



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY 2023

PRESENT

Sandra Maclennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
Lorretta Oliphant (LO)	Gordon Ruddiman (GR)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were received from Michelle Gillibrand (MG) and Mike Scott (MS).	
2. Minutes from 7 th June 2023	The minutes from 7 th June 2023 had been circulated, there were no amendments. The minutes were proposed by David and seconded by Angela.	
3. Matters arising	<p>Item 3 – Chair spoke to Grant Speed, Moray Council (MC) and Forres Community Council, Grant will meet with Chair tomorrow to see where the trees had been cut down, Chair to report back</p> <p>Item 5 – Secretary has on behalf of FAF joined the Forres Area Business Association – awaiting any feedback</p> <p>Item 7 – Martin Robertson action point – no feedback</p> <p>Item 8 - Directory launch – Michelle informed the group the launch was to happen in June</p> <p>Item 15 – there is no problem in using the lift in the Community Centre</p> <p>Item 15 – Auchernack – the grass has been cut, Chair to speak with Grant Speed regarding ongoing cutting of the grass whilst a sale is sought for the building</p> <p>Item 15 – Jo Lenihan, Forres Community Council (FCC)</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>TC</p> <p>SM</p>

	<p>emailed as Councillor Paul McBain had been in touch with Amey – it is a new contract and Amey’s new Manager will be in touch with regard to what Forres residents want, through the FCC</p> <p>Item 17 – Nick Clark spoke to Turning Point Church regarding room bookings for Wednesdays</p>	
4. Treasurers Report	There was no Treasurer update.	
5. Correspondence	<p>Secretary emailed out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tsiMORAY e-Bulletins x 4 • STP Funding Finder June 2023 • Consultation on Licensing Board draft Statement of Policy • Climate Action Workshop • Osprey Bus users update • Scotland Loves Local Campaign update • Scotland Loves Local awards • Scottish Rural Network newsletter • FCC agenda and papers • Funding Scotland updates 	
6. FACT	<p>Michelle updated all, via an email, on the following:</p> <p>The Service Directory was launched on 26th June with a nice write up in the Forres Gazette. The directory will be digitally updated quarterly and currently information is being collected on groups and services that are currently not i.e. Youth Groups.</p> <p>The Spirit of Community publication - still waiting for a launch date but will probably be later on in August after the school summer holidays.</p> <p>Rekha Kalia will be taking over from Frances Anderson as the Befriender Co-ordinator (Cameron Project). Official start date 10th July.</p> <p>Funding application went away on the day it was due.</p> <p>Helen Janousek has joined the staff and will be the Finance and Data Officer.</p>	
7. Town Centre Improvement Plans	Awaiting a new person to be appointed and Gordon to follow up.	GR
8. Spirit of Community 2022	Draft paper copies of plan received by those present, re-named Forres ASG Community Plan 2023, those present agreed to take the report away to read. Following discussions about the draft the Chair, Gordon and Secretary are to meet with Michelle on Tuesday 11 th July at 10am to discuss amendments. Secretary to contact Michelle regarding the	

	meeting and booking a room in the Town Hall.	TC
9. Mannachie Park	Due to school holidays the public vote will take place after the holidays. The group were not successful with the Berry Burn funding, but will be applying again.	
10. Developer Contributions to Forres ASG	Not enough applications were received so the Elected Members agreed to distribute the money requested to the 3 groups who applied – there is a surplus left over although the Chair was unsure what will happen to this money. Unable to distribute this money via the participatory budgeting scheme. Chair to complete feedback form on this process.	SM SM
11. Money for Moray	Meeting in the Forres Community Centre on Wednesday 12 th July from 3pm to 8pm.	
12. Moray Towns Partnership	In abeyance.	
13. Moray Forum	Meeting with Dawn Brodie, MC, Martin Robertson, ex MC, the Buckie Forum and FAF. Milnes and Speyside are trying to regenerate their forums. The group have written a new constitution, Chair to contact Dawn for the final copy. The Forums were asked to revise their own constitutions so they were all aligned, i.e. AGM dates to be the same. Martin had prepared a paper on how to move forward including some development ideas, to be read through and discussed at the next meeting. Dawn Brodie and Tracy, MC, to support.	SM All
14. Transport Forum	The next couple of meetings will take place in Elgin Community Centre, the Ash Room on the following dates: Tuesday 11th July, Tuesday 29th August, Tuesday 10th October and Tuesday 21st November from 6pm to 8pm Gordon to contact Dawn to see if the Community Support Unit will continue to help with this group.	GR
15. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – 8th July Forres Highland Games, FACT are running a pop up coffee morning in the Town Hall on 15th July • DP – Men’s Shed is going well – no stall at the Highland Games due to lack of volunteers. BBC shed programme, dropped out as it looks like individuals not groups is what is being looked for, making items for a local school – mud kitchen. FCC involved with Scottish Water as they had a contractor going round the Tolbooth sorting out the drains, there is a problem with the pipe work and have to involve SEPA. Lost their young member from Forres Academy and hope to recruit another. FCC’s next meeting will take place at the Community Centre • AS – informed all there is the possibility that the Skate 	

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	<p>Park is going to be in Grant Park, there is a deadline date of 16th July for feedback – Grant Park is a trust and not Common Good land, for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) if two parties are in agreement then does not have to go out to consultation – meeting on 29th August papers are not yet online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SM – man seen measuring for a cycle track in Grant Park to go inside the railing – Gordon to find out if Sustrans needs planning permission for the track	GR
16. Councillors	No Councillors were present.	
17. AOB	Nothing to report.	
18. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 th September 2023, 7pm, North Room of the Town Hall.	