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MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2026

PRESENT:

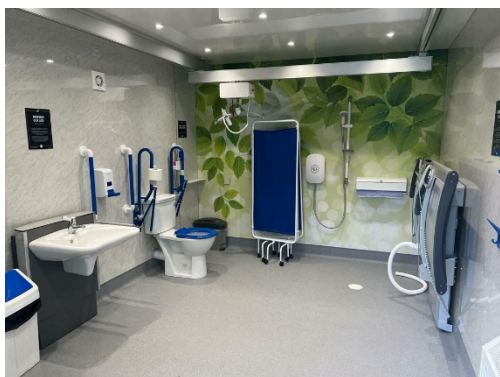
Ann Rossiter, Chair (AR)	Lindsey Standing, Vice Chair (LS)
Sandra Maclennan (SM)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

1.	Welcome and Apologies: Chair welcomed those attending and apologies were received from Ray McDonald (RM), Loretta Oliphant (LO) and Mike Scott (MS).	
2.	Minute of meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2026: The minutes from this meeting had been circulated, there were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by Lindsey and seconded by Angela.	
3.	Matters arising: Forres Connected Culture and Heritage: Feedback from Lindsey, nobody contacted Chair of this group, there have been no further meetings and suggested that any queries regarding the FCCH are directed to Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme, Chair proposed and all agreed this item to be removed from the agenda going forward.	TC
4.	Treasurer's report: Current balance £2,957.96 which includes £900 ringfenced money together with £750 Auchernack Trust grant money which leaves £1,307.96 available in the account.	
5.	Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STP Newsletter x 2 • FC&HS Public Realm Consultation • Cake and Prosecco 'Rays the Roof' Crowd Funding Event • STP Funding Finder March 2026 • Rotary District 1010 Service Newsletter • Funding Finder April 2026 	
6.	Mount Dora Twinning Association:	

	No recent communications, Chair proposed and all agreed to remove from the agenda.	TC
7.	<p>FACT- update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Members on the Board • Meet the Board event at the TH on 9th May at midday • 30th May – Clean the Town Hall event • Board engaging with DTAS and tsiMORAY • Possible Treasurer has indicated their interest • New Operations Lead person employed 	
8.	<p>Forres Conservation and Heritage Scheme: Chair and Sandra attended the meeting on 17th March at 10am. Induction on grant funding bids appraisals in preparation for the High Street applications. Email received and shared – see below. Further to the public consultation event held at the Tolbooth in March, we are now providing further opportunities to submit feedback in relation to the public realm spaces.</p> <p>Public Realm Consultation</p> <p>This next phase of the consultation is now live from today, Monday 20th April for a period of two weeks, closing on Monday 4th May, this date has been extended to Sunday 17th May.</p> <p>There is an option to submit feedback online via Moray Engage, please find below link to access:</p> <p>Forres Conservation & Heritage Scheme: Public Realm Community Feedback Moray Engage</p> <p>Presentation boards of the four public realm spaces will also be on display at the library with the opportunity to submit written feedback through a comments box.</p> <p>This information will be promoted via press release, social media and on the Moray's Great Places website. As always, we value your input and we would greatly appreciate it if you could share this within your networks to allow widespread engagement.</p> <p>Many Thanks, Keava Fraser Project Officer Economy & Enterprise</p>	
9.	<p>Spirit of Community (SoC) 2022/3 & Local Place Plan (LPP): Two meetings have taken place with information from the Theme evenings has been collated and populated into the document. LC, TC and AR worked on this task. One area still to be checked with LC but as soon as this is done the document can be shared across different platforms.</p> <p>Next steps: A number of people who accepted the invitation did not attend so there are gaps we need to fill. We may be able to do this when we gather to deliver workshops like the one below as they will be given the opportunity to engage at other times.</p> <p>Workshop 1 One key area that was highlighted across both dates was Grant Funding. AR will be making contact with TSI to arrange a suitable date/time/venue. This will then be shared with the people who attended and will be opened up for all in the</p>	

