



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024**

PRESENT

Sandra MacLennan, Chair (SM)	David Parker, Vice Chair (DP)
Loretta Oliphant, Treasurer (LO)	Lorna Creswell (LCr)
Ray MacDonald (RM)	Ann Rossiter (AR)
Lindsey Standring (LS)	Angela Sutherland (AS)
Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies received from Laura Cameron (LC) and Mike Scott (MS). The Chair thanked all for attending and introductions were made.	
2. Minutes from 4 th and 18 th September 2024	The minutes from 4 th September 2024 had been circulated, they were proposed by Lorna and seconded by Ann. The minutes for the 18 th September 2024 had been circulated, they were proposed by Ann and seconded by Sandra.	
3. Matters arising	Item 10 – Moray Council (MC) has identified Pilmuir Play Park for the next round of PB funding and today held a meeting for parents, unsure but think it will be Sarah Campbell and James Hunter, MC who will undertake Participatory Budgeting, consultations this week Item 15 - RTT – connections project meeting last Friday no invite but Chair attended	
4. Treasurers Report	The template for reporting the accounts has been provided by the Community Support Unit and it is a generic template, The money in the account includes £500 from MC which is ringfenced for maps and £400 which is ringfenced for Mannachie Park items. Expenses include insurance, Forres Area Business Association and Scotland's Towns Partnership	

	<p>membership, room hire and secretarial expenses. The current balance is £2,760.74 - £900 (ringfenced) which leaves £1,860.74 in the account.</p> <p>The Treasurer is opening up a new RBS Business account with charity conditions, paperwork has been completed, signed and returned and she is waiting to hear back from the bank. John Bremner, ex Treasurer has handed over paperwork from the current account and there has been issues regarding changing signatories on this account. The new account will be used via an app and will be used to pay bills online, FAF may well have to fund raise in order to raise funds to continue. The accounts were proposed by Ann and seconded by Sandra.</p>	
5. Correspondence	<p>Secretary emailed out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STP Funding Finder – September • STP newsletter • Survey from FACT – Erskine Veterans Activity Centre • FABA Bulletin • Invite to Inkwell 	
6. FACT	<p>Lorna feedback: Meeting with Nick Cragg, Consultant regarding Phase 2 of the Town Hall following the June consultation. Lorna is job sharing with Michelle Gillibrand until 31st March 2025. Attracted 1 new Board member. Lorna is currently introducing herself to new groups and will meet with staff.</p>	
7. Forres Culture and Heritage Scheme	<p>In abeyance – bids in and hope to hear in December. Connections Group set up – no funding but intend to carry on. Application submitted for £3 million FC&HS and awaiting the outcome.</p>	
8. Spirit of Community (SoC) 2022 and Local Place Plan (LPP)	<p>Working both LPP and SoC together and outcome of LPP will help SoC. SoC created a presentation allowing the group to move forward to have more face to face with the public. LPP is only for the Forres area only – identified hot topics being looked at for projects in Forres. Looked at SoC under themed headings and identified those projects outwith the hot topics, identified through consultation with MC another survey would be needed to specifically cover those areas. Compiled a list of questions to allow the team to get enhanced responses which could be built into LPP, this would enhance the evidence and identifying the need for the Forres area. Laura Cameron to take the questions back to MC and look at setting up a Survey Monkey on their system</p>	

	and for MC to check wording. As the hot topics have been identified together with consultations could identify key groups to lead on a project. Waiting for Lorna to come back to the group which would then allow the group to create the document allowing the initial submission of the LPP document. SoC information has been used and shared and has enabled the LPP to be supported with the data produced from the document. When the draft has been produced the group will contact Emma Gordon, MC to come and check it over. Link to SoC document https://forresarea.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Spirit-of-Community-2024-2034-Final.pdf	
9. Mannachie Park	Money ringfenced for Mannachie Park (£400) undecided as to what this money is to be spent on, group will speak with Laura Cameron.	LC
10. Developer Contributions	Laura Cameron is to update the group at the November meeting. Vice Chair to email on link for circulation by Secretary.	LC DP
11. Money for Moray	Meeting on Monday to assess applications and decide which go forward, applications total £700k enabling the use of the participatory budgeting process. One per person from each ASG and Community Council person sit on the group and they work with tsiMORAY. Started a youth section with 10% being used and this section have decided who can have votes, youth section is aimed at ages 12 – 25 years.	
12. Moray Forum	Confirmed that Ward budgets are not being repeated. Community Engagement Group need to identify what the group is in existence to achieve. Each Forum gave an update. The Resilience Event is on the 7 th November in the Inchberry Hall, Funders Forum is on 21 st November in the Mansefield Hotel.	
13. Transport Forum (TF)	Angela updated the group, no public transport to get from Forres to Kinloss and Findhorn, only able to use M.Connect. In October hoping to get more drivers. MC has sent correspondence off to the Scottish Government regarding the small amount given to rural transport. New service run by Findherne Development Trust from Forres to Logie, four times per day and run by volunteers. Hopeman through Just Transition were able to purchase a minibus. Next meeting taking place on 29 th October and the group is working on it's constitution. It was noted that there are no timetables in the bus shelters.	
14. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DP – Film Forres on 4th October - The Wish. Coffee mornings start back: 5th October Logie Primary, 12th October Rotary, 19th October OAP's, 26th October Forres in Bloom, 9th November St John's Church. Forres Community Council meet on 17th October 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS – Spotlight still has FAF meeting at FHCC, Secretary to get in touch and change the venue AR – lunches being served on 5th October at St Lawrence Church – collection is for Moray Food +. 13th November Moray Community Sport Hub meeting and 26th October public meeting regarding St Lawrence Church from 11am to 2pm TC – FACT quiz at the Town Hall on 5th October, 7pm start, soup and sweet starts again on the 4th Sunday of each month at St John’s Church LCr – Erskine interviewing for staff and a survey out which closes 18th October and there is a community engagement event on 15th October Community engagement at FHCC sports hall 1.30pm to 3.30pm and 6pm – 8pm in conjunction with FACT SM – Tourism Group starts up on 29th October, Open Spaces meeting on 31st October. Bonfire will go ahead. Britain in Bloom awards in Manchester on 21st October, the One Show had footage of the Wee FIBBees 	TC
15. Councillors	No Councillors present.	
16. AOB	Secretary to check 2025/26 room meeting bookings with FACT. All to note dates for 2025 meetings.	TC
17. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 th November 2024, 7.00pm, North Room of the Town Hall.	

Meeting dates in 2024: 4th December 2024

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