



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT

Brian McDonald (BM), Chair	Sandra Maclennan, Vice Chair (SM)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Debbie Herron (DH)	Graham Murdoch (GM)
Ian Todd (IT)	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Fabio Villani (FV), Gordon Morrison (GM) and Councillor Lorna Creswell (LM).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in September 2016	There were two amendments, page 4, item 12, bullet point 3, Graham Jarvis did not attend the Transport Group meeting and page 5, item 13, bullet point 9, it was Beautiful Scotland's birthday. The minutes were proposed by Debbie Herron and seconded by Sandra Maclennan.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 5 – due to Kresanna's Aigners work commitments, Vice Chair unable to meet up, to follow up and report back at the next meeting. Community Planning Partnership – Vice Chair spoke to Anita Milne, breakdown in communication as to who would get back to Vice Chair – Anita will look into it and get back to us. Item 12 – Angela attended the Transport Group meeting – few good speakers – nobody from Scotrail – change on buses 31 now becoming the 36 and going from Forres to Dufftown at present only goes as far as Elgin – a fair bit about breakdown and reliability of buses and a cause for concern with regard to over capacity of No 10 between Aberdeen and Inverness. Disability access discussed and Sheila Fletcher, Travel Scotland was a speaker. Ambulance service 	<p>SM</p> <p>SM</p>

	quite enlightening. More people attended than last time and 39 feedback forms returned.	
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at roughly £5,588. There were 2 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties and £22.50 for Rays Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night). Insurance of £9.66 was also deducted from the account.	
6. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie Herron passed on the following information:</p> <p>Administrative post deadline has been extended to 10th October 2016. Advert in Forres Gazette and also information on FACT website.</p> <p>Social Enterprise Centre (SEC) – Clydesdale Bank received quotes back from surveyors, using these quotes to get stage 1 funding, to be submitted by 10th October 2016 to Scottish Land Fund (SLF) - £230,000 to buy building and on top refurbishments costs unsure of amount required – FACT Board will discuss possible learning visits at centres round Scotland to be funded by DTAS.</p> <p>Work with Wastebusters to support them with their plans.</p> <p>Skate Park – on Culture Day with a ramp and it was well attended, 1 x accident with adult (broke knee and heel) – risk assessment used and worked well. Next planned meeting to take place in November 2016 to plan an event in February 2017 - working with Village SOS to plan a funding strategy.</p> <p>Older Persons Project – Debbie met with Emma Stewart to see if it is possible to undertake work in partnership with Transition Town Forres (TTF) – requires feedback from TTF Board and FACT Board to see if it is feasible to continue.</p> <p>FACT, Forres in Bloom (FiB) and Woodlands Trust short listed for a community fund from the Co-op – hoping to work in partnership to promote this and spend money in the Co-op.</p> <p>Vintage Tea in Town Hall on 6th October 2016, so far 80 signed up and 30 stalls in attendance.</p> <p>Forres Online Project – funding through from Scottish Government and Berryburn – full launch at end of October/beginning November 2016 – FACT are getting more people through door wanting help with computers and tablets. Samantha Fraser is the Co-ordinator – still looking for volunteers for this project.</p> <p>Community Tourism – piece in the Forres Gazette – working in partnership with other groups. Moray Speyside Tourism encouraging people to nominate organisations for tourism awards closing date this Friday, Debbie has application forms and Moray Speyside would encourage nominations.</p> <p>Local tourism network meeting last week and another due shortly to identify what to do over winter months.</p> <p>Walkers are Welcome – 394 signatures received, need 500 signatures. Thank you to FAF for paying the registration fee.</p> <p>Expo 2017 – meeting held 2 weeks ago with those attending asked to make lists within 6 criteria of what there is on offer in their areas, aim is different areas in Moray will have one</p>	

