



**MINUTE OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING HELD ON
2ND MARCH 2011**

PRESENT

John Bremner – Treasurer	Fiona Limbrey – moray Council
Naomi Zair – Forres Ball Group	Lianne Milligan – Findhorn Foundation
Fabio Villani – vice Chair	Irene Ogilvie – Elected Member
Lorna Creswell – Elected Member	Ian Widdowson
Angela Sutherland – Forres Tenants Forum	Sandra Maclellan – Forres in Bloom
Jennifer Collins – Secretary	Graham Mackay – Moray Music Venture
Dale Jones – Moray Music Venture	Jenny Methven – Forres Resident
Michael Robertson – Moray Music Venture	Andrew Anderson HIES

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Carin invited everyone to the meeting.	
Apologies	Councillor Lee Bell. Anne Skene - will arrive later Councillor Jeff Hamilton – will arrive later.	Anne and Jeff joined the meeting later.
Minute of previous meeting	Corrections noted and minutes to be updated. Minutes approved	Jennifer to amend minute and distribute.
Matters Arising	Meeting re Common good Land was positive. Minutes to follow. AGM for Forres Tenants Forum attracted more interest. Lorna advised that Cumming Hall now has a new kitchen fitted. Green Party ceilidh was deemed a success. Next litter Pick in Forres takes place on 20 th March. Film Forres has submitted planning permission.	
Treasurers report	Balance is £1520.14	
Guest Speaker	Arranged speaker unable to attend so the time was used to update the recent activity of subgroup for Moray Towns Partnership, particularly developments re ‘Welcome to Forres’ signs for A96, and information banners. Carin encouraged everyone to take time during the tea break to leave comments re signs and banners. Fiona advised that three display boards are ordered and they will be installed soon.	

Asset Transfer Seminar	This seminar, to look at the transfer of community assets into community ownership, is fully booked and an additional date is to be set. There was a discussion about how far and wide the invitations have been issued, for example, FAF had not received an invite.	
Climate Challenge Plan	The consultation re the action plan from Moray Council is available on Moray Council website. The closing date is 11 th March.	
Other Consultations	Consultation re the design of the new Forres Health Centre takes place on Thursday 19 th March, 7.00 – 9.00pm.	
Community Support Unit update	Heather advised that CSU handbooks are still available to community groups. Heather went on to advise of possible redundancies in CSU due to budget constraints. FAF noted this is not good news particularly in relation to the development of community groups. The support that Heather has given to FAF was noted.	
Moray Forum	Moray Forum now has a constitution. Carin and John attended the recent meeting where the focus of discussion was in relation to the recent budget consultations. A report is being compiled on behalf of all area forums and will be submitted to Moray Council.	
Moray Music Venture	Dale, Michael and Graeme were welcomed to the meeting. They gave an outline of the project which is seeking to secure a permanent facility in Forres. Lorna gave information about work undertaken to create a similar project. FAF supports this initiative. An outline of their venture was provided at the meeting and copies are available from jonesd@hotmail.co.uk and michaelcrobertson@live.com . Graeme can be contacted on 07547430796. Lorna Creswell offered to liaise with Graeme etc so they could link into existing structures / projects.	
Update from Fabio re 'Whole Town Strategy'	A public meeting to discuss further is to be held on 30 th March, 7.00 – 9.00pm at Forres Academy. There followed a discussion about evidencing community engagement. Further development will require endorsement from the Local Authority. FAF is supporting the 'Whole Town Strategy'. Jeff and Anne advised they had just attended the 'Fair Deal for Forres and Kinloss' meeting held this evening and fed back to the Forum that it was a positive meeting. Information collated via a 'graffiti wall' is to be collated, analysed and distributed.	Fabio to distribute information. Jeff and/or Anne to update FAF.

Round the Table	<p>Sandra advised that the displays for this year's Forres in Bloom entry are to include herbs and vegetables.</p> <p>Lorna advised that there is now a 'drop in' facility for young people in Kinloss at the end of the school day.</p> <p>Andrew advised there is an event taking place at the Laichmoray hotel in Elgin on 10th March. The event is aimed at employers looking to recruit staff.</p> <p>Fiona advised that Moray Council had received a request for a Continental Market event on 12/13th April in Forres.</p> <p>Next Community Council meeting takes place on 17th March.</p> <p>Moray Green Festival takes place in Elgin on 16th March.</p> <p>'Plugging the Leak' workshop takes place on 28th March in Elgin Library.</p>	
AOB	<p>Fabio clarified his decision to take on the role of Vice Chair for FAF, which was taken in liaison with Heather.</p> <p>Naomi queried the decision to close the kitchen facilities in Community Centre. Heather agreed to discuss further with Naomi to help clarify situation.</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 th April, 7.00 – 9.00pm.	