



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST 2024**

PRESENT

David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)	Lorna Creswell (LoC)
Laura Cameron (LC)	Ann Rossiter (AR)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from Sandra Maclennan (SM).	
2. Minutes from 1 st May 2024	The minutes from 1 st May 2024 had been circulated, item 14 CLD Strategic Plan Review Survey was available. The minutes were proposed by Ann and seconded by Laura.	
3. Matters arising	Item 9 – Spirit of Community completed and background information still to be uploaded – data report. Item 16 – CLD Strategy – draft form and still to be completed. Item 14 – adult learners forum – rejuvenated and will be looking at what the purpose of the group is – Ian Baillie. Item 16 – money for the maps has already been paid into the account, Lorretta to check.	LO
4. Constitution	The Constitution was retyped and emailed to all, the Moray Forum provided the template for all forum constitutions.	
5. Treasurers Report	Chair, Depute Treasurer and Secretary are all to complete online banking signatures after which the account with the Co-op will be closed and all money in this account will be transferred to the new RBS account.	SM/LO/TC
6. Correspondence	Secretary emailed out the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarriers newsletter x 3 • STP Funding Finders for April, May, June and July • tsiMORAY e-Bulletins x 6 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spar Community Cashback • FBA Winter Wonderland • STP newsletters x 5 • Scotland Loves Local x 2 • Funding roadshows – tsiMoray • FABA survey 	
7. FACT	<p>Lorna informed those present of the following: Michelle the Development Manager will be working part time from 1st September (20 hours), the remaining 15 hours are to be decided upon (temporary hours until March 2024 part funded by HIE).</p> <p>There is a pop-up coffee morning this coming Saturday run by FACT volunteers.</p> <p>The FACT Board is looking for new Board members, please visit the website if interested: https://forresarea.org/the-trust/support-us/become-a-director/</p> <p>At present collation of volunteers skills is being completed in order that they could be called upon to help with work. Following a consultation on what users would like the building to look like, those attending stated they would like to see the balcony and stage kept.</p> <p>Looking for admin support.</p> <p>Donna Lawrie has joined the team as the finance support person.</p> <p>Lorna attended a heritage meeting on 8th August.</p> <p>A wedding reception was held in the town hall and was very successful.</p> <p>FBA Festival will take place in the Town Hall during September.</p> <p>FACT will hold a quiz on 5th October and have asked all user groups to submit a team.</p>	
8. Forres Culture and Heritage Scheme	Next meeting will take place on 8 th August 2024.	
9. Spirit of Community (SoC) 2022	<p>Document completed and launched, awaiting the background information and analytics to go with it which are being worked on. FACT to upload the document to their website.</p> <p>At the launch spoke of sub group to look at each theme although very few people put their down names and will need to encourage more people to consider joining a sub group.</p> <p>Met with Forres Community Council regarding producing a Local Place Plan which feeds into the Moray Local Development Plan and could use SoC information. If there were any gaps could do more engagement around land use and focus</p>	MG

	<p>on specifically on land use. Meetings have taken place and a presentation has been created, the SoC raw data can be used to enhance the presentation. Looking to target the younger age groups. LPP is to be handed in during September 2024.</p> <p>Also awaiting the decision of where the new academy is to be built and will then be able to identify where further development can take place.</p> <p>Suggestion of contacting the MoDS, Youth Theatre and youth groups regarding LPP consultations.</p>	
10. Mannachie Park	<p>The former steering group sought extra funding to build in a wheelchair accessible roundabout. There was a suggestion of looking into the provision of a fenced in toddler area going forward but with a new steering group to be set up with parents of children who would be using this equipment. The previous steering group had submitted funding applications for the toddler area but they were not successful. It was suggested that nursery parents were approached to form a new steering group for a phase 2 fenced in toddler area. Moray Council have identified a playpark at the back of Pilmuir Primary in need of rejuvenation. The school were emailed asking for a meeting to discuss whether something could be put out to those interested and for Laura to go in and speak to young people.</p> <p>Laura went to Mannachie Park and spoke to the Beautiful Scotland judges – the park was busy and people were looking to improve the park and area by suggesting extra seating and bins.</p>	
11. Developer Contributions	£2k - £3k underspend from the previous round of spending and Moray Council will be looking at a small grants fund going forward.	
12. Money for Moray	tsiMORAY funding roadshows held with £333k on offer with 10% being used for youth groups and unable to apply for a second time – applications open on 19 th August.	
13. Moray Forum	No update received and carried forward to the next meeting.	
14. Transport Forum (TF)	Cancelled last month's meeting and next meeting to be held later this month. Bus route 32 discussed and the buses to Dyke have changed to a M.Connect bus service.	
15. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DP – Film Forres next Friday film on 16th August is Robot Dreams and Saturday film on 31st August is Bodkin Ras. GP100 is on 24th August and there is a meeting on 13th August for volunteers. Men's Shed will be open on 7th September for Doors Open Day, Tolbooth will be open for a photo exhibition. Next Forres Community Council meeting will be held on 15th 	

	<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AR – St Laurence church celebrating 125 years since the laying of the foundation stone on 17th September open from 2pm to 4pm, service at 10.30am on 18th September and 6.30pm a Songs of Praise service – stories and history will be embedded in the narrative and refreshments will be available at all openings. Sports Hub meeting on 11th September at 6.30pm. Over the holidays a piece of equipment was stolen from the outdoor gym (pole and dumbbell), the pole was dismantled and was found in the burn, the incident was reported to the police and the post replaced. St Laurence will be open on 7th September for Doors Open Day with refreshments served and Katherine Urquhart will be playing the organ. Alistair Hardy will play the organ on the 17th August. Badminton Moray Family Festival Day on 18th August from 10am to 12pm and 1st September 2pm to 4pm both are free for families in Forres. A lot of the clubs and activities will start up again once the schools return • TC – St John’s church will be open during the 7th September for Doors Open Day • LC – the Moray Firth Credit Union have been invited to be part of the Community Wealth Building and have been invited to meet with anchor partners and give a presentation. Osprey bus is based at Transition Town Forres as there is an electric charger available, they are employing and Admin Officer for a year, had 2 new trustees join and about to create a new website. Greenfingers may possibly fold/close in September Lorna has written to Kim Paterson, Moray Council regarding potential projects. It looks like Greenfingers may close due to budget constraints and the possible need to upgrade facilities i.e. toilets 	
16. Councillors	No Councillors present.	
17. AOB	The AGM will take place at the 2 nd October meeting.	
18. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 th September 2024, 7.00pm, North Room of the Town Hall.	

Meeting dates in 2024: 2nd October (includes AGM), 6th November and 4th December 2024