



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

**PRESENT**

<b>Brian McDonald, Chair</b>	<b>Sandra Maclennan, Vice Chair</b>
<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell</b>	<b>Angela Sutherland</b>
<b>Gill Bird</b>	<b>Debbie Herron</b>
<b>Gary Simpson</b>	<b>Terry Monaghan</b>
<b>Pamela Gowans</b>	<b>Susan Leslie</b>
<b>Tina Coffey, Minutes</b>	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Welcome from Chair	Brian McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting and the AGM was held which finished at 7.20 pm.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from John Bremner, Councillor Anne Skene, Naomi Zair and Fabio Villani.	
3. Minute of FAF Meeting held in January 2015	There was one amendment on page 4 under Councillors, Graham Forbes is not connected with Simply Red. The minutes were proposed by Sandra Bremner and seconded by Angela Sutherland.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary has not received any invoices in connection with the Transport Directory. Fabio Villani to contact Anita Milne and ask her to forward invoices for £500 from MTP money and £200 from FAF funds towards distribution of Transport Directory to Secretary.</li> <li>• Debbie Herron, FACT, stated the Growth Fund application is ongoing. Still spaces in the 50 for 50 campaign – 50 businesses each give £50 which is matched by £2,500 from Moray Towns Partnership (MTP) money which will be used to promote the area.</li> <li>• Councillor Creswell – barriers to access upstairs at the Learning Centre of Forres House Community Centre (FHCC), 1 evacuee chair available. Attended a conference in Elgin where it was mentioned that people could be escorted into a fire protective room. Mentioned that any persons with a disability could be catered for in library room. Have to check out the area to see how many people without sight could use</li> </ul>	FV

	<p>this room and have to fund raise for this - to be progressed. Ellon chap has a database of people with no sight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tina Coffey – has had no reply from Anita Milne re her enquiry into FAF insurance ongoing.</li> <li>• Meeting between FAF members and FACT to be progressed, item is ongoing any comments will be reported back by next meeting – Spirit of Community report is available on the FACT website.</li> <li>• Brian McDonald was unable to attend the MTP meeting. Sandra Maclennan attended in his place. Meeting took place with with one person from each of the four towns represented – discussion took place with regard to the format of the four towns map. Suggestions required for things to see in Forres, photographs of Forres' best know landmark/view, a colour photo of an event in Forres, an archive picture of people having fun and a colour picture of Forres craft or produce. Any comments to be emailed to Sandra as soon as possible on <a href="mailto:ianmaclennan3@btinternet.com">ianmaclennan3@btinternet.com</a></li> <li>• Secretary to bring information in connection with portable boards back to March 2015 meeting.</li> <li>• Gill Bird – Findhorn Bay Arts have circulated their evaluation report.</li> <li>• Secretary has purchased a laptop for FAF – invoice to be provided for Treasurer at March 2015 meeting.</li> </ul>	TC           All TC
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £3,998.35, which includes £2.90 left to spend of MTP money and £276 for insurance and 34 pence in interest. There was 1 cheque cashed: £50 for secretarial duties.	
6. Talk by Pamela Gowans	Pamela Gowans, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Integration and Chief Officer for Moray gave a talk on the Health and Social Care Integration for Moray – Consultation on the draft Integration Scheme.	
Tea & Coffee	Provided by Vice Chair.	
7. Talk by Susan Leslie	Susan Leslie, Public Health Co-ordinator based in Spynie Hospital gave a talk on the priorities for health and explained her remit. Her work is to promote health and well-being by providing support and information to people with regard to their health, lifestyles and well-being.	
8. Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)	To be reported on at next meeting.	
9. Consultations	No consultations mentioned.	
10. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	To be reported on at next meeting.	
11. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gill Bird – Findhorn Bay Arts are hoping to hold a Culture Day in 2015 – more news to follow in coming months</li> </ul>	
12. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell has been busy with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote took place today re the Hydro-Therapy Pool, no funding therefore have to raise £20,000+ per year to keep the facility sustainable. Great resource but so few people using it</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the blood donor awards on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015</li> <li>• Consultations will be mentioned in this weeks Forres Gazette Councillors Corner</li> <li>• Any suggestions for items you wish to be included in Councillors Corner would be welcomed</li> </ul>	
13. AOB	There was nothing to report.	
14. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre, upstairs in the craft room.	