



FORRES AREA FORUM

MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 14th OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT

Carin Shwartz	Chair
John Bremner	Treasurer
Maurizia Ferrari	Public
Lorna Creswell	Credit Union/ RAF Kinloss
Cllr Irene Ogilvie	Moray Council
Naomi Zair	Forres BALL Project
Angela Sutherland	Forres Tenants' Forum
Sandra Maclellan	Forres in Bloom
Heather Shaw	Moray Council (minute)
John Ferguson	Moray Council

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting	
Apologies	Fabio Villani; Ann Marie Skidmore	
Minutes of meeting held on September 9th 09	Approved John Bremner Seconded Heather Shaw	
Matters Arising	No matters arising	
John Ferguson – Moray Council Budget Consultation	John talked about the forthcoming budget consultation. Moray Council has to make savings of £20 million over the next 4 years. This is a considerable challenge given the size of the authority. The Council will agree a list of services that will be affected on the 4 th of November and the period of consultation will be from the 5 th November to the 15 th December. Five meetings will be organised throughout Moray to give people the opportunity to discuss the implications of the Budget. It is expected that once the Designing Better Services scheme is implemented substantial savings can be made but not enough to avoid severe cuts in some areas. The budget has to be in place for the 2 nd February, when the Council Tax has to be set for the following year.	
Treasurers	£1790.78 in bank. People should not experience any	

Report	barriers should they want to attend Forum meetings. The funds can be used to pay expenses incurred such as child care or transport costs. Funds can also be used to hire premises in execution of Forum business or for administration purposes	
Development Plan	The development plan will be a living document that will be added to as time goes on. The development plan should prioritise actions for the Forum against the 5 community planning themes – Greener, Healthier, Smarter, Wealthier & Fairer, Safer and Stronger and against Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) objectives. Heather to send out an abbreviated SOA to forum members and the full version to John B and Jennifer. (The SOA can also be accessed on the Moray Council’s Community Planning website, yourmoray.org.uk and type Single Outcome Agreement into the Search facility) John Bremner voiced the opinion that the Police Call Centre should be closer to Moray than its present location in Aberdeen.	Heather
Elected member update	Cllr Ogilvie said the Council had been heavily involved in the devastation caused by the recent floods in Moray. Technical problems at the Forres flood alleviation scheme had now been fixed. Cllr Ogilvie and a colleague had been instrumental in securing funding from a number of sources to ensure that every preschool child and every child from Primaries 1-3 in Moray had a fluorescent armband. The official launch took place in Mortlach Primary School, Dufftown	
Farmers’ Market	A very successful farmers’ market took place on the 10 th October. The event was well promoted and as a result, over 500 people came to the event. Two committees are now being formed to take the project forward, one to organise, the other to do the more physical work that is involved. The final one for the year will be on Saturday 28 th November at the community garden	
Criminal Justice Bill	A recent directive from the Scottish Executive appears to be that any community organisation producing/ selling for fundraising purposes will have to pay a licence fee of £200. This directive is vigorously being challenged by SCVO. Any developments will be reported back to the Forum	
Moray Towns’ Partnership	A number of projects are being funded by the Moray Towns’ Partnership. Disability Feasibility Study in Forres – Access for All.	

	<p>Nick Brown, consultant, has been commissioned to conduct a survey in Forres around accessibility issues. He wants to hear the views of people who would be representative of those who experience mobility difficulties in and around the town. A meeting has been arranged for November 3rd in the Ramnee Hotel to which a number of groups have been invited to give their views.</p> <p>Information Boards</p> <p>Six community groups have come together to discuss the content, style and placing of the information board(s). The design of the board is currently with the senior graphic designer at Moray Council. A follow up meeting to be arranged soon to further progress the issue.</p>	
Redco Milne	The Area Forum would be interested to know what stage this proposed development is at. Cllr Ogilvie to enquire	
Forres in Bloom	<p>Congratulations to Forres in Bloom committee for achieving a gold medal for their efforts in Forres. Sandra said that the efforts of the community really impressed the judges. A DVD portraying the Forres In Bloom story was shown at the Thank you party in the Town Hall. The DVD may be available soon. Forres in Bloom AGM will be held at Mackenzie and Cruickshank's garden centre on 18th November at 7pm. All welcome</p>	
LEADER	Two representatives from Forres Area Forum required to look over LEADER submissions. Lorna and Carin to put their names forward	Heather
Round the Table	<p>Roysvale – consultation on all weather pitch to be located there</p> <p>Lorna: Arts worker wanting to work with RAF on a project Forres Futures successful in getting £6800 for concept design for young people's facilities</p> <p>Saturday 24th October – Climate Change Action Day 30th October – Future vision of Forres Exercise 6.30pm 31st Full day of Transition Town Initiatives from all over North Scotland in Ramnee Hotel</p>	
Date of next meeting	Wednesday , 11 November 7.00 pm, Forres Community Centre,	