



## MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2017

### PRESENT

<b>Sandra MacLennan, Vice Chair (SM)</b>	<b>John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)</b>
<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)</b>	<b>Angela Sutherland (AS)</b>
<b>Brian McDonald (BM)</b>	<b>Debbie Herron (DH)</b>
<b>Ian Todd (IT)</b>	<b>Ray MacDonald (RM)</b>
<b>Terry Monaghan (TM)</b>	<b>Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)</b>

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Welcome from Chair	The post of Chair is vacant therefore the Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies had been received from Fabio Villani (FV), Gordon Morrison (GM), Mike Scott (MS) and Vicki Flood (VF).	
3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in March 2017	There were two amendments, item 4, bullet point 11 should have read Findhorn Bay Arts, the word Arts was missed and under item 6, David's surname is Harrison. The minutes were proposed by Debbie Herron and seconded by Lorna Creswell.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 4 – with regard to the Mosset, Graham Murdoch was not in attendance – this item ongoing.</li> <li>Item 4 – Lorna informed those present there will be a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June at Forres Academy from 7 – 9 pm with regard to Leancoil and other services, arranged by Pam Gowans and open to stakeholders and groups.</li> <li>Item 5 – cheque has been received by Vicki Flood.</li> <li>Item 7 – Sanquhar Dam Regeneration Group, invoice has been sent to FACU to George Paul and money is in the account. With regard to the information boards Brian informed those present that currently the area</li> </ul>	GMu

	<p>is being looked at and information acquired for the boards is being gathered and thought through, George Paul and Alistair Walker are working on the board wording. It is hoped to have a consistent signage style used throughout the town and Brian is happy to attend meetings further down the line. Brian is looking for someone with a drone to take photos of Sanquhar Loch for planning and scheduling purposes and would like to let everyone know that there are lots of wildlife enthusiasts with cameras using the loch. He hopes to invite local photographers to submit images of the loch for future use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 8 – equipment storage and access, Debbie informed the meeting that Judith Binney has almost completed the list and is currently compiling a list of who to send it out to.</li> <li>• Item 8 – pop-up banners and teardrops have been found at Forres in Bloom (FiB) shed, to be returned. Query as to the pop-up tents all from Transition Town Forres (TTF), used by Piping at Forres and for the Christmas lights – have to check condition when next in use.</li> <li>• Item 10 – maps, a meeting has been held to find out if an update is required, currently have enough although needs a major overhaul. App that Piping at Forres are using does not use the map which FAF instigated.</li> <li>• Item 10 – Lorna to follow up with Nick Brown with regard to his survey and then forward on to Vice Chair.</li> <li>• Item 10 – Money for Moray, Vice Chair attended, good day at Rothes, money given was in connection with social isolation, 3 local groups received money, Dyke Church, Cathay and Wellbeing Group run by Heidi.</li> <li>• Item 10 – Pipers drones in Grant Park replaced, lasted 2 weeks before being broken off again, another set awaiting fitting.</li> <li>• Item 10 – Angela attended Moray Forum Transport Steering Group meeting where it was agreed Chair would chase groups for comments on the Transport Guide. Next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May. Looking for replacement for Sheila Fletcher, Community Transport Association. Continuing with transport for hospitals meeting to be held. Stagecoach meeting and change in bus times. Dial M less people used it in January, bus can be used by everyone on payment of fares if no bus pass. Bus times and routes have changed, No 31 Findhorn – Forres circular now in service.</li> </ul>	<p>LC</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 12 – Secretary emailed Secretary of Forres Community Council (FCC) who forwarded on an invitation to attend FAF meeting to Graham Hilditch, Chair of FCC.</li> </ul>	
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £4,694.60. There were 5 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties, £22.50 for Ray's Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night), £14.79 for Moray & Nairn newspapers, £89.99 for office supplies, £200 grant set up for New Adventures 4 All and insurance of £28.98 was also deducted from the account.	
6. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie informed those present of the following:</p> <p>Forres On-line – extra sessions are taking place, more members of the public in asking for information and help – volunteering opportunities available for those interested.</p> <p>Older Persons Project – FACT received funding from Co-operative Community Fund – cheque collected on 19<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>Older Persons Directory – final checks and then ready to go to the printers. Kirsty Williams attended the Older Persons Group which meets in the Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon, well received. Proof reading to be undertaken.</p> <p>Town Hall – valuation survey undertaken – LDN Architects will be undertaking options of what could be done with the building - public meeting to be held in June/July to present options and talks held separately with additional user groups of Town Hall who will be consulted.</p> <p>Tourism – Walkers are Welcome mini festival successful and well received with 75 people taking part. Long Walks Association joined together with groups for a local walk and discussion to do more walks.</p> <p>Work Hosts – Forres is officially a World Host Destination with training still available to the end of the year at a reduced rate. FACT are supporting getting the rest of Moray signed up for the training so that Moray can be recognised as a region. People First are to market this. Contact Vicki at FACT office if interested in the training.</p> <p>Expo – no reports received but heard it went well. Vice Chair requested of Debbie if she could ask whether an Expo representative could come and talk at a FAF meeting – Debbie to put in a request for either Laurie Piper or a Forres rep to give a talk. World Host lasts 2 years with a refresher on line, available to be read and questions answered, it is free and available on the Moray Speyside website.</p> <p>Expenses were sent straight to Alan MacBeth at Moray Council (MC).</p> <p>Busy at FACT looking for funding – people are using FACT's services and groups are using the FACT office space during the evenings.</p>	DH
7. Moray Towns Partnership Allocations	There has been no change since the last meeting.	

