



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra MacLennan, Vice Chair (SM)</b>	<b>John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)</b>
<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</b>	<b>Debbie Herron (DH)</b>
<b>Gill Bird (GB)</b>	<b>Graham Murdoch (GM)</b>
<b>Ian Todd (IT)</b>	<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)</b>
<b>Emma Stewart (ES)</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 and introduced Emma Stewart from Transition Town Forres (TTF).	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Brian McDonald (BM) and Fabio Villani (FV).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in July 2016	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Angela Sutherland.	
4. Talk by Emma Stewart - TTF	Emma Stewart, TTF Coordinator of a newly set up 2-year project. Funding granted from Peoples Health Trust to try to tackle health inequalities and to empower communities – offering free classes to support well being in the community. Classes run at Bogton Road for over 50's – trying to stop/tackle social isolation and give opportunities to those not normally able to afford classes – information gathered from the community about what classes would be needed to be set up. Have set up an over 50's steering group, at present 4 people have come forward to be on the group but would like more to join. Emma will be issuing surveys soon asking people what they would like class wise in the community – there will be a question and answer taster session with free transport provided. If you would like more information contact Emma at <a href="mailto:forreswellbeing@gmail.com">forreswellbeing@gmail.com</a>	

<p>5. Matters Arising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insurance – John informed the meeting the insurance payment is £9.66, a copy of the insurance documentation was given to Lorna. Iain informed those present that Cullen Community Council hold the same policy, if holding an event with another group jointly would have to inform Colin MacKenzie to cover both groups as long as not negligent and have correct qualifications to run the event</li> <li>• Item 7 – Walkers Welcome information was forwarded on for payment to Alan MacBeth, The Moray Council (TMC)</li> <li>• Item 8 – with regard to the follow up Spirit of Community event it was thought more realistically it would be held in spring 2017</li> <li>• Item 10 - information with regard to the future of Area Forums was forwarded on to FAF members</li> <li>• Item 10 – CARS signage email was forwarded to Lorna – not followed up</li> <li>• Item 12 – information with regard to after schools clubs emailed to Lorna</li> <li>• Vice Chair - action to track down items bought for all groups to share i.e. loud hailer – Kresanna Aigner gave Vice Chair a list, some of the items gone have gone missing and are not at TTF, best to contact Kristy Puplett and Iain - Vice Chair to contact. Loud hailer damaged, Vice Chair to ask Kresanna to quote for a replacement loud hailer</li> </ul>	<p>SM</p>
<p>6. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>Current balance stands at roughly £5,697.30. There were 3 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties, £22.50 for Rays Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night) and £98.00 to The Moray Council for hire of the Town Hall for the coffee morning. Four months of insurance appears on the statement (£38.64).</p>	
<p>7. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p>	<p>Debbie Herron passed on the following information:          Digital Project has been signed off and waiting until release of funds – Samantha Fraser moved jobs and is now the Digital Project Manager for the Online Forres Project – due to the risk of redundancy Samantha was able to apply for this post – advertising for an Administrator, 3 hours per day (10 am to 1 pm), 5 days per week closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 – information can be found at <a href="http://www.forresarea.org">www.forresarea.org</a>          Social Enterprise Centre – project has been in the ideas stage, potential building is Clydesdale Bank – project does not interfere with Hub’s work, there will be no café facilities – aim to have gallery and display space available – at present submitting a stage 1 application to Scottish Land Fund – looking if all goes well to come to fruition in couple of years – looking to have a health and well-being strand. Attended a Development Trust Association Scotland meeting with Fabio and Samantha – potential to visit other development trusts.</p>	

