



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2024**

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	Lorretta Oliphant, Depute Treasurer (LO)
Laura Cameron (LC)	Lorna Creswell (LoC)
Ann Rossiter (AR)	Mike Scott (MS)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked David Parker for chairing the last meeting.	
2. Minutes from 7 th August 2024	The minutes from 7 th August 2024 had been circulated, amendments were made and they are to be recirculated. The minutes were proposed by Lorna and seconded by Ann.	TC
3. Matters arising	Item 3 – funds for maps paid into the account on 23 rd February (£500), unsure if money is for pads of maps or to pay for a replacement large map for the black metal case in the Co-op car park the perspex was smashed. Chair brought it up at the Community Council and it was stated they would take this forward. Keep the money and look at this item again in December. Maps were designed by Helen Stirling who holds the copyright, they do require amending, could be replaced through the Culture and Heritage Scheme.	
4. Treasurers Report	23 rd February £500 received for the maps (to be ringfenced). Current balance stands at £2,862.74 but take into account ringfenced £500 for maps and £400 for Mannachie Park, paid for hire of the TH at £52 leaves £1,910.74 in the account. Signatories - problem with emails not being received Depute Treasurer is following this up.	LO

	that data information had been uploaded onto the FACT website.	
10. Mannachie Park	<p>Ringfenced money of £400 came from Mannachie Park Consultant who had to provide some kind of benefit and gave a £400 contribution to the group so that it could be used to add to something for use in the park. There is a master plan and money could be spent on bins or seating. The original working group has disbanded and the suggestion was to try to engage with nurseries to try and rejuvenate the steering group.</p> <p>Laura is to get in touch with Pilmuir Primary on behalf of Open Spaces, MC (Sarah Campbell and James Hunter) who are leading this, to see about setting up a meeting with the head teacher with regard to getting more people involved in renewing end of life play equipment and connecting with parents and children.</p> <p>FAF would support this.</p>	LC
11. Developer Contributions	£2k or £3k left in the pot and money has been put aside for football facilities.	
12. Money for Moray	Involved in the Just Transition Participatory Budgeting where 10% was given to youth and looking for the youth to set up a group to Shape the Process, a meeting will take place on 21 st September. The closing date to apply for the funding is 23 rd September 2024.	
13. Moray Forum	Groups has not met since the last FAF meeting.	
14. Transport Forum (TF)	<p>Angela updated all that the meeting in July was postponed and took place on 13th August. No Stage Coach representative present, MC were represented and the number 32 bus has been stopped.</p> <p>Looking to extend the M.Connect bus which might go between Findhorn and Forres, next meeting is on 26th September 2024. MC is looking to do a review of M.Connect. New number 12 bus service goes round some areas in Forres.</p> <p>The bus from the train station to Dalcross is an AI bus which drives itself.</p> <p>Next TF meeting will be held on 29th October at Elgin Library.</p>	
15. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – Open Doors on 7th September, St John’s Church will be open along with other buildings in the town. • LC – will have a stall at the Pride of Moray event on 7th September. Community Learning Development Plan published on the MC website, plan was reviewed and published today, strong focus on youth. In April 2025 Stage Coach will be reinstating the bus to Findhorn. 	

	<p>Greenfingers unsure where it is at.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LoC – Community Wealth Building meeting was cancelled as some partners unable to attend. Osprey has a couple more volunteers. Looking for more Credit Union Board members. Grant Park 100 went well. Regatta at Findhorn, 6 crews and raised £600. To meet with Gordon Ruddiman regarding the Elgin Hub. • AR – Findhorn Bay Arts Festival will take place from 20th to 29th September 2024. Will be attending a meeting in October/November as a follow on from a Systems Based Approach to Physical Activity in Moray – intention is to hold a working group meeting to identify priority areas for action better. Badminton Moray put on free festivals for families and younger age group has increased and increased communication on social media in order to access more people. Sport Hub meeting on 11th September, will raise the LPP and SoC and will look at Club Accreditation, by October next year all groups to be accredited to the MC. Outdoor gym – 1 item pinched and half the item (pole) found and returned to its original spot, replacement cost for the lost dumbbell is £3,271.37 not including VAT or transport. Will host a group from Elgin and Sport Hub meeting next Wednesday. • MS – group has signed the lease for the store – have to pay rates and will apply for funds total would be less than £2k. Looking to put on a new roof and apply for funds. • SM – working with Councillor Paul McBain on the roundabouts – AMEY have strimmed the grass and heathers, Sandra to meet with person from AMEY, Transport Scotland are to do the tender. Museum Square meeting postponed, Laura to ask for an update and forward it on to the Secretary to circulate. Connections Project – didn't get funding and there is a meeting next Friday. 	LC
16. Councillors	No Councillors present.	
17. AOB	FAF AGM will take place at the next meeting.	
18. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 2024, 2 nd October 7.00pm, North Room of the Town Hall.	

Meeting dates in 2024: 6th November and 4th December 2024

For further information please email: forresareaforum@btinternet.com

Meeting dates in 2025: 5th February, 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 6th August, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November and 3rd December