a case study for Participatory Budgeting.	TC
13. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 3 rd August 2022, 7pm in the North Room of the Town Hall.	