



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2015**

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Vice Chair (SM)	John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)
Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)	Debbie Herron (DH)
Fabio Villani (FV)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Gill Bird (GB)	Ian Todd (IT)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Vice Chair	Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Brian McDonald (BM), Naomi Zair (NZ) and Willie Chisholm (WC).	
3. Minute of FAF Meeting held in October 2015	The following amendments: Angela Sutherland's apologies to be added to October 2015 meeting. Under section 4, Matter Arising should read 'the building may have had an audit'. Under section 10, Round the Table should state 'deliberate fires' and not vandalism fires. The minutes were proposed by Debbie Herron and seconded by John Bremner.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable/Pop Up Banners – Vice Chair brought photos with her and has spoken to Sandra McIver – agreed to look at design first – Secretary to place on agenda for December 2015. GB is to send Secretary photos from Findhorn Bay Arts. • IT - checked and annual fee to FAF from The Moray Council (TMC) has been paid into FAF account. • JB – has had confirmation that insurance until April 2016 for FAF is free. Have to pay after this date and insurance price to be confirmed for 2016-17 at a later date. • Toilets in Grant Park – Vice Chair confirmed people running 	TC GB

	<p>cafe not doing so over the winter and toilets were closed on Sunday at 3 pm but were open during the day – she has no more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LC - emailed Nick Goodchild, TMC re booking of Forres Town Hall for coffee mornings and is awaiting a reply. Forres Gazette state members of public to queue up from 9 am on 2nd December to book coffee mornings for 2017. • Treasurer has paid invoices from Ray's Opportunities (catering). • IT is to speak with Stewart Noble to arrange potential presentation dates. • Secretary emailed out 3 Year Plan to FAF members and no replies received. • DH is to forward on emails with regard to signage. 	IT DH
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £4,474.04. £1,899 received into account from TMC on 2 nd October 2015. There were 2 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties and £67.50 to Ray's Opportunities for catering. There was no interest earned – possible interest stopped being paid.	
6. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>DH informed those present of the following:</p> <p>Digital project ongoing until March 2016 – FACT open on Tuesday and Thursday pm and Friday am – members of public encouraged to drop in with kindle, iphones etc for help.</p> <p>FACT hosting a free event on 5th November 'How to Run a B&B' 2.30 – 4 pm at the Falconer Museum.</p> <p>Staff on holiday during October/November.</p> <p>In Forres Gazette piece about Skate Park research – able to pick up a survey from the FACT office – possibly submitting an application to Rewards 4 All in January 2016.</p> <p>Business Plan being updated and working with Sylvia Jamieson, TMC.</p> <p>Drop in Christmas coffee morning planned for 17th December 2015, 10 am to 12 pm at FACT office – chance to network.</p> <p>Planning for Real – spaces available on 18/19 November 2015.</p> <p>FACT staff and Board members meeting on 5th November 15 with Findhorn Conservation Company and Lossiemouth Development Trust at Stotfield Hotel.</p>	
7. Moray Towns Partnership (MTP) Tourism Expo Proposal	<p>Four Towns – feeling was couldn't prove leaflet was effective.</p> <p>Proposal from Moray Speyside Tourism that could be involved in Expo in Edinburgh on 20/21 April 2016 taking five stands with one bay (5 panels) offered to MTP towns. MTP feeling felt worthwhile and better way of spending £500 – felt leaflets had 2015 info and would need to be reprinted. Elgin to join in, each panel costs £500/town with accommodation and travel for representative to man Forres stand to be added to £500. Possibility could pass on to FACT Tourism Group and ask them to undertake on behalf of FAF.</p> <p>DH stated Tourism Group currently planning for 50 for 50 campaign and she will take information to next Tourism Group meeting. FAF members present agreed to go ahead with Expo proposal.</p>	
8. Three Year Plan/Strategy	<p>No applications pending for funding bar those already received.</p> <p>Suggestion that FAF could join up with the Forres Community Council (FCC) during their 20/20 Vision and could inform wider</p>	