	Community to access. Garry McCartney may well assist with this and put an article in the Forres Gazette for us. AR to email him with request and details. Look to approach the Forres Community Council (FCC) for payment of use of facility, Chair to make contact. <i>Post meeting due to partnership working there will be no requirement for the FCC to provide payment and Grant Funding Workshop to be delivered on Monday 15th June from 7pm to 9.30pm.</i>	AR
10.	Moray Forum: Contacted Gordon McD Chair of Moray Area Forum and Buckie Area Forum who has contacted Martin Robertson, Moray Council (MC), new in post, no immediate plans to convene a meeting, but FAF to be kept up to date when any information is received.	
11.	Transport Forum: Secretary to enquire of the group when/if there is to be another meeting.	TC
12.	Sport and Leisure Forres User Group Meeting: Date of next meeting is set for Monday, 8 th June 2026 - 6.00pm. AR will be attending. Core Focus Topic on the agenda will be – Fit-Life. AR attended the FCC meeting when Steven Hamilton, (Project & Community Support Officer/Education, Communities & Organisational Development) spoke, giving an outline of the work of the group. Some of the public at the meeting asked how they would be able to give input to the User Group. AR informed those in attendance that input to the group could be fed through the Forres Community Sporthub and invited anyone to attend the Sporthub meeting. Public can also comment via Moray Engage - https://engage.moray.gov.uk	AR
13.	Active Moray Strategy and Plan (System Based Approach to Physical Activity and Health): AR attended the meeting on 9 th March in Elgin. Work is still progressing from across the different sectors. Have a logo and working through committees at Council and Chair invited to Moray Healthy Weight System Meeting in June.	
14.	Moray Healthy Weights Systems Network: Work is progressing well across all sectors. AR to attend the next meeting on 2 nd June 2026 at MLC.	AR
15.	Moray Good Food Partnership AR has been invited to be part of the steering group and attended the first online meetings on 24 th April 2026. We received a presentation from Simon Kenton-Lake from Nourish Scotland – very interesting. He is a national coordinator for Sustainable Food Places and has supported the setting up of food partnerships in many other areas across Scotland. The steering group then went on to discussing Terms of Reference.	
16.	Ray's Opportunities: Ray's Opportunities and Ray's Rest Rooms, Market Street car park Friends at FAF will be pleased to hear that the Rest Rooms now have planning consent from the Moray Council. This will enable us to draw down the funding from the Scottish Government and. begin on the new and very exciting part of the project, the Changing Places Toilet (CPT). It's worth saying again why this is so significant. There is no such facility currently between Dr Gray's and Inverness airport. For people with complex needs and their carers, this is yet another way in which independence is denied,	

in which lives are further restricted.



Creating the right facility, with proper signage and the right ambience, will make a huge difference, not only for those wanting to travel to Moray, but for *those in our own community*. It's about personal dignity and respect.

And because of this, people with such needs tend currently to be largely invisible in our community, which makes us all less aware, and less rich in our understanding

as a result.

The other thing the charity has been focused on this month is our Crowdfunding appeal. In a sense, this is a test of local understanding and support, as our approach has been locally focused. So here we would like FAF members for some practical support, as we are in no doubt of your in-principal support for us in this. The Crowdfunder online address is <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/rays-the-roof> and its QR code is at the base of this update. As anyone knows, these appeals are only as good as the local networks, people who know one another and share values pulling together for the common good. So, this is an appeal – not just for cash though this would be kind, and some people are already well into this – but for you please, to take a moment to circulate these details to your friends and neighbours, particularly by posting on social media and by sending to your email contacts. If your friends think this cause is important to you, they will find it important to them too. You never know, they might pass it on too.

The particular focus of the project is to put a new roof over the whole building. It has to be higher because of the hoist in the CPT. Roofing the whole building means that the different parts of the project are all secured and can be developed as funding comes in; we have of course now been able to apply for more local funds as a result of the planning consent.

On 14 May, between 5 and 7pm, there is a supporters' event at the Mosset Tavern. Please come. There will be bubbly and cake and a chance to talk with others about our hopes for this project.

There are obviously sexier causes than public toilets in the public space, but probably none more fundamental, both in terms of human dignity and wider public health issues.

