



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2014

PRESENT

Brian McDonald, Chair	John Bremner, Treasurer
Sandra Maclennan, Vice Chair	Councillor Lorna Creswell
Fabio Villani	Ian Todd
Naomi Zair	Terry Monaghan
Tina Coffey, Minutes	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Brian McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Apologies	Apologies were received from Carol Shaw, Councillor Anne Skene, Kresanna Aigner, Eleanor Hayward, Angela Sutherland and Andrew Anderson.	
Minute of FAF Meeting held in March 2014	There were no amendments and the minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Sandra Maclennan.	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabio Villani forwarded the Study of Town Centre Economic Activity by Rowena MacDougall to the Secretary who has distributed it to FAF members. • FAF Handbook has been updated and includes additional changes i.e. 10 year plan. Ian Todd is awaiting ratification of strategy before forwarding on to the Secretary to circulate to FAF members. • Third party insurance – Ian Todd informed those present that John Ferguson had been in contact with Anita Milne and Alan Beresford re insurance and Anita was to get back to Area Forums. Ian Todd to forward email on this subject to the Secretary. • Moray Area Forum – British Red Cross hospital transportation facilities – ongoing. • I-kiosks – email sent by Secretary to Alan MacBeth, The Moray Council (TMC). • The closure of the Out of Schools Club was passed today, 	IT IT EH

	club will close in June.	
Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £3,138.88 with 3 cheques cashed; £50 for secretarial duties, £59.84 for secretarial supplies and £35.46 MTP spend. This leaves £2.90 left to spend on MTP money and there is £276 set aside for insurance.	
Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)	<p>Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer met with Alan MacBeth, TMC to discuss MTP spends. Information to be passed to Secretary for distribution to FAF members.</p> <p>FAF members present put forward the following MTP 2014 – 2015 proposed spends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forres in Bloom £5,000 • Findhorn Bay Arts £3,000 • Nelsons Tower Video Equipment £700 <p>Secretary to place an article in the Gazette requesting invitations from general public as to proposed spending, these requests are to be assessed on their individual merit at the FAF meeting in May 2014.</p> <p>Forres maps should be ready shortly – request by members to have sight of these before the final print run.</p>	<p>BM</p> <p>TC</p> <p>BM</p>
Consultations	<p>Moray Local Development Plan – large document and should be available in the library, consultation period runs until 5 pm on 2nd May 2014</p> <p>Please see http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Current website which has a list of current Scottish consultations</p>	
Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Renewables – Chair spoke to Community Council (CC) and gave a briefing paper in connection with the solar meadow, CC's impression was positive about the proposal in principle. There is a plan to hold a consultation with the public after the next CC meeting, the Chair and James MacKessack-Leitch will give this briefing.</p> <p>Muirden energy site has been approved by the Scottish Office – 12 windmill site, there should be community benefit from this. FACT has applied to own a windmill – income generated pays for the ownership and maintenance of a windmill – this may happen 2 years down the line.</p> <p>FACT moved on 31st March 2014 and now based in the Moray College Learning Centre (MCLC).</p> <p>Samantha Davidson was appointed as the FACT Administrator. She will take up the post of Secretary for the Tracks Group – Lord Strathcona /Lord Mount Steven – in September 300 – 400 people visiting and working with Dufftown – suggestion that fund raising should be undertaken to further recognise the contribution of Lord Strathcona to the area.</p> <p>DTAS – trying to pursue funding from Scottish Government to try and maintain capacity of Area Trusts, £3 million allocated to trusts to apply for and ensure their capability and capacity for undertaking projects.</p>	BM
Community Engagement	Councillor Creswell is keen to hold a community event in which all groups work together, co-operative actions, looking to hold this in September 2014, FAF members to give this idea some thought and report back at next meeting.	All
Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naomi Zair – wished to tell everyone that she enjoyed the Tele Health Care event in the Town Hall, although 	

	<p>disappointed that there were not that many people to whom the products were marketed at present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Maclennan – attended the MTP meeting where 2 presentations took place by Jane Cumming, Platform Ltd – Have a Very Moray Christmas and Colin Munro – My Moray Website and app. Alan MacBeth gave out the list of procedures in connection with MTP projects. Next meeting 3rd June 2014. <p>5th April 2014 – Rotary Group – Stroke Awareness at Tesco</p> <p>6th April 2014 – Forres in Bloom (FiB) clean up – start at 2 pm and meet by greenhouses</p> <p>12th April 2014 - Mosset Burn clean up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian McDonald – FACT – Town Centre and Tourist Group – refer the groups to Colin Munro re – My Moray Website and app <p>Moray Waste Busters – looking for a site in Elgin to operate out of – Ian Todd, Community Support Unit, receives information with regard to sites which are surplus to requirements to TMC and will forward this information on to the Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabio Villani – Yes Forres Group – public meeting to be held on 25th April 2014 in the Town Hall during the evening. Yes Moray groups has Co-convenor of Scottish Green Party, Patrick Harvey visiting on Friday 9th May 2014 and at the Radical Independence Conference on Saturday 10th May 2014 – Vice Convenor of Scottish Greens (from Glasgow) visited Findhorn and Forres – to share issues and ideas about what can be undertaken and how to raise profile of Scottish Greens • John Bremner – next Community Council meeting on 17th April 2014 • Ian Todd – heavily involved in Community Asset Transfer – involved with teacher and Head Teacher briefings in May 2014 and engaging with school estates briefings – 8 meetings coming up in April 2014 • Tina Coffey – Friends of Guiding coffee morning, 10 am until midday on 26th April 2014 in the Town Hall. 	<p>BM</p> <p>IT</p>
tsiMoray	<p>Join the Dots event held on 14th March 2014, went very well, feed back from 20 people has been good – piece in P&J paper. Gazette had piece in paper about awards and certificates. Report is to be sent to Secretary for distribution.</p> <p>Moray Tourism Strategy formal Social Enterprise – Transition Town Forres (TTF) won overall – lots of certificates issued in Forres. Challenge for tsiMoray try to get rest of area as active as Forres, Richard Lochhead opened the event – workshops and exhibition space were available – 120 people attended awards. Third Sector Development Officer to be advertised on tsiMoray website – aim to reshape care for older people in Moray – closing date 28th April 2014 with interviews mid May 2014.</p>	FV
Councillors	Councillor Lorna Creswell stated that she had been busy with the following:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tele Health Care – attended meeting in Town Hall. • Foundation visit – alternative to learning disability life choices – looking at employment, training opportunities and independent living – looking to put packages together to offer to people with learning disabilities – a lad with Aspergers’ gave a talk. • Tenants AGM – 2 tenants, 5 Councillors and 3 staff in attendance – all Tenants Groups across Moray have now become one Tenants Forum – contact person is Heather Anderson – any monies given to groups now pooled and £3,000 in pot – suggestions that salt/grit bins could be installed • Learning Disability Partnership Board meets every 3 months – 70 people plus turned up and theme was employment and training. Next topic for June meeting is independent living. • Transition Leadership Group which is taking the health and council agenda and merging them, will take a lot of time and discussions 	
AOB	Secretary to email Frances Powell, FACT, requesting whether FAF are able to use MCLC for FAF meetings in June and July 2014.	TC
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 th May 2014, 7 pm in the General Purpose Room at Forres House Community Centre.	

Please note the meetings for June and July 2014 will be held in the Moray College Learning Centre now known as the Forres Learning Centre (FLC) starting at 7 pm