



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2015

PRESENT

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| Brian McDonald, Chair (BM) | John Bremner, Treasurer (JB) |
| Angela Sutherland (AS) | Debbie Herron (DH) |
| Gill Bird (GB) | Ian Todd (IT) |
| Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC) | Naomi Zair (NZ) |
| Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC) | |

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| 1. Welcome from Chair | Brian McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |
| 2. Apologies | Apologies were received from Sandra Maclennan, Andrew Anderson, Fabio Villani and Willie Chisholm. | |
| 3. Minute of FAF Meeting held in May 2015 | There was one amendment: On the first page the date should read 6 th May 2015. The minutes were proposed by Debbie Herron and seconded by Angela Sutherland. | |
| 4. Matters Arising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuation procedures within Forres House Community Centre (FHCC) – LC received a phone call, although she has not pursued this at present due to the works taking place with Ray's Cafe. • Portable/pop up banners – Vice Chair is to send Secretary photographs suitable for inclusion on a banner - item pending. • FAF funding – IT told those present there had been a lot of changes and this item is still ongoing and he will report back to the meeting in July 2015. • Round The Table – JB presented the Secretary with an invoice for items held at Transition Town Forres (TTF) and bought by Moray Towns Partnership money – banners are stored at TTF. | SM IT |
| 5. Treasurers Report | Current balance stands at £2,891.50, which includes £276 for insurance. There was 1 cheque cashed: £50 for secretarial duties. | |
| 6. Moray Towns Partnership | Next meeting will take place on 18 th August 2015. Secretary read out MTP minutes from meeting held on 18 th May 2015. | |

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| (MTP) | <p>Secretary to email DH, FACT a list of where Landmark deliver leaflets to.</p> <p>FAF/FACT to have a stall at the Toun Mercat on 19th June 2015.</p> <p>FAF members present agreed that Chair is to investigate the purchase of a gazebo, with a budget of up to £50 – suggestion from GB that FAF ask Kresanna Aigner if she is able to lend out a gazebo for use at the Toun Mercat.</p> <p>MTP money spends were discussed with the following projects agreed for payment after ratification by Alan MacBeth, TMC:</p> <p>£ 500 - MTP four towns leaflet for 2016</p> <p>£2,000 - Culture Day – Findhorn Bay Arts Festival</p> <p>£ 750 - FACT - Forres Companion</p> <p>£1,100 - Forres in Bloom</p> <p>£ 400 - Nelsons Tower (T-Exchange)</p> <p><u>£2,000</u> - Piping at Forres</p> <p>£6,750 - Total spend</p> <p>Secretary to send list to Alan MacBeth for ratification.</p> <p>Secretary has received invoice from Piping at Forres which she will forward to Alan MacBeth, TMC for payment.</p> <p>LC mentioned the Older Persons Directory should include FAF logo – DH stated logo will be on the Directory.</p> <p>LC spoke at last months Community Council meeting, planned to visit skate parks over the summer, a possible economic development and she will come back to FAF with more information at a future meeting.</p> | <p>TC</p> <p>BM</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>LC</p> |
| 7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT) | <p>Debbie Herron, LDO informed members of the following:</p> <p>Application to Visit Scotland was successful, £2,500 from MTP money which was matched by FACT together with £800 from the Common Good Fund and matched by Visit Scotland making total of £10,000 for the Forres area to spend on tourism related promotion and information over the next 12 months.</p> <p>FACT have moved offices from the Forres Learning Centre to No 1 Leask Road Hall, there is a 12 month lease and the aim is to develop and increase capacity of activities currently undertaken.</p> <p>FACT AGM takes place on 15th June 2015 at the Tolbooth starting at 7 pm, speaker will be Iain Catto, Foundation Scotland to give a presentation on 'How funders view projects: what types of projects funders support and what outcomes they are looking for'.</p> <p>2nd June 2015 Town Centre Working Group (TCWG) held a meeting with the Forres Business Association (FBA) it was agreed FBA would start again with Marc Hindley as Chair, TCWG is to become part of FBA to promote the benefits of the business in the area - part membership for the year is £15.</p> <p>Skatepark – LC, DH and Maggie Bell went to Inverness Skate Park a useful visit, valuable things learnt i.e. lighting, social area, B-B-Q, seating and great location - a worthwhile visit and next stage in autumn is a public meeting with young people. Chair offered FAF money to cover the costs of transport.</p> | |
| 8. User Led Group | <p>LC unable to follow this up as she was not at the last meeting. LC suggested FAF would have to write to user groups of FHCC asking them if they would like to be part of this group. Possibly approach Ken Brown, The Moray Council (TMC) to find out a list of user groups – need to have secretarial back up in order to send out paperwork – Secretary offered her secretarial services for this item.</p> | <p>LC</p> |

