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MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2026

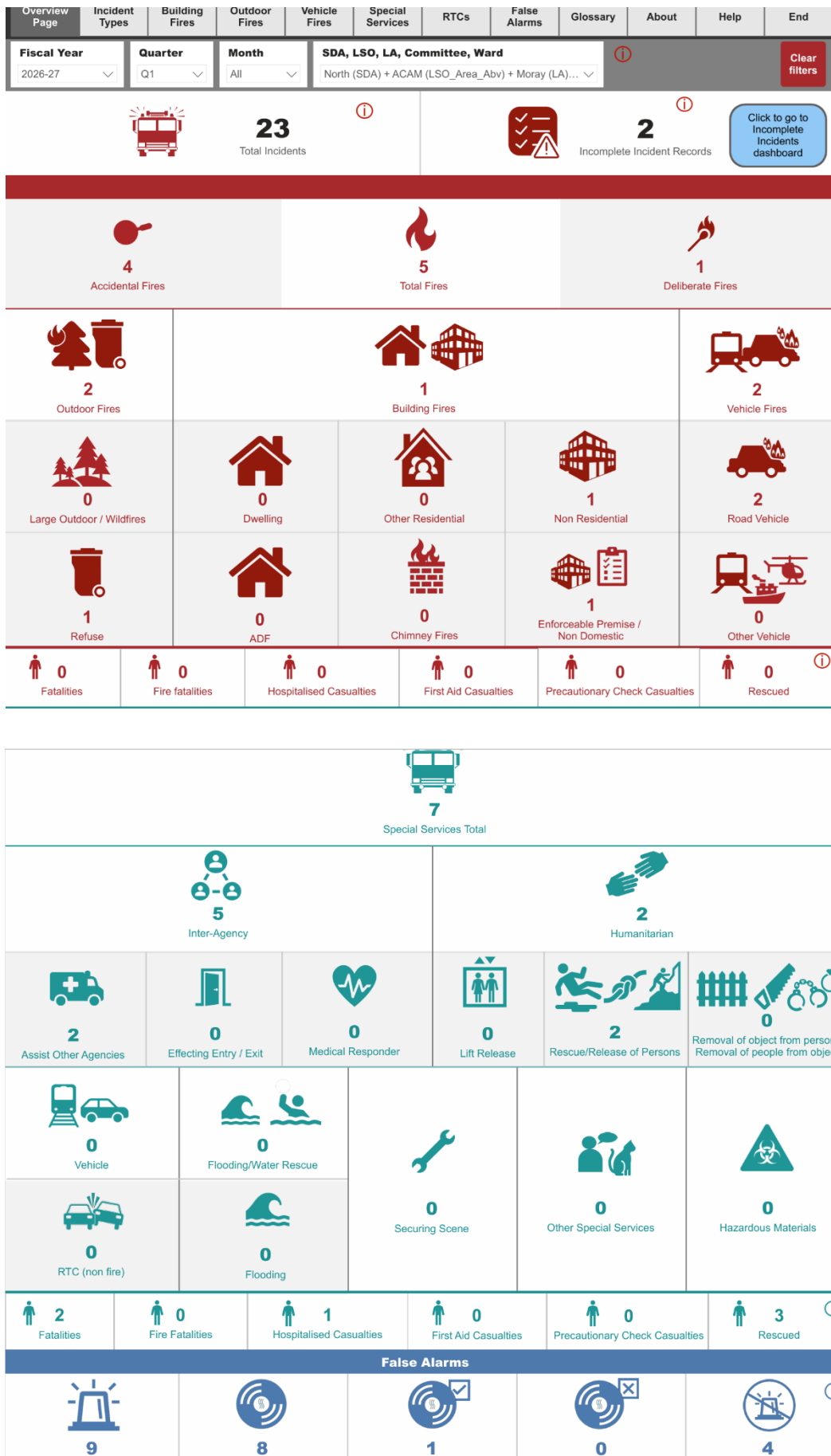
Anne Rossiter, Chair (AR)	Lorretta Oliphant, Treasurer (LO)
Councillor Paul McBain (PM)	Tina Coffey, Secretary (TC)

1.	Welcome and Apologies: Chair welcomed those present and apologies were received from Councillor Kathleen Robertson (KR), Sandra MacLennan (SM) and Lindsey Standing (LS). The meeting was not quorate.	
2.	Minute of meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2026: The minutes from this meeting had been circulated.	
3.	Matters arising: There were no matters arising.	
4.	Treasurer's report: Current account balance is £2,103.17, made up of £900 ringfenced monies and £750 of Auchernack Trust Grant money and the available balance is £453.17. Coffee morning raised £815.50 from which the following was deducted: £70 float, £135 room hire, £10 raffle prize and £17.60 for refreshments leaving a clear total of £582.90. Treasurer would like to thank Balfour Beattie for their 3 x £5 Co-op vouchers and an orchid (total cost £27). Thanks to Chair, Secretary, Vice-Chair and Mike Scott for their raffle donations. Treasurer donated the milk and home grown produce was donated by the Vice Chair. The signatories have been changed. Treasurer is working to close the Co-op bank account. Treasurer has prepaid the upcoming 2027 coffee mornings at a reduced rate.	
5.	Correspondence • Spirit of Community – Review Sheets • STP – x 2 newsletters • STP Funding Finder July 2026 • FAF Coffee Morning Reminder • FABA – invitation • STP – Local Awards • Quarriers Unpaid Carer Report • New Build Forres Academy Schedule	