	<p>area in which they excel and will promote that – work in partnership with Moray Speyside and Area Forums – MTP will contribute money from 4 towns and Elgin.</p> <p>A subgroup decides who is promoting which theme and this is used to promote the area, £2,500 initial contribution from each Area Forum – Debbie is Forres rep on sub-group.</p> <p>Tamara Hedderwick, Community Enabler, Greenspace Scotland, working with Tesco on the Bags of Help process - short listing projects for next round and want FACT to promote it, possible not that many responses from Forres area and looking for more applications, looking at green and environmental activities.</p>	
7. MTP	Please see item 6 re Expo 2017.	
8. Policy Strategy – Promotion of FAF and Area	<p>Meeting to be held of Area Forums and Community Councils (CC) to engage with local community. Opportunity for CC and FAF to get together and ask community the projects which need to be considered. Spirit of Community in 2014 well attended and information collected still being worked on. Planning for Real needs to be undertaken first – need to identify and allocate people to tasks of what community wants. FAF has money available to promote this i.e. meeting areas and possibly a mail shot – Debbie stated at present there is a budget consultation and CPP consultation ongoing, together with Planning for Real lots going on and possibility of public being over consulted – needs to be tied together in conjunction with CC. – Graham – too much consultation get Planning for Real underway and at end of day list of what is required and how to deliver it. Vice Chair stated there will be a document produced after Planning for Real. Have to identify what is required and then how it is to be funded. CC and FAF may have to produce a plan and then figure out who can take on what and where funding can be obtained.</p> <p>Iain told those present Dufftown and Aberlour produced a report after consultation and looked at five priorities, Gillian, Community Support Officer, facilitated between local groups who could apply for funding whereas the Council would be ineligible to apply. Chair stated there could be possible duplication. Cannot take this further until it is known what comes out of the Planning for Real consultation.</p> <p>Planning for Real has seen a group (Mosset Park Protection Company) try to resurrect the Millennium Park proposal in Bogton – looking to raise money and wanted previous plans from Chair.</p> <p>Debbie – possibly FAF, CC and FACT to get together informally after Planning for Real.</p> <p>Item to be deferred until more information is forthcoming.</p>	
9. Role of FAF and Engagement of People	Forres Focus and Lossie Local – advertise ½ page in Forres Focus (quarterly issue) for £70 with an advert designed – Chair stated this could be a reminder that FAF exists and possibly include minutes from meetings - FAF do not	

	publicise, have to engage better with community – Chair to pursue. Debbie suggesting placing information on Forres website for free and she could put information on to FACT website – Chair and Secretary to get together and discuss.	BM DH BM/TC
10. It's Your Moray Questionnaire	Defer until we have more information.	
11. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – Friends of Guiding coffee morning 12th November 2016 at Town Hall from 10 am until 12 pm • SM - Forres in Bloom coffee morning St Leonard's Church Hall on 19th November 2016. Received an invite to Moray Economic Development Meeting re Kinloss – due to previous commitments both Chair/Vice Chair unable to attend. • Bam Nuttall first open afternoon re train station on Thursday 6th October 2016. • BT are advertising phone boxes for sale for £1 for community use. CARS – Vice Chair met with Reni Milburn and is happy to meet with a group involved if want to take this forward – street furniture and Market Cross need updating. • Vice Chair to arrange a meeting. Bonfire night on 5th November 2016. Rotary Quiz on 19th November at the Mosset at 7 pm - teams of 4 • GM – Colours of Cluny - still looking for volunteers for stewarding, 10 required per night. For more information visit www.coloursofcluny.com • IT – The Moray Council budget consultation finishes 14th October 2016, thank you to those who submitted comments. Budget focus last Wednesday well attended • DH – Leader money is to go ahead and tsiMORAY to administer (Scottish Government and tsi have signed a letter of agreement) advertise for staff in November 2016 – start to put out requests for applications in January/February 2017 – 2 years commitment. • JB – Remembrance Parade to take place on 6th November 2016 – brought forward at the request of the Army due to Royal Engineers celebrating their 300th anniversary, to be celebrated at St Leonard's Church 	SM
12. Councillors	Councillor's unable to attend FAF meeting.	
13. AOB	<p>Chair asked for comments with regard to the circulated paper on Proposals for formal consultation in relation to the maximum fares and charges applicable to taxis and private hire cars fitted with taxi meters in the Moray Council area – no comments received.</p> <p>Chair gave out information with regard to the A96 Dualling Hardmuir to Fochabers – Meet the Team October 2016 paperwork.</p>	

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	<p>Chair mentioned the Coastal Communities Fund that has now closed.</p> <p>Policing Conference on 13th October 2016 in Council offices from 7 pm to 9 pm – Chair, Graham and Debbie are attending.</p> <p>Secretary asked those present if they were happy with the meeting dates in 2017 – all agreed. Secretary to send list of dates for room to be booked to Ian Todd.</p>	TC
14. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd November 2016, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre.	