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| 9. Consultations | <p>Moray Council Taxi Fare Review – Secretary emailed a query from FAF with regard to the difference between a taxi and a private hire car. Reply from Hilary Locker, Solicitor, TMC states ‘taxi can be hired on the spot, flagged down in the street or picked up at a rank – by the customer dealing directly with the driver. Private hire cars can only be pre-booked’.</p> <p>Burdshaugh – NZ stated planning permission has been granted, road to be narrowed by putting in pavements – if emergency services called and stopped it would be hard to pass, double yellow lines to be applied to road – no on-street parking. NZ stated road has flooded in previous years, new sewers and drains are ill equipped to deal with extra housing and the roads are a mess. LC to follow up points re narrow roads, yellow lines on road and parking issues to Kevin Price, Traffic Management.</p> <p>Dualling Inverness to Aberdeen – several different options to be considered and currently undecided on route – responses to be in by 22nd June 2015.</p> | LC |
| 10. Round the Table | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Bird – National Theatre of Scotland on Culture Day, gathering peoples stories and journeys and making them into a play about Wigtown and Forres – looking for stories from people. They will also be at the Toun Mercat where they intend to tell stories. Findhorn Bay Arts are awaiting several grant requests – should know next week. GB has also been working with Rays Opportunities who are looking for volunteers to work in the cafe - if anyone interested contact GB – cafe has only just received charitable status. • Debbie Herron – from 1st June 2015 onwards brochure for Scottish Week should be through all IV36 postal addresses doors – copies are available in the Community Centre and at the library – packed programme. • Lorna Creswell – Forres Area Credit Union holding a coffee morning on 13th June 2015 which will mark their 20th year – Town Hall lesser room opened up to crafters group - theme is tartan. • Brian McDonald – letter received from Stacey Lynch from Network Rail, improvement works are to start in Elgin soon on the Inverness to Elgin route. Stacey will be based in the North-East and will work with the contractor appointed to deliver the works. The relocation of Forres station and platform extension at Elgin station will be phase 1 of the project. Network Rail is looking to engage the local communities on a small piece of consultation work. Sandra Maclennan is interest in the Adopt-A-Station. On 20th June 2015 there will be a meeting of Forwards in the Mosset from 8 p.m. – Forwards and friends will be reprising Moray Journey – additional items to be included together with music, tickets cost £5. FAF and FACT will have a joint stall at the Toun Mercat – anyone able to help out on the stall on 19th June 2015 is to contact DH at FACT. | |
| 11. Councillors | <p>Councillor Lorna Creswell has been busy with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to explore what FAF think is the connection between what is discussed in community planning and what is discussed at FAF meetings – need to build more links and | |

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| | <p>has to report on the progress between the merger of the Health Service and the local authority with the partners involved – take communities through a planning process – opportunities to connect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended FBA meeting – maybe FACT could host these meetings. • Planning for Real trying to get a working group together. • Community Council – possibly change their venue due to accessibility in the Tolbooth. • Older peoples applications re Auchernack money - 4 applications to consider re postie's legacy. • Community led projects – need to develop more of them. • Flooding – attended a meeting where she was shown around the flood alleviation defences. • Scottish Week coming up. • 2 day Autism Conference next week which LC is to introduce. • Carers Week from 8th to 14th June – unpaid carers will receive awards. • Creative Scotland - DH to attend. • Community Learning Development Strategy Moray - 24th/25th June in Elgin Town Hall. | |
| 12. AOB | Forres 3 year action plan 2015 – 2018 to be updated – Secretary to send out to FAF members | TC |
| 13. Date of Next Meeting | Wednesday 1 st July 2015, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre. | |