	<p>Skate Park – steering group met with aim to have a pop up ramp at Culture Day – received support from BAM Nuttall and AJ Engineering and help from Village SOS – next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7 pm in the FACT office, will encourage group to visit Planning for Real in Town Hall that night – Debbie has spoken with a Village SOS consultant (Michael – Big Lottery based consultant – google Village SOS for more information) who has been working on a Skate Park action plan (work via email and phone as he is based in Edinburgh) – undertaking funding search after action plan – aiming to be finished by Christmas</p> <p>Older People – hope to work with Emma – NHS providing a Vintage Tea in Town Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – aimed at older people and FACT will take a stand – health and well-being and addressing social isolation</p> <p>Tourism – World Host training going ahead - need 2 more organisation to sign up for training to enable Forres to become a World Host destination - next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 2 – 4 pm in the FACT office, a general meeting with Laurie Piper, Tourism Officer and Jo Robertson, Visit Scotland new area officer attending Walker are Welcome need 200 more signatures</p> <p>Available in office 9 am to 5 pm from Monday to Thursday</p>	
<p>8. Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)</p>	<p>Chair attended MTP meeting, spoke about Geocaching –a company offering to set up a global treasure hunt where members of the public download an app, register and put in a specific area to search, told via phone the co-ordinates to find treasure – you get clues on line and when you find and open a geocache there is a notebook to leave note and some have plastic ducks which are moved from one place to another, some people take an item and leave an item behind, then able to log onto your account saying where you have been and what you have done – MTP thought the price quoted was too expensive (over £6,000 to set up). Alan MacBeth, TMC to speak with Ruby to see if there is a cheaper version as geocaching is a popular pastime</p> <p>Expo 2017 – Debbie spoke on this topic – Johnston’s of Elgin have attended for many years only now starting to get a return back – something new and different - 4 towns are to attend in 2017 with contributions of £2,500 from each Area Forum from MTP money. Debbie is the representative from Forres – ties in with tourism and she will be taking leaflets from different groups throughout the area - 2017 is the year of Heritage, 2018’s theme is Young People. FAF agreed £2,500 is to be put aside for Expo 2017.</p> <p>Moray Forum – Vice Chair attended, long meeting and spoke about future of Area Forums.</p>	
<p>9. Policy Strategy – Promotion of FAF and Area</p>	<p>Ian informed members that 10 year ago there were 8 forums, over the past 3-4 years Forums have dropped to 4 - Forres, Buckie, Speyside and Milnes – various attempts to revive dormant forums which were unsuccessful. Two main aims of</p>	

	<p>Community Planning are to make sure people and communities are alerted to or engage in decisions which affect them and helping organisations to work together in providing better public services. Area Forums are a means of engaging with local people in the Community Planning process although there is no formal direct communication link to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) board. Have to have a discussion amongst membership to assess and ascertain whether the function of the existing forums is fit for purpose and whether Forums decide to stay as they are or restructure locality plans. Sandra stated Moray Area Forum are calling for another meeting to look at this item and come up with a draft response.</p>	
<p>10. Role of FAF – Engagement of People</p>	<p>See item 9.</p>	
<p>11. It's Your Moray - questionnaire</p>	<p>Agreed that this is to be completed at meeting in October 2016.</p>	
<p>12. Round the Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GB – Findhorn Bay Arts Festival 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 good press coverage including gigs, theatre, science shows – lots of shows free of charge, most income grant funded, at present 50% of tickets sold</li> <li>• GM – Colours of Cluny progressing well – volunteers required to help patrol Cluny Hill, front of Grant Park and St Leonard's Road entrances during period from 9<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016, there will be an article in Forres Gazette soon – tickets available online</li> <li>• AS - Transport Group – Angela will be attending a seminar on 10<sup>th</sup> September and there is a meeting of the steering group on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – presentation from Graham Jarvis, Head of Lifelong Learning, Culture and Sport, The Moray Council on budgeting</li> <li>• IT – information with regard to the budget and how it is to be spent by The Moray Council - 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 focus group mini seminar – Community Support Unit are to bring together focus groups, to include young people, business, older people and Community based organisations to attend along with leaders of the Council - outcome will be fed back from this and all other information collected – hope to have all stats together by December to put out information of what the residents of Moray are looking for – not promoting large talks looking for groups to invite Directors to come out to speak – information is on line and available in paper format</li> <li>• SM – flower show in Town Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016. tsiMORAY AGM to be held on 26<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	

	September 2016, welcome at 5.30 pm	
13. Councillors	<p>Councillor Creswell has undertaken the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visited Hanover properties – heard today Forres Hanover is delayed until October 2016</li> <li>• Attended a Women Against Inequalities meeting – for those women born in the 1950's who will lose out on their pension age – action day on 16<sup>th</sup> September on the Plainstones in Elgin</li> <li>• Bam Nuttall – attended meetings with regards to skate park ramps – visited Keith Builders who donated materials for the ramps for Culture Day</li> <li>• Health and Social Care – next month will be handed over to the NHS to chair meetings</li> <li>• Meetings with Debbie Herron from FACT to discuss follow up to Spirit of Community event</li> <li>• Common Good issues – come up again and issues raised</li> <li>• Anti social items – spoken to people who are desperate for social housing</li> <li>• Planning for Real – 200+ attended on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 in the Town Hall, broad range of people turned up</li> <li>• Forres in Bloom – find out decision on Forres on 14<sup>th</sup> September – Scotland is Beautiful 50<sup>th</sup> birthday</li> <li>• Complained about no shows at coffee morning in Town Hall, possibly due to illness and lack of people able to hold a coffee morning on set dates due to issues beyond their control</li> <li>• Received emails about Kinross closure meeting</li> <li>• Kinloss childcare facility – had to close down as only held English registration</li> </ul>	
14. AOB	Nothing to report.	
15. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2016, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre.	