



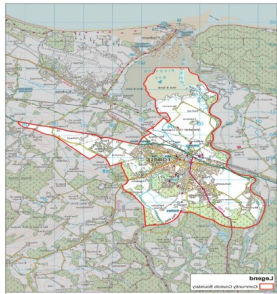
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MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2026

PRESENT

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

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

	<h2>FAF – Frauds and Scam Presentation</h2> <div> <div> <p>TOPIC – FRAUDS AND SCAMS WEDNESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY 2026 FORRES TOWN HALL – NORTH ROOM 7.00pm – 8.00pm</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>FORRES AREA FORUM SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY</p> </div>  </div> <p>Poster promoting Frauds and Scam presentation on the 4th February 2026 has been shared with various groups and distributed to FAF mailing list. Please share with others in the Community to help promote 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.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Discussion around holding the first FAF meeting of the year in the second week of January.</p> <p>Forres Community Sports Hub meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th 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.</p>	
18.	Date of next meeting 4 th February 2026, venue North Room, Forres Town Hall	

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

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