



**FORRES AREA FORUM**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010**

**PRESENT**

Jennifer Collins	Secretary
Heather Shaw	Community Support Unit
Fabio Villani	TT Forres
Sandra McLennan	Forres in Bloom
James Duncan	Forres Christmas Lights
Yvonne Cuneo	Findhorn Foundation
Kevin Skivington	Grampian Police
John Bremner	Treasurer
Ian Todd	Community Support Unit Manager (Engagement)
Jeff Hamilton	Moray Council Elected Member
Iain Young	Moray Council Elected Member
Naomi Zair	BALL Group
Bob Hellyer	Forres Community Council
Colin Lipscombe	Forres Community Council
Irene Ogilvie	Moray Council Elected Member

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Welcome from chair</b>	Heather welcomed everyone to the meeting. Heather commented on the success of the AGM held in February, it was good to see new faces	
<b>Apologies</b>	Lee Bell, John Ferguson, Carin Schwartz.	
<b>Minute of meeting held in January</b>	Approved by John Bremner, seconded by Naomi Zair	
<b>Matters arising</b>	Dental service in Forres – Approx 600 returns highlighting the majority had no dental provision in Forres. Treasurers report should read £1790.97	
<b>Treasurers report</b>	Account now stands at £1529.19	
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Ian Todd, community Support Unit Manager from Moray Council gave a presentation on activity of the support unit and plans ahead for the coming year.	Presentation paperwork available from <a href="mailto:heather.shaw@moray.gov.uk">heather.shaw@moray.gov.uk</a>

<b>Network/tea break</b>	Bob Hellyer and Colin Lipscombe left at this point.	
<b>Moray Small Towns Partnership</b>	Sandra gave an update and advised that 'small' has been dropped and it is now known as Moray towns Partnership. Update for activities in Forres as follows:- Access for all forum progressing. Signboards showing footpaths and cycle paths. Request for projects next year to include carrying forward any items from this year, signs for Farmer's Market and a re-print of Forres maps.	Meeting on 25 <sup>th</sup> March to discuss further, Sandra to keep Forum updated.
<b>Invite to Forres Community Network youth event on 23/4/2010</b>	Forum has two places, Sandra McLennan and Alec Ross to attend.	Jennifer to advise Forres Community Network of attendees.
<b>Format of Future Meetings</b>	Heather advised that the forum is looking at holding future meetings in an alternative venue and will be held in a 'café style' approach. Each meeting will have a particular focus.	Heather to produce a calendar of topics to be discussed.
<b>Forres Health Centre.</b>	Heather read a letter sent by Alan Beevers to Richard Lohead that requests political support to ensure that Forres does not lose out on the development of a new Health Centre.	Email to be forwarded to Councillor Lee Bell requesting he adds the support of Forres Area Forum.
<b>Round the Table</b>	Yvonne gave an update of the 'Building Bridges' initiative at Findhorn Foundation. Next Community Council meeting is being held on 18 <sup>th</sup> March. John Bremner advised that Forres Area Forum has a number '2' account known as Youth Fund. Closing date for support worker is 22 <sup>nd</sup> March. AGM for Christmas Lights is to be held on 20-04-2010 at the Community Centre. Forres in Bloom now very busy and getting ready for summer. Coffee morning on 8 <sup>th</sup> May at Mackenzie and Cruickshank's garden centre. TT Forres now has planning permission	

	for Farmers Market. First on is on 10 <sup>th</sup> April at Andersons Primary School. Community Garden becoming very busy again. No update re Redco Milne.	
<b>AOB</b>	Discussion about the possibility of a shared purchase of 'Qwizdom' with TT Forres. Agreed that more information needs to be gathered and further discussion at next meeting.	
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April at Forres Community Centre at 7pm.	