



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING
WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2016**

PRESENT

Brian McDonald, Chair (BM)	Sandra MacIennan, Vice Chair (SM)
John Bremner, Treasurer (JB)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	Debbie Herron (DH)
Fabio Villani (FV)	Ian Todd (IT)
Graham Murdoch (GrM)	Iain Catto (IC)
Mike Scott (MS)	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Iain Catto, Community Engagement Executive (North East).	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Carol Shaw (CS), Gordon Morrison (GM) and Naomi Zair (NZ).	
3. Presentation by Iain Catto	Presentation by Iain Catto on assessments of grant applications and on the timetable for the 2014-2020 programme for Moray Leader.	
4. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in January 2016	There were no amendments, the minutes were proposed by Debbie Herron and seconded by John Bremner.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portable/Pop Up Banners – meeting took place, photographs and a strap line have been discussed, Moray Council information has been received, Secretary to send to Vice Chair, DH and Gill Bird the draft banner. • Events pool – Vice Chair has undertaken the task of making a list of all items bought/acquired by FAF and stored at TTF. Other groups to be contacted to see if they have any items which could be used in the events pool. • Stewart Noble gave a presentation on behalf of the Forres Community Council on 30th January 2016. • Chair, Steve Sinclair, Donald Anderson and Peter Airey met with members of the Forres Community Woodlands Trust re 	<p align="center">TC</p> <p align="center">SM</p>

	<p>the Sanquhar Dam renovation scheme and this item will be discussed at greater length next month. Possibly Community Asset Transfer for land around the loch – a large project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Year Strategy emailed out by Secretary. 	
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £4,279.04. There was 1 cheque cashed: £50 for secretarial duties.	
6. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie Herron informed those present of the following:</p> <p>Tourism – as part of 50 for 50 Campaign – leaflet at printers and design signed off, 50,000 leaflets to be printed with 35,000 sent to Landmark for distribution, remaining leaflets will be distributed by FACT. An excellent example of collective working – next step around the website – the theme of the leaflet is “Forres is closer than you think”</p> <p>Expo 2016 – above mentioned leaflet together with photographs form around the area will be used at the Expo</p> <p>World Host – customer service training, training heavily subsidised by HIE at a cost of £35 per person - training dates 15th and 22nd February 2016 – based in Elgin – DH to send Secretary information for circulation to FAF members</p> <p>Free talk about being safe on line/internet safety to be held on 18th February at 2 pm in FACT offices</p> <p>Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme meeting on 8th February at Forres House Community Centre at 1 pm – DH there representing FACT</p> <p>Skate Park questionnaires coming in with 3 people willing to sit on a steering group</p> <p>Dawn Alderson, Family Church Worker currently based in FACT office</p> <p>Tourism Work – Walkers are Welcome, meeting held with Diane Smith - aim to have Forres recognised as a Welcome Walkers Town</p> <p>Working on 2016 - 2020 FACT Business Plan</p>	DH
7. Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)	<p>Vice Chair attended last meeting where Council auditors wanted to know which MTP funds were legally committed.</p> <p>MTP – 2 formats of maps – large size and folding maps are depleted – need to replenish folding maps, FAF to pay for copyright printing costs and copyright print fee – have to check on these costs</p> <p>Next Moray Area Forum meeting on 22nd February 2016</p>	BM
8. FAF Hospitality Event – 30 th January 2016	20+ people turned up and feedback was good. After meeting get together was important for networking. FAF may consider running another event. Requests were received for holding get-togethers for the good of the town and there is money available for business start-ups up to £200 per grant.	
9. 3 Year Plan/Strategy	Leave at this time and to revisit at a later date.	
10. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FV – Training course – Collecting Information to report on Outcomes, 17th February 10 am to 4 pm at the Inkwel, Elgin Youth Cafe. Event Management Essentials – 25th February 10 am to 4 pm at the Inkwel, Elgin Youth Cafe. Environment Assessment 24th February 10 am to 12 midday – training awareness session. Engagement event about the Compact 3rd sector and public sector – 2nd March 2 to 4 pm venue tbc. 	

	<p>Children and Young People third sector forum on 7th March at Highfield House, Elgin. Moray Supports Refugees Group meeting on 16th February and 8th March 6.30 pm to 8 pm. 23rd March Join the Dots Annual Conference – Mr Escobar is a keynote speaker. Local management groups focused on children and young people, now being looked at with development day on 10th February. In partnership with SCVO running a one digital project with free training programme – looking for people to sign up to develop skills on computer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – Consultations: Draft Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Good Mental Health for All in Moray 2016 – 2026 – consultation deadline 26th February 2016 and Draft Moray Early Years Strategy 2023 and Moray Council Draft Rural Groupings Supplementary Guidance Consultation 18th January to 11th April 2016 can be found on TMC website. Cromarty Firth Port Authority – no ship-to-ship transfer petition online. • SM – Rotary coffee morning on Saturday 6th February 10 am to 12 midday. Creative Scotland money – application from Forres in Bloom to have a wooden xylophone made for Wee Fibeas garden area – artist to apply for a grant. Planning 4 Real meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays help required. Entrust – may be opening up again – IT to send Secretary information for distribution. Community Council next meeting date 18th February. Railway Station meeting on 18th February. Moray Waste Busters AGM on 10th February to be held in the FACT office. • GrM – Lighting Events progressing slowly Committee set up Company - Forres Features, once in place a bank account can be set up. 	
11. Councillors	<p>Councillor Creswell stated that over the past few weeks she has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a Corporate Parenting event – about looked after children • Attended integrated board meetings in Edinburgh • Attended Council tax proposals meetings • Connected with NE Partnership – merger of NHS – ARI and Dr Grays – preparing for go live date 	
12. AOB	<p>Email received from Diane McGregor, chair of Forres in Bloom would like to apply for £3,000 of MTP money per year for running costs. Secretaries 1 year subscription for MacAfee at an end and Secretary would like to keep protection on laptop going – those present agreed Secretary has up to £100 to spend on this. Secretary to provide an invoice for paper and printer ink.</p>	TC TC
13. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd March 2016, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre.	