



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE 2013**

PRESENT

Carin Schwartz, Chair	Fabio Villani, Vice Chair
John Bremner, Treasurer	Councillor Lorna Creswell
Councillor Anne Skene	Brian McDonald
Ian Todd	Terry Monaghan
Sandra Maclennan	Tina Coffey, Minutes

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Apologies	Apologies were received from Kresanna Aigner, Naomi Zair and Richard Hartland	
Minute of FAF Meeting held in May 2013	There were no amendments and the minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Fabio Villani	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cheque from the Youth Account for £500 has been forwarded onto and received by Amy Cruickshank. • The press release has been sent to the Forres Gazette. • The Men's Shed is to be placed on the agenda for July 2013. • Stephen Cooper, Head of Direct Services, The Moray Council has yet to get in touch re the future of the toilets in Forres. • Councillor Lorna Creswell told those present that both sets of toilets are to remain open until after the Equality Impact Assessment with the toilets in Grant Park to stay open afterwards due to the status it has with regard to tourism 	TC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabio and Tina have made contact with Louise Pigott, designer of the FAF logo. After a conversation with Fabio, Louise has said that the FAF are welcome to use the logo in its current form but would have to pay £100 in order to have a high resolution file. The payment would mean that the logo could be enlarged 	

	<p>indefinitely without losing resolution. There were no objections to this proposal with those present in agreement that payment of £100 is to be made, the Secretary to make contact with Louise regarding payment. A thank you to Fabio for his work in connection with this item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Bremner has forwarded a cheque to Henrietta Grant-Peterkin in connection with the work on display cases at bus stops around Forres. Henrietta expressed her gratitude for the cheque and will continue to work with Steve Ferris on the tidying up of areas within Forres • Fabio is to contact The Secretary with the email details for Kataline Buddha and a copy of the Moray Towns Partnership Report is to be sent to both her and Fabio • FAF will meet in July and have a break in August 	<p>TC</p> <p>FV/TC</p>														
Treasurers Report	<p>Current balance stands at £4,196.70. Cheques cashed this month include £100 in connection with Secretarial Duties and £961.64 in connection with Moray Towns Partnership (MTP) money events pool, this leaves an underspend of £38.36. There were 2 payments into the account from The Moray Council (TMC), £276 in relation to insurance and £1,716 in relation to the annual Administration Grant. The interest this month totalled 25 pence. John stated that there was £100 left in the Youth Account.</p>															
Presentations	<p>Richard Hartland was unable to attend to give his presentation but has been rebooked for 4th September 2013.</p>															
Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)	<p>The MTP 12-13 report is to be taken to the MTP meeting on 11th June, 7pm in Chambers. The Secretary to email Kresanna Aigner and Councillor Lorna Creswell in order to ask for photographs which could be included in the report. There is a carry forward of £1,000 from this year and Lorna is to send invoices totalling £4,417 to Alan MacBeth in order for the Forres Area Credit Union to be recompensed. The 2013-2014 MTP spend was discussed and those present voted to produce the following for inclusion on the 2013-2014 proposed list:</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>LC</p>														
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Consultations	<p>Quality Impact Assessment for Libraries concludes Friday 14th June, this will be followed by a 2 week data analysis collection and will be sent on to the Full Council in August –</p>															