	<p>general public of money available and criteria groups have to obtain in order to request money. At MTP meeting Alan MacBeth, TMC stated Council putting forward £20,000 with groups claiming up to 50% of costs up to £5,000. Secretary to contact Alan MacBeth for the Moray Economic Development Funding Guide and then email out to FAF membership.</p>	TC
9. Promoting work of FAF	<p>LC – Health and Social Care set up a Health and Wellbeing Locality Group to keep building on momentum raised by Spirit of Community to raise credibility. Suggestion of a 50/50 spend between MTP and FAF money – LC to write a paper for December 2015 meeting.</p>	LC
10. Christmas Hospitality Event	<p>Suggestion of a joint event with FAF, Forres Community Council and FACT possibility of a free coffee morning/afternoon on Saturday in Town Hall after Christmas, open to all with members from all 3 groups in attendance to mingle and answer any questions – suggestions of USB pens to be given out with information on them. Chair to write a paper and suggest dates (could include Planning for Real at event) and Secretary to forward information to FCC (Stewart Noble) and FACT (DH).</p>	BM
11. Forres 20/20 Vision	<p>Information in several papers, in Scotsman paper mentions ‘Forres Dump’ – good complimentary article (play on words i.e. Forest Gump?). 12 Boards to be made up with 12 maps stuck on cardboard, next job to stick on polystyrene and then paint up model and make up flags for members of public to stick into model (flags come pre-printed i.e. bus stop and some are plain). Going well with number increasing. Every suggestion is recorded and collated. Meetings at end to prioritise suggestions and members of TMC attend to state whether suggestions are viable.</p>	
12. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – Friends of Guiding coffee morning on 7th November at the Town Hall 10 am to 12 pm; St John’s Church coffee morning on 14th November at Town Hall 10 am to 12 pm; Community Engagement evening on 18th November at Forres Academy 7 – 9 pm • SM – Forres in Bloom coffee morning St Laurence Hall on 14th November from 10 am – 12 pm • JB – Remembrance Parade on 8th November, parade commences 12 pm in the High Street • DH – Findhorn Village Centre on 7th November savouries and Scottish teas afternoon from 1 – 5 pm; Findhorn Christmas Fair on 21st November and Forres Christmas light switch on 28th November • GB – Elemental Community Arts’ Christmas Craft Workshops – making cards and decorations every Saturday from 7th November until Christmas at The Bird House, 98a Dunedin Place • IT – Jane Martin appointed as Community Council Liaison Officer taking over from Tracy Rae on 16th November 2015 • FV – tsiMORAY – Moray Business Week, Win Win Win on 5th November, about social responsibility – talkers include people from Aberlour and Balfour Beattie, from 2 – 4 pm. Third Sector Forum at Winchester House – 9th November Children and Young People, 11th November Environment and 16th 	

	<p>November Health & Wellbeing. Moray Transport Forum on 21st November in Lhanbryde – FV to email Secretary information on this forum. Environment the Natural Step - awareness and training event at Transition Town Forres on 20th November. Moray Supports Refugees meet on 10th November at 6.30 pm. Launch of new learning development plan. Smoke Free Homes on 18th November at FHCC from 10 am to 12 pm. Recruited 2 more development people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SM – Forres in Bloom (FiB) AGM on 30th November in St Leonard’s Hall: Rotary Club bonfire on 7th November starting at 6.30 pm: Children in Need Quiz in the Mosset on 13th November with collections in local supermarkets 	FV
13. Councillors	<p>LC stated that over the past few weeks she has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osprey bus coming to garage on 9th November – need to recruit more volunteer drivers • Rafford – window raised over £3,000 • Allotments – being promoted at Kinloss – FiB can provide help if needed • New church worker started this week - Dawn p/t for 3 years and another due in April 2016 – to support families in need • Learning Disability Project – venue to be based in Culloden Room at Academy • Visited Callib Building for looked after children – 2 houses joined into one with capacity for 6 children, currently houses 2 disabled children – workers recruited • Autism partnership – to incorporate into Strategy Plan for integration – difficult as no diagnosis • Jenny Devlin – doing work with allotments • Unpaid carers – create a locality team/group and get an unpaid carer to be part of it • Adult provision (for adults with complex needs) being built in Lhanbryde to replace Maybank 	
14. AOB	<p>Spotlight – Secretary contacted Spotlight and updated information held by them on FAF. Naomi Zair – felt new block paving in Forres is uneven, those present stated they were happy with the standard of work – member present stated FCC agreed colours for block paving.</p>	
15. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 2nd December 2015, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre.</p>	