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## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

### PRESENT

Ann Rossiter, Chair (AR)	Lindsey Standring, Vice Chair (LS)
Loretta Oliphant, Treasurer (LO)	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> Chair welcomed those attending and apologies were received from Ray MacDonald (RM), Sandra MacLennan (SM), Mike Scott (MS) and Angela Sutherland (AS).	
2.	<b>Minute of meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025:</b> The minutes from this meeting had been circulated, there were no amendments. The minutes were proposed by Loretta and seconded by Lindsey.	
3.	<b>Matters arising:</b> No matters arising.	
4.	<b>Treasurer's report:</b> Currently have a balance of £2,074.25 which includes £900 ringfenced with 1 payment this period, £50 secretary duties.	
5.	<b>Correspondence:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fraud and Scams Event</li> <li>• STP Newsletters x 3</li> <li>• Christmas Services</li> <li>• TTF EGM on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</li> <li>• STP Funding Finder December 2025</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Mount Dora Twinning Association – update from Andy Hall</b> no recent communications since last meeting, however Chair will be speaking to Andy Hall in the coming weeks.	AR
7.	<b>FACT:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gerry Fraser has stepped down from the Board</li> <li>• FACT coffee morning is on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in the Town Hall</li> <li>• Chair attended the AGM</li> <li>• 7 Board members remaining – looking for more Board members with specific skill sets covering strategy and finance</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme:</b>	

	No recent communication/update although there will be a meeting for those already engaged to look at restructuring.	
9.	<b>Forres Connected Culture and Heritage:</b> No progress at this stage.	
10.	<b>Spirit of Community (SoC) 2022/3 &amp; Local Place Plan (LPP):</b> We need to plan for the group meeting, identify dates, individual representation from the groups who would be operating to improve on the identified themes recorded for action. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Environment</li> <li>• Transport, Traffic and Access</li> <li>• Leisure, Tourism and Heritage</li> <li>• Facilities and Services</li> <li>• Cost of Living</li> <li>• Young People</li> </ul> Will aim to hold 2 sessions splitting the 4 themes over the session, to be carried forward to the next meeting.	
11.	<b>Moray Forum:</b> No date or communication received.	
12.	<b>Transport Forum:</b> No communications received and no date has been arranged for a future meeting.	
13.	<b>Forres User Group Meeting 1:</b> Chair has received no communication on the update for the next meeting.	
14.	<b>System Based Approach to Physical Activity and Health (to be re-named Active Moray Strategy and Plan):</b> Change of launch date, now to be in March but no finer details. Chair is hoping that one of the Forres Groups will feature in one of the short videos that is hoped to assist with the promotion of the Strategy.	
15.	<b>Round the Table:</b> <b>FAF Coffee Morning – Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b> Town Hall has been booked from 8.30am – 12.15pm. It would be appreciated if all volunteers could confirm attendance to Tina and be in attendance from 8.30am to help set up etc. We need minimum 8 people. AR, TC, LS, LO have already confirmed attendance. LS to contact volunteers. We are still looking for raffle prizes and will require raffle books, Tina will purchase from Amazon – all donations gratefully appreciated. Loretta has a float prepared. Tea, Coffee, Milk, Fruit Loaf and Biscuits – Tina will deal with this. Tea towels, wash up etc. Entry will be £3.50  <b>Auchernack Application</b> No word yet on whether the application for grant funding has been successful. We have been made aware that the Trustees were not able to meet end of November to consider submitted applications. Chair has emailed to establish timeline for this.	LS TC LO TC TC  AR

	<p><b>FAF – Frauds and Scam Presentation</b></p> <p><b>TOPIC – FRAUDS AND SCAMS</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026</b>  <b>FORRES TOWN HALL – NORTH ROOM</b>  <b>7.00pm – 8.00pm</b></p> <p>A focus on Frauds and Scams and how to keep safe online when using social media and online shopping.</p> <p>The deliverer – Richard Russell from Police Scotland will speak about current trends being reported to Police in Moray.</p> <p>Refreshments will be served</p> <p>ALL WELCOME</p> <p><b>FORRES AREA FORUM</b>  <b>SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY</b></p> 	<p>Poster promoting Frauds and Scam presentation on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 has been shared with various groups and distributed to FAF mailing list. Please share with others in the Community to help promote</p> <p>event. We are serving refreshments at this event, Chair will see to the tea/coffee, milk, packet biscuits, disposable cups</p> <p>LO – change of signatories on the bank account is ongoing, will take a career break for 6 months from March to September 2026 and will continue to carry out Treasurer duties but may not be able to attend all meetings</p> <p>LS – Facebook page has been set up, still to be populated</p>	
16.	Councillors No Councillors attended.		
17.	AOB Discussion around holding the first FAF meeting of the year in the second week of January. Forres Community Sports Hub meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in the Garden Room at Forres Community Centre, Andy Hall will be present at the Q&A session regarding the Forres Academy update.		
18.	Date of next meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026, venue North Room, Forres Town Hall		

Meeting dates in 2026: 4<sup>th</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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