	<p>aim is to target stakeholders and as wide and diverse a range of people as possible. Fabio to send the Secretary an email re this for distribution to all FAF members with responses to Fabio by Monday 10th June</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessment on toilets will be ready for July Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme meeting to be held in the library</p> <p>There is a consultation with regards to letting arrangements through halls in Moray to start shortly</p> <p>Consultation starting soon on Health Strategy for Children and Young People by NHS Grampian</p>	TC
Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Fabio reported that the Lead Development Officer has left and Frances Powell has taken the Lead Role with an advert looking to advertise for a person to fill the Local Development Officer part time post, 3 days per week, so far 3 applicants and more in pipeline. Fabio is confident of making an appointment. Next week Fabio is to step down from his role as Chair of the Board to allow him to concentrate on his job and an election for a new Chair will take place on Monday. The Growth Plan is now finished, online and waiting to be printed.</p> <p>Clare Proctor, intern has been appointed and will start work on 10th June.</p> <p>Brian stated there had been a meeting of the Heart of Forres Group to improve the business in the town centre, not very well attended and arranged at short notice, they are trying to form an action group to move it on.</p>	
Community Engagement	<p>Ian – community asset transfer and Quality Impact Assessment – new Community Engagement group met 14th May and no reports. Ian reported from David Jones, Chief Executive and Convener to reword this report and John Ferguson to take any extra facts, deadline on Friday.</p>	
Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra – Transition Town Forres coffee morning on 6th July at Town Hall The pavilion is finished and the official opening, once it is painted, will be end June/early July Rotary Club Race Night to be held on 22nd June in British Legion • Brian – Sanquhar Loch Committee going to Committee to the Council on 25th June, with a recommendation that Council works in joint partnership with Forres residents. Action group of 12 people on board most of whom are young. Probability that Sanquhar Loch to be redesignated as a reservoir, at a meeting with Debbie Halliday to look at loch she referred Brian to Spey Valley who have set up trust to look at running/managing it, Brian will wait until after the decision on 25th June before the next step. Support received from Wild Things funded to remove Himalayan balsam and Lossie, Nairn and Findhorn Fisheries Trust to remove fish. SEPA to undertake a survey of Mosset. This item to be put on July's agenda. Forwards - work with Waves Radio recording 	TC

	<p>programmes for slots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John – the Royal British Legion is booked from 28th Jul to 3rd August to coincide with the Orienteering and will be hosting a Ceilidh and other events • Anne – Kinloss Abbey Trust – new Directors taken on and looking to raise funding for a feasibility study • Fabio – it is the end of Volunteers Week and on Friday 7th Jun from 11 am – 3 pm in the Gallery at Elgin library there is an awards ceremony for volunteers and celebrations will take place from 1 pm with the Convener in attendance <p>tsiMoray AGM on 13th June starting at 7.15 pm at the Gallery in Elgin European Piping Championships in Forres on 29th June</p>	
Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell stated that it had been a busy month which encompassed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a Domestic Violence Conference on Saturday night at Mundole • Visit to care homes and disability groups • A team building evening on Friday • A meeting with the new Head Teacher at Forres Academy to discuss whether it is possible for the pupils to engage more with the community, with the possibility of offering weekly placements to S4 pupils for an hour each session within the community • The Tenants Open Day was held a couple of Saturdays ago • Community Council information is due out in August for those who would like to stand 	
Councillors (cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorna brought up the subject of updating the list of organisations/groups in Forres and producing an up to date booklet, she has found a suitable person who is willing to undertake this task for a one off payment of £300. Those in attendance agreed to this proposal and payment • An on-line Welfare Benefits session was held at Forres Area Credit Union offices <p>Councillor Anne Skene's diary encompassed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 6th June a discussion on Main Issues Report on Forres and surrounding area discussed in Chambers, development land around Forres including Lochyhill to be discussed – there was a presentation in the Town Hall a few months ago • Redco Milne site visit on 5th June, on 6th June a separate briefing for 4 people followed by a debate on the afternoon of 11th June which will start the Outline Planning Hearing • New Children and Young People Partnership – Anne to chair it on Friday includes members from NHS, Social Work, Education, police, Children 1st and tsiMoray – looking at future planning of how to integrate those groups who work with children 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is Awards Month and Anne will attend inter schools library quiz for finalists on Thursday • Community Learning Developments Awards 	
Redco Milne	John Bremner stated on 13 th May 2 new documents have been submitted – new road structure in Invererne Road and a bridge at Gordon Street, according to John they have never appeared in the plans before 14 th May – possible 1 way system, with an amendment to the original map – Anne to check this and take to meeting. Brian will attend meeting on 11 th June as a private individual. Anne and Lorna to ask questions on 6 th June at 1.30 pm.	AS/LC
Men's Shed	To be carried forward to July's agenda	TC
AOB	Carin Schwartz reminded those present that she has tendered her resignation as of August. Brian was asked if he would be able to stand as Chair and will get back to the group. Fabio also stated that with his present job in the council he foresaw that being Vice Chair of FAF may not be appropriate but is willing to stay on if there is no other taker. John reminded those present that he has tendered his resignation and his last month as Treasurer would be August. Fabio suggested that there is a possibility that FACT may facilitate the Forum. Lorna suggested a similar merger with the Community Council. Those present are asked to give some thought as to who would be willing to become office bearers and the Secretary is to place this on the next agenda.	BM TC
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 3 rd July 2013, 7 pm at the General Purpose Room in the Forres House Community Centre.	