8. Equipment Storage and Access	Judith Binney has almost completed the list and will be ready to post out letters to groups soon. FAF agreed to cover the cost of postage.	
9. Planning for Real 20/20	Vice Chair stated the next meetings were to be Prioritisation events in Forres Town Hall on Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May (6 – 7.30 pm Environment and Sustainability and 7.30 – 9 pm Leisure and Tourism) and Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May (6 – 7.30 pm Traffic, Transport and Access and 7.30 – 9 pm Facilities and Services), all are welcome and refreshments will be provided. An article has appeared in the Gazette and FACT staff will hand out posters. Secretary to email FCC with posters. FAF will cover the costs of refreshments.	TC
10. The Future of Area Forums	Ian informed those present that the current position has not changed. Moray Forums and how best they could fit in with the Community Engagement Group (CEG) was discussed. Forums do not report to anyone therefore work of Area Forums is not well known, but reporting to CEG would give Forums a bigger voice and higher profile. CEG profile is large and representation by Forums in the form of minutes of FAF meetings or a quarterly report could be sent to CEG. Anita Milne prepared a paper, Area Forums – The Future, which was emailed to the FAF membership and was discussed at this meeting. Other areas within Moray have regeneration groups and these are not eligible to have members on the Forum. FAF agreed it would have to highlight partnership working between FCC, FKCC, FACT and FAF and mention events taking place i.e. Piping at Forres, Spirit of Forres, Colours of Cluny and Findhorn Bay Arts all of which bring money into the area and which have received Moray Towns Partnership funding voted on by FAF members at meetings. Discussion ensued with Vice Chair to email Fiona Rolt with suggestions i.e. to reinstate a dedicated support worker as opposed to nominate under recommendations and to expand on partnership working by FAF with other groups.	SM
11. Annual Area Guides 2017	Item discussed and agreed that FAF will not be taking out an advert in the area guide.	
12. Hustings Update	Vice Chair informed those present that FAF had organised a hustings at short notice for the local council elections. There were 4 prospective candidates in attendance and 45 members of the public attended. The event was reported in the Forres Gazette.	
13. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RM – Disability Week took place in March 2017, with 3 shops being highlighted in Euan’s Guide, this has increased to 11. Second Disabled Access Awareness Day in Forres on 6<sup>th</sup> May at Boots, from 10.30 am to 2 pm, with Angus Robertson, Laurie Piper and Ryan MacDonald (wheelchair user and Euan’s Guide ambassador) in attendance – leaflets out to businesses on High Street on 4<sup>th</sup> May,</li> </ul>	

	<p>wheelchair users visiting and reporting back. Second course of Food, Work and Health Matters has started, funded by money received from Berryburn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BM – query with regard to Tolbooth Street roundabout – what are thoughts and problems – may be public consultation in the future</li> <li>• AS – will attend the next Transport Group meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and bus times change on Monday</li> <li>• SM – Bam Nuttall open day on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Christian Aid Week from 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May, collections via buckets in the High Street for any donations. 13<sup>th</sup> May in Forres Town Hall, Forres in Bloom coffee morning from 10 am to midday and Rotary doing blood pressure tests at Tesco. 18<sup>th</sup> May Forres Community Council (FCC) meeting. Planting up beds in Grant Park at end May/beginning of June. Keep Moray Beautiful Group working with Keep Scotland Group hoping to have a Keep Forres Beautiful litter pick.</li> </ul>	
<p>14. Councillors</p>	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell updated those present on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mortuary meeting last week – scoping exercise to see if could be improved</li> <li>• Franz and Amanda – back in country, holding an event at Lossiemouth re Learning Disability on 17<sup>th</sup> May at Covesea Golf Club</li> <li>• Attended Friends of the Tolbooth Museum AGM</li> <li>• Auchernack Trust – applications due in by end of May to apply for funding</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> June – wear purple for Dementia Friendly Day, donations welcomed</li> <li>• FAWN meeting – 20 turned up and met at Varis Court – looking to showcase what people do</li> <li>• German trip – 4 days self-funded trip - looking at children’s exchange trip with Germans undertaking funding package</li> <li>• Inverurie on Monday – Integrated Joint Board</li> <li>• Met with Jo Smithson based at surgery, link worker employed to try and divert some questions from doctors – trying to set up support mechanisms and try to get people into voluntary work – Jo is looking into finding out more about debt and money advice</li> <li>• Conference on Saturday of UN Convention of Rights for the Child</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> May hosted a person from NESCU and to see the job centre staff in the afternoon</li> </ul>	
<p>15. AOB</p>	<p>Wee Fibbees received a green community award. Ray informed those present that prices for scones had been increased to £2.50 per person, therefore the monthly invoice will be £25.00 an increase of £2.50 per month. Vice Chair proposed that amount of scones ordered for each meeting be reduced to feed 10 people attending the</p>	

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	meeting, all present agreed. FAF coffee morning on 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2017, Town Hall from 10 am to midday. All offers of help and donations appreciated. Secretary to email out to FAF membership. Secretary is to follow up and see if Graham Hilditch, Chair of FCC would be available to attend the next FAF meeting. Sean Moat has resigned from the FCC.	TC TC
16. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre (FHCC)	