



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

### PRESENT

<b>Brian McDonald, Chair (BM)</b>	<b>John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)</b>
<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)</b>	<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</b>
<b>Debbie Herron (DH)</b>	<b>Ian Todd (IT)</b>
<b>Graham Murdoch (GMu)</b>	<b>Pat Ellison (PE)</b>
<b>Ray MacDonald (RM)</b>	<b>Vicky Flood (VF)</b>
<b>Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)</b>	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Sandra MacLennan (SM) and Fabio Villani (FV).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in January 2017	There was one amendment, item 11, last bullet point, course is entitled Independent Living Skills and is a course for people with disabilities. The minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Vicki Flood.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 4 – Vice Chair unavailable re items stored at TTF – to be carried forward.</li> <li>Item 4 – item placed on agenda – see item 11.</li> <li>Item 4 – Debbie contacted Laurie Piper with regard to invoice for both Expo's.</li> <li>Item 4 – Graham informed those present a meeting has been set for 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2 pm with regard to Mosset Burn - Bob Laughton had contacted him and will attend the meeting – ongoing.</li> <li>Item 4 – Councillor Creswell – Leancoil - Government meeting held last week, no update received – update at next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>SM</p> <p>GMu</p> <p>LC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 7 – Secretary has passed all invoices received to Alan MacBeth, Moray Council with regard to MTP money.</li> <li>Item 11 – Secretary awaits information from Fiona Rolt re Squadron Leader Burn.</li> </ul>	
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £5,170.33. There were 3 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties, £22.50 for Ray's Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night) and £32.67 for office supplies. Insurance of £9.66 was also deducted from the account.	
6. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie Herron passed on the following information:            With regard to cataloguing a list of assets held at TTF, volunteer is on holiday and this will start on her return.            Debbie will attend an Expo meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 – she will take suggestions from meetings she has attended. Along with Forres in Bloom (FiB), FACT was at the Co-op handing out membership forms.            Debbie gave a talk today to Forres OAP group.            Older Persons Worker - job advertised in the Gazette – so far 2 applications received. Hope to interview and have a person in post by March 2017.            Bank premises have received another offer which is progressing, FACT looked at other premises on the High Street and Board voted to look into exploring the possibility of applying for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for the Town Hall – early days. Meeting with Sylvia Jamieson, Moray Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February to discuss how to progress an application – funding request with Scottish Land Fund to transfer funds from original project to new project – should find out after 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Beginning to start presentation to Community Groups – share and engage with people to promote what FACT is doing.            Visit by FACT Directors and staff to Mull and Iona Community Trust from 9 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017.            Skate Park meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 7 pm in the FACT office – looking at visiting other skate parks with Lossiemouth and Aberlour groups, currently in the planning stage.            Forres Area Tourism Networking, next meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 10 am in FACT office.            World Host Training on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - £35 per head.</p>	
7. Moray Towns Partnership Allocations	<p>Adventures for All – application unable to be submitted as the business is not based in Forres – unable to progress this item further. Secretary to email out a grant form for money from FAF account.</p> <p>Application received from Sanquhar Dam Renovation Group (SDRG) for £4,000 for signage – discussion ensued. Chair declared an interest in this project and did not vote. It was agreed in principle that SDRG are to reissue the invoice and attached paperwork on condition there is partnership</p>	TC

	<p>working with other groups within Forres.</p> <p>Vote took place with 3 options voted for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Money to be applied for and paid to SDRG – 1 vote</li> <li>2. Money to SDRG – has no constitution - or to pay money towards FiB with surplus money being used by FiB towards signage in Forres – no votes</li> <li>3. Money to go to SDRG in collaboration and joint approach with other groups within Forres i.e. FiB, FCWT and Dava Way Group – 4 votes</li> </ol> <p>Secretary to forward on revised paperwork to Alan MacBeth, Moray Council when received.</p> <p>Chair sought clarification from Graham with regard to whether Colours of Cluny was still seeking donations from MTP – Graham confirmed that Colours of Cluny is seeking money from all sources.</p>	TC
8. Equipment Storage and Access	Ongoing – carry forward to next meeting.	TC
9. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE – spoke to those present with regard to Disabled Access Day 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017, in conjunction with Euan’s Guide <a href="http://www.euansguide.com">www.euansguide.com</a> a disabled access review website. Hoping to publicise this site, at present Forres has 3 sites on their website and hoping that other businesses on the High Street receive reviews</li> <li>• GMu – crossing at railway station over the A96 – Bam Nuttall do not have the crossing of the A96 within their remit – ideally looking to have a bridge or traffic lights across/over the A96 – possibility British Rail own a small piece of land around the Royal Hotel area and possibly potential for a ramp - need critical mass of people with momentum from public required.</li> <li>• GMu - Colours of Cluny was a successful event and improvements will be made to this year’s display – modes of transport for those with disabilities was discussed – any ideas/suggestions for OAP and disabled transportation would be greatly received. There has been a promotional video produced for Colours of Cluny which is available to promote the area</li> <li>• IT – will be meeting the Chair and Secretary of Moray Area Forum on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 to catch up on how Area Forums will be affected by budgetary proposals and other considerations.</li> <li>• AS – next Transport Forum meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017</li> <li>• BM – Network Rail and Ban Nuttall open day at Waterford is on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 between 3 pm and 7 pm (first Thursday of each month)</li> </ul>	

<p>10. Councillors</p>	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated those present on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Signs – issue brought up by resident with regard to signs which say “leading to”, confusion for some people – budget is out, have to wait until April</li> <li>▪ Integrated Joint Board – has to find £5.5 million due to smaller amount of money granted</li> <li>▪ Town Hall – unsure if having phone lines fitted, unsure if wifi was being fitted</li> <li>▪ Attended a Business Association Burns Night supper</li> <li>▪ Attended a Branching Out awards ceremony – national organisation (people’s well-being)</li> <li>▪ Keir Hardy is harnessing local talent and encouraging everybody to entertain at an organised event</li> <li>▪ Part of a short course today about crucial conversations from the Social Enterprise Academy</li> <li>▪ Credit Union – trunking work has started at the premises</li> <li>▪ Councillors – if interested in becoming a Councillor on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 holding an information event on what it is like to be a Councillor</li> <li>▪ Morven Wood – passed away and service held today</li> <li>▪ Attended a meeting on the purpose of Out of Hours Service – meeting attended in Inverurie</li> <li>▪ Credit Union – accessed a small grant in connection with isolation and support</li> <li>▪ Leancoil - awaiting response from Chief Officer</li> </ul>	
<p>11. AOB</p>	<p>Request from Secretary to purchase computer virus software – those present agreed to the purchase up to the sum of £100.</p>	
<p>12. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)</p>	