	It was noted that thanks had been received for the Forres Academy reports, the Chair will be attending the next Balfour Beattie meeting on 16 th September and can take questions to it. The report provided excellent information with regard to the build and schedule for the new academy.	
6.	FACT update: Jen Hayward has been employed as the Over 60's coordinator and starts on 1 st September.	
7.	Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme: The last meeting provided an opportunity for Icecream Architects to deliver a presentation on the work completed for the developments that will be taking place on the High Street. A professionally produced (LDN) ring binded book was given to those in attendance, this is also available electronically. Opportunity to provide additional feedback was also given. Those present were informed of the list of buildings put forward 10 were shop fronts and 4 buildings.	
8.	Spirit of Community 2022/3 & Local Place Plan: The review was circulated. This will continue to be updated meeting the review process first agreed when completing the Spirit of Community Consultation. We do recognise that there are gaps which we need to fill by approaching those who are driving these projects/initiatives forward. There is also a need to include an additional section that includes New Projects that have been identified and work is progressing e.g. Bank Lane residential development, Ashers Garden area development. Any new developments please let us know for inclusion in the new section.	AR SM TC
9.	Moray Forum: Date of Next Meeting – unknown.	
10.	Transport Forum: No updates received despite emailing Secretary of the TF Group. Councillor McBain stated TF was stopped unsure why, thought there was no requirement/need for a group. £2 bus fare discussed, unsure if this one price will increase bus journeys, no subsidies to any bus companies from Moray Council. 314 bus consultation – meeting to be held about the future of the service.	
11.	Forres Leisure User Group Meeting: No update from last meeting – next meeting of this group is planned for Monday, 26 th October 2026 – 6.00pm – 7.00pm FHCC Green Room Agenda items include • Report back on previous group activities • Facility Action List Update • Sport and Leisure Service Update	AR Attending
12.	Active Moray Strategy and Plan: Good progress is being made, working closely with sportScotland and other major stakeholders. It has been recognised by sportScotland that Moray seems to be leading/driving this forward across Scotland. SportScotland recognises that a huge amount of funding is required to just maintain facilities across Scotland circa £15.6 billion, not for improvement or further development. We have requested a breakdown of this for Moray and even for ASG's. LPP's and other consultations may well be able to support some of this work to build up the data base to support SportScotland. There will be another opportunity for sports clubs to apply for Summer of Sport Funding to use the remaining balance.	

	Other streams of funding will also be coming into Moray for specific delivery and groups will be approached/invited to engage. The Lead person for this has still be selected for the position.	
13.	Moray Healthy Weights Systems Network: No further update, lead for this is moving onto a new job but will still be engaging in the discussion through this new position. The next meeting planned for Thursday, 1 st October 10.00am – 11.30am. It will be an online meeting, focussing on the launch of the refreshed <i>Worrying about Money?</i> Leaflet and associated training. This flows into the Challenge Poverty Week which take place the following week.	AR attending
14.	Forres Events – Friends of Grant Park: To Committee and went through and agreed the process can begin at the first stage.	
15.	Forres Area Forum – Support Sessions to the over 60's: AR has arranged for FAF to deliver a session for the Over 60's on Wednesday, 14 th October 2026. 1.00pm – 4.00pm – Venue to be confirmed by the OAP Group as they are considering moving due to increase in charges. FAF will pay for the hire of the LET regardless of venue. We will also provide the refreshments for the group. These expenses will come out of the Auchernack Grant that we were awarded. It was best to 'piggy back' onto the OAP groups usual meeting time as this was the target focus group. We would also promote it to others in the Community of this age. Hopefully this will also encourage others to attend the OAP group and increase numbers to help create sustainability. David Parker the Chair of the OAP group was in agreement with this. The afternoon session fits into the usual working day of the deliverers and also better suited for this age group. The focus of the afternoon will be : • Benefits – information giving, help and advice along with support given. • Possible savings on heating, council tax etc, support and guidance given. • Quarriers – (Waiting for confirmation but keen) – Explanation of what a carer is, what may be accessed to support the role. Leaflets, support and guidance given.	AR
16.	Round the Table: TC – Over 30's Hoolie at FACT in the Town Hall from 5pm to 9pm, ticketed event AR – Doors Open Day event at St Laurence Forres from 10am to 4pm on 5 th September. Musical interludes with Shaun Brown on the Organ and representatives from Forres Pipe Band playing. Teas/Coffees and homebakes available. Free entry but donations welcomed. On 6 th September - St Laurence Trust first tea, cakes and music event which will be repeated using the the first Sunday of every month, full calendar of events happening in St Laurence by the Trust emailed out to the membership	
17.	Councillors Update: Councillor McBain updated all those present as each section was discussed.	
18.	AOB: No other business discussed.	

19. Fire Safety Report:



20.	Date of next meeting 7 th October 2026 at 7pm includes AGM, venue North Room, Forres Town Hall	
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Meeting dates in 2026: 4th November and 2nd December

Meeting dates in 2027: 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December

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