



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT

Sandra Maclennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
Martin Robertson, Moray Council (MR)	Andy Hall (AH), Moray Council
Jane Martin (JM), Moray Council	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Draeyk Van Der Horn (DVH)	Councillor Kathleen Robertson (KR)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	Debbie Herron (DH)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Andy Hall, Project Manager, Learning Estate, and Jane Martin, Community Support Officer, Learning Estate.	
2. Presentation from Jane Martin – Learning Estate	<p>Jane presented an overview of the Learning Estate for Moray, the Moray Learning Estate Strategy document had been updated and approved at full Council last week. Currently schools are being surveyed and looking to complete this in February 2024. The strategy follows on from the document, Developing a Strategic Approach to the Learning Estate and sets out how Moray Council will work over the next 10 years to optimise its investment of resources in its Learning Estate. Looking to go back out to communities in February/March 2023 to present financial and educational benefits data and looking to engage with the Forres community.</p> <p>More information can be found on the following link: Moray Learning Estate Strategy - Moray Council Members of the public can have their say at: learningestate@moray.gov.uk</p>	

3. Minutes from 7 th September 2022	The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated, due to the low turnout actions will be taken forward and reviewed at the meeting on 2 nd November.	
4. Matters arising	Item 3 – roundabouts – Martin awaits a response as to who took them over Item 8 – MTP – Councillor Scott Lawrence to report to the group Item 10 – Forres in Bloom judging – postponed to the end of October, results via Zoom	MR SL
5. Treasurers Report	No report available.	
6. Correspondence	Secretary emailed out the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just Giving Participatory Fund – launch postponement • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • STP e-bulletin 	
7. FACT	Tina updated those present on the following: Various funding applications being made on behalf of FACT for the Town Hall. David Hammond appointed as Operations and Finance Manager, Michelle Gillibrand appointed on the Employability Project and Lorretta Oliphant appointed as the Finance and Data Officer. FACT AGM takes place on Friday 11 th November at 6.30pm.	
8. Spirit of Community 2022	Martin updated those present, he has spoken to Forres Academy and also Ben Stewart who is keen to undertake work with senior pupils, the school is busy and Martin has asked for meeting dates in November to meet with S1-4 guidance classes and to arrange drop ins for S5-6 pupils, may need facilitators and Martin is waiting to see what numbers are like. Aiming for the end of the year for the Spirit of Community Locality Plan. Martin to update the group at the next meeting.	MR
9. Moray Towns Partnership	Nothing to report.	
10. Moray Area Forum	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting. Treasurer has a bank statement which has £1,299.40 in the MAF account with another £250 added which was received in April, the statement has not changed from the previous month.	
11. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR – Practitioner Conversation Café – recognising that Forres is dealing with more significant levels of child poverty. The aim is to bring people together, peer support, to identify what groups could potentially partner up on. Taking place on 19th October from 10am to 12 midday – have to sign up 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SM – OAP’s coffee morning on 22nd October, St John’s Church on 5th November and Forres in Bloom on 26th November 	
12. Councillors	There were no Councillors present.	
13. AOB	<p>The Transport Forum has a relaunch date of Wednesday 19th October, at Urquhart Hall from 10am to 12 midday, Chair, Vice Chair and FAF member would like to attend. Martin to share FAF email address regarding sharing of transportation.</p> <p>Martin shared, Mannachie Groups met 22nd September to unveil the first draft of the plan, comments taken and will go back for redevelopment and probably hold a public exhibition where plans will be on display, then hold an event. There is no capital funding for anything other than the playpark, the steering group is to be led by FAF – Martin has a list of those interested in taking this forward. Participatory Budget initiative £5,894 – criteria to be developed and use Developer Obligations, would like to come along and work in partnership with FAF. Martin to invite them to a meeting – thought the maximum amount to ask for would be £1k and this would help 5 groups.</p> <p>Moray Council Draft Corporate Plan Rescheduled Engagement Session - Wednesday 16th November, Elgin Town Hall from 6.30pm (session begins at 7pm) – maximum of 3 per group to attend – Chair will attend.</p> <p>Just Transition Capital Fund – relaunched on 29th or 30th October at 6pm online – available on the tsiMORAY or Money for Moray websites. Money has to be spent by 30th March 2023 – looking for events that are going ahead and hoping to attend events Moray wide. This is Scottish Government money and will be a 10 year project. Chair to report back to FAF.</p> <p>Scotland’s Towns Partnership invoice to be paid by FAF.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>SM</p> <p>SM TC</p>
14. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd November 2022, 7pm in the North Room of the Town Hall.	