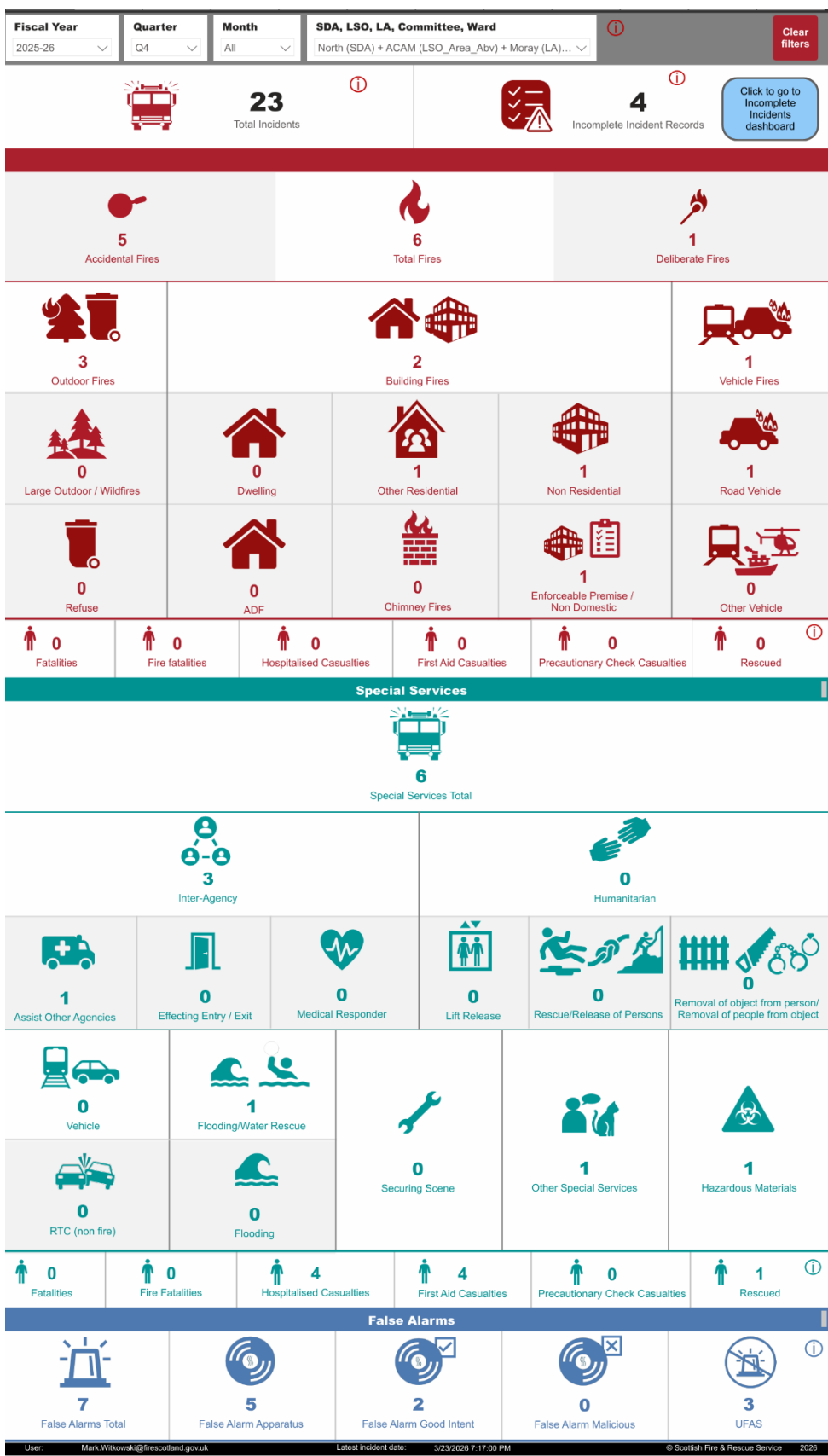


Every support helps, however small.

Every ounce of support will lift our community up

Thank you.

17. Fire Report – Received 4th April 2026



18. Round the Table:

- AR - 13.05.26 – Forres Community Sporthub AGM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AR – 2026 – Summer of Sport/Club Support Funding from Sport Scotland with MC distributing funds. Applications with grant criteria can be accessed from the sportinmoray website. AR has shared this via the Sporthub contacts. • AR - to attend the Forres Events Meeting ref Grant Park on 20th May 2026 @ 1800 in the Tolbooth. • AR - The Door to Door Meals continue to be very popular and are well received by the recipients. • St Laurence Forres Trust – first event was very well supported and a great start to the many events that are being planned. • LS – Facebook numbers are increasing and had some engagement from other groups and individuals, agreed to be impartial regarding likes, only promoting those groups that have good governance. Not attracted more people round the table, agreed to put a link on Facebook to MC for the minutes. • SM – upcoming coffee mornings – 9th May FACT, 16th May Rotary and 23rd May Forres in Bloom, all held in Forres Town Hall. • TC – upcoming coffee morning at St Leonards Church Hall on 16th May for Christian Aid. 	
19.	Councillors: No Councillors in attendance.	
20.	AOB: June meeting will take place in the Lesser Hall. <i>Post meeting – coffee morning for FAF booked on 29th August 2026.</i>	
21.	Date of next meeting – 3 rd June 2026, venue 7pm in the Lesser Hall, Forres Town Hall	

Meeting dates in 2026: 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November and 2nd December

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