



**MINUTE OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2012**

**PRESENT**

Carin Schwartz, Chair	Councillor Jeff Hamilton
John Bremner, Treasurer	Sandra Maclennan
Fabio Villani, vice Chair	Lianne Milligan
Naomi Zair	Angela Sutherland
Susan Reid	Jennifer Collins
Councillor Lorna Cresswell	Terry Monaghan
Brian McDonald	Roddy Burns, Acting Chief Executive, Moray Council

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor Irene Ogilvie	Anne Skene
Andrew Anderson	Margaret Cowie
Councillor Lee Bell	Issie Campbell

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Presentation by Roddy Burns – Acting Chief Executive, Moray Council	Roddy Burns kindly attended the meeting to explain Moray Councils performance information, and to help us understand the challenges faced by the council and the forums role within that.	
Minute of FAF Meeting held in January 2012	Approved by Lianne Milligan, seconded by Naomi Zair, with the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Market Site: should say High Street Car Park, <i>Leys Road</i></li> <li>• Living Longer, Living Better: Delete Dr Gray's Hospital, change to 'the community'.</li> </ul>	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard Hartland-Sandra has a meeting with him 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.</li> <li>• New Signs. Signs are slightly scratched. Jeff to speak to</li> </ul>	Sandra

	<p>Alan Macbeth re this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carin showed pictures of the new Welcome to Forres signs on A96-they need re-siting. The car park signs-the concrete around the base of them is cracked and needs mending, also the maps are the wrong size. Alan Macbeth has put in a new order of maps.</li> <li>• CSU-Denise sends apologies for not attending meeting-her hours already allocated. Carin asked Denise to report back as to how her hours are allocated. Roddy Burns can feedback.</li> </ul>	JH  CS
DALLAS Programme	Carin has been approached by Lorna Bernard regarding input on expanding community groups in 'lifescience' work.	CS
Moray Towns Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John, Sandra &amp; Jeff had meeting today with Alan Macbeth and Craig Wilson from MC Planning Dept re locations for signs in High Street as per Fairdeal for Forres. The outcomes of this meeting were that all decided the signs should be central to the High Street. Also to look at using the panels in the bus shelters as signs. Should be cheaper, needs costing. Other signs like the finger pointers could be placed at the top of Tolbooth Street and be similar to the black wrought iron and gold 'Street Maps' in Elgin. Fabio suggested Gazette coverage to allow local consultation whilst costing. Jeff Hamilton has agreed to action this point.</li> <li>• FiB £1,000 from MTP for Heritage Trail brochure – Sandra will send estimates to Alan Macbeth.</li> <li>• Carin explained there was a misunderstanding with Bear Scotland about the four 'Welcome to Forres' signs on entrance to Forres. FAF ordered 4 signs - Welcome to Forres and smaller “twinning” signs underneath to be installed on south, east, west and north entry to Forres. Bear instead ordered 2 Welcome signs and 2 small “twinning” signs, total of 4 signs. The Moray Council ordered 2 sets of signs the mistake was theirs.</li> <li>• Sandra has meeting with MTP on 16-02-12</li> </ul>	JH  SML
Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan: Forres Academy senior pupils have been running a youth club in Community Centre for local youngsters on Monday nights. Well-attended with 30 people turning up. The Senior pupils will gain a leadership award for their work.</li> <li>• Terry: Met James Smith. Walked with him round Forres, suggesting improvements to be made. Hasn't heard back from him, will chase up.</li> <li>• Lorna: Working on Kinloss drawdown til June. Credit Union-legislation has changed to allow groups to join.</li> <li>• John: Forres Community Council. Last meeting the issue of there being no NHS dentist in Forres was looked at. Cllr Bell looking into it.</li> <li>• Jennifer: Community Garden meeting next Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, where plots will be allocated.</li> <li>• Fabio: FACT meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at Community Centre. New Development Officers will attend. Looking for a Director and Treasurer. Moray Friends of the Earth had talk on 26<sup>th</sup> January, where Jamie Whittle gave a</li> </ul>	TM  LB or JB

	<p>presentation on access to environmental justice. Report in Gazette shortly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carin: Handed out Margaret's litter pick dates for this year. On the 2nd April, FAF will be hosting the AGM for Moray Forum. 7 pm at Community Centre. TTF coffee morning Sat 18<sup>th</sup> February, 10am at Town Hall.</li> <li>• Jeff: Fair Deal meeting next week</li> <li>• Sandra:FiB- visited Norwich last week on behalf of FiB. The theme this year will be wild flowers &amp; heritage with a change in bedding plants towards more sustainable bedding. Been in touch with Col Sturrock of 39 Royal Engineers, who are happy to make sign for planting the market green raised bed to welcome the army.</li> <li>• Naomi: Attended meeting yesterday on proposed Maternity Service Changes. Appalled by proposed changes leading to lack of services. Roddy Burns suggested she take issue up with Cllr Bell.</li> <li>• Angela: Forres Area Tenants Forum-next meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 am, Craft Room, Community Centre if enough people turn up. Very low on numbers.</li> <li>• Lianne:Update on FF Internal Conference. Recovery Discovery substance addiction program starts 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Community Care Program also starting, for older people. NFA have decided to donate money raised from Winter Gathering to Forres Film Group, Findhorn Community Council and the Findhorn Over-60's club, with each organisation receiving £200.</li> <li>• Roddy: Moving forwards with the Community Engagement Group, focusing on consultation and speaking to Forums. Carin asked that he pass on a message from FAF: that communication should be transparent and clear.</li> </ul>	
AOB	<p>Jeff asked if FAF meetings could be moved around the Forres area? Carin agreed to FAF attending meetings on invitation but suggested it would be logistically difficult to arrange without local hosts.</p> <p>Lianne reminded everyone that it is Findhorn Foundations 50<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up. What can affiliated organisations do to promote and celebrate this to build better relations?</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm in Forres Community Centre	