



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra MacLennan, Vice Chair (SM)</b>	<b>John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)</b>
<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</b>	<b>Fabio Villani (FV)</b>
<b>Ian Todd (IT)</b>	<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)</b>
<b>Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)</b>	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Welcome from Chair	Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Brian McDonald (BM), Debbie Herron ( DH) and Gordon Morrison (GM).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in June 2016	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by Angela Sutherland and seconded by John Bremner.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Planning - participatory budgeting – second meeting held last week, busy and well attended</li> </ul>	
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at roughly £5,900 (bank statement had not been received). FAF received £2,037.00 from The Moray Council as remittance for 2016/17. There were 2 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties and £22.50 for Rays Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night). Treasurer will query with Colin McKenzie, Highland Council with regard to the direct debit paid for FAF insurance – possibly £9? per month – Treasurer to email Secretary with correct payment amount.	JB
6. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	AGM took place with four new Board members elected to the Board, Fabio was elected as Chair. Frances Powell will be leaving to start a new job at Step by Step; her last day at FACT will be 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016. There will be an increase to Debbie Herron's hours (proposal to increase hours up to 30	

	<p>per week on a short-term basis). Grant paperwork submitted and pending, expect answers by the end of the month. The Digital Project, two funding applications submitted should here back in the coming week – funding for 2 years. Discussions underway with Highlands &amp; Islands Enterprise re Board workshops and funding for a part-time post.</p>	
7. Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)	<p>Current balance stands at £27,678 (£2,000 has been discussed as being set aside for Expo 2017 – need more information on how promotion was perceived, possibly give Expo up to 3 years to find out if it has drawn visitors to the area and would be worth continuing to support). Walkers are Welcome funding request paper submitted by Debbie Herron, FACT who would like sum of £700 to promote Forres as a Walkers are Welcome town, money required to cover costs of Walkers Welcome registration fees, publicity and printing, launch event and preparation – discussed and agreed by those present – Secretary to send to Alan MacBeth, The Moray Council for approval. <i>Subsequent to this meeting the funding request was approved and the MTP balance stands at £26,978 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.</i></p>	TC
8. Policy Strategy – Promotion of FAF and Area	<p>Lorna raised the subject of a follow up to the Spirit of Community Event (SoC) held in October 2014 – aiming for a date in October 2016 to tie in how far we have come and look to the future and this event will be complimentary with the Planning for Real (PfR) event. Look at well-being theme and consult with people on a single topic. FAF would be willing to promote the event in the area together with Forres Community Council and FACT. FAF would sub-contract administrative work to FACT (similar to the previous event). Costs would include preparation and undertaking all paperwork with regard to the SoC Follow-up Event, collate and submit a report on the outcomes – proposed £30 per hour (employing a Local Development Officer and Administrator) for 3 hours per week for 10 weeks if event goes ahead those present agreed for the payment to come from FAF money. Vice Chair discussed PfR, she was unsure if there would be too many events on at the same time and whether PfR information and priorities would be collated in time for October 2016. PfR planning to launch/first consultation in August 2016. Lorna agreed to speak with Sylvia Jamieson, TMC, members of Forres Community Council and members of the PfR Committee who would take the information back to their respective groups to discuss and subject to their responses the SoC 2016 event would take place in either October 2016 or spring 2017.</p>	TC
9. Local Engagement with	<p>Fabio suggested engagement with Community Planning Partnership, TMC – invite a member of TMC, possibly Mark Palmer to come and speak with regards to the Council's</p>	

Community Groups	budget and invite other groups and members of the public to discuss any queries they may have, event to be held in the Town Hall. Subject to the PFR and SoC going ahead possibility of organising a public meeting in late September 2016 – this item on hold until confirmation of when PFR event takes place.	
10. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FV – tsiMORAY – event n Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 from 9 am to midday at Elgin Library, Massive Open On-line Course – 3-hour introduction on Leadership. Transition Town Forres – new programme started for well-being, funded for 2 years and appointed Emma Stewart for 8 weeks who is providing a range of activities for over 55's – to help people socialise more. Articles have been in the Forres Gazette - Eat Canny Classes</li> <li>• IT – report submitted to Community Engagement Group on role of Area Forums in the future, asking for a review of the Area Forums – Secretary to email papers out to FAF members</li> <li>• AS – Moray Transport Forum meeting later this month in Elgin and she will attend. Thank you to FAF for tickets with regard to Piping at Forres</li> <li>• SM – judges for Beautiful Scotland will be visiting Forres on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016. Question asked to Lorna with reference to the state of the public toilets in Grant Park – toilets had been vandalised and been half repaired, wood not painted, replace doors and retile walls, told work would be undertaken before the end of the financial year work still not undertaken – Lorna to take question to Council and report back. CARES is not going ahead in Forres High Street due to lack of money - query as to what can be done with regards to signage in Forres – Lorna to take to the Council and report back</li> </ul>	<p>TC</p> <p>LC</p> <p>LC</p>
11. Councillors	<p>Councillor Creswell has undertaken the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport – engagement by a colleague with the ambulance service</li> <li>• Last week Mental Health Week presentation by Ally Walker</li> <li>• Eight Acres held meeting – part of clinical strategy for Dr Gray's discussed – participating with community</li> <li>• Third Sector Forum for Health and Well-Being - next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in the Inkwel – trying to attend and get an update on what is happening – next meeting Dianne Beattie speaking about procurement</li> <li>• Wrote this weeks Councillors Corner</li> <li>• Keith Builders Merchants – visited and asked if they would help support a temporary ramp on Culture Day for young people – Lorna possibly has the use of a unit where the ramp could be built</li> <li>• Visited Shetland to look at Social Enterprises –</li> </ul>	

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	meetings to take place to discuss findings	
12. AOB	<p>Angela queried what is happening in the future about Leancoil and she would like to know more - what will happen to the building, she would like local people to have a say in what happens to it.</p> <p>Secretary to send Lorna information with regards to after school clubs.</p> <p>Secretary to receive photographs of Forres for a pop-up banner – when photos are received Secretary to bring them to a FAF meeting.</p> <p>Secretary brought up the subject of photos of Forres throughout the years – informed lots of photos available in Forres Museum.</p> <p>Those present agreed to a holiday break for the month of August, there will be no FAF meeting in August 2016.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>All to note</p>
13. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2016, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre.	