



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 2013

PRESENT

Carin Schwartz, Chair	Fabio Villani, Vice Chair
John Bremner, Treasurer	Councillor Lorna Creswell
Brian McDonald	Ian Todd
Kresanna Aigner	Naomi Zair
Sandra MacLennan	Terry Monaghan
David Gowans	Barbara Hellett
Steve Truelove	Tina Coffey, Minutes

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Apologies	Apologies were received from Councillor Anne Skene, Councillor Aaron Maclean and Andrew Anderson	
Minute of FAF Meeting held in June 2013	The following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Consultations the word Quality should have read Equality The minutes were proposed by Fabio Villani and seconded by John Bremner	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Men's Shed has been placed on this month's agenda. The Secretary has sent the cheque to Louise Pigott re the FAF logo. Fabio Villani is to follow this up and contact the Secretary with email details for Katalin Boda. MTP – having received photos the Secretary is to follow this up and include the photos in the report 	FV/TC TC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretary sent the logo to David Urquhart and it was noted by some who attended the Piping Championships that the FAF logo featured prominently. The Secretary emailed out the information with regard to the Equality Impact Assessment to all FAF 	

	<p>members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanquhar Loch was put on the agenda for this month. • Redco Milne - Councillor Lorna Creswell and Brian McDonald attended the meeting held by the Community Council on 11th June. The meeting was well attended, successful and documented in the Gazette. A public meeting is needed once more information has been gathered. • A discussion took place with reference to FACT facilitating FAF. It was decided that the FAF constitution should be circulated to all FAF members and this will be discussed at the meeting on 4th September, the Secretary to circulate the constitution. Brian is to take this discussion to FACT for their meeting on 12th August. Fabio Villani suggested that the FAF and FACT discuss this subject and then put it to the new Community Council when they are voted in. 	TC BM
Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £4,147.00, which includes £38.36 remaining from the MTP spend. Two cheques cashed this month, £50 secretarial duties and £10.50 to Henrietta Grant-Peterkin for the bus shelter project. Interest amounted to thirty pence. The cheque from the Moray Council (TMC) for insurance is still being looked into, currently insurance only covers FAF in the Forres House Community Centre. There is a balance of £100 in the Youth Account. Kresanna Aigner suggested that the remaining MTP money is spent on extension cables which she will purchase and present invoices to the Treasurer.	KA
Presentations	David Gowans, Barbara Hellett and Steve Truelove gave a presentation on the Flood Alleviation Project in Forres. An interesting presentation which covered the work which has been undertaken so far, how the water will be pumped away from Forres and how the pump will work.	
Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)	The spending for 2013 – 2014 was outlined and a suggested spend from Jo Smithson was discussed. She was putting forward a proposal for a spend of £590.89 on fitness equipment for the community relating to health and fitness which the community would then be able to use. Fabio reminded the meeting that the main criterion for MTP funding is that there should be demonstrable economic benefit to Forres. The application did not appear to provide this and there were suggestions that there may be other grant options available to her. Carin Schwartz will contact Jo with this information. The last MTP meeting was cancelled and there are no new meeting dates set.	CS
Consultations	Entertainment Licence – Ian Todd contacted Sean Hogg the Legal Representative to the Licensing Board – consultation in the autumn and fee review over licence fees during the summer, request for Community Support Unit to help facilitate and possible consultation in autumn. Three Tier Community Care Model – Fabio stated this consultation is open for comments until 20 th August.	

	Autism Strategy in Moray comments until 27 th August 2013. Social Enterprise Strategy Consultation has now finished.	
Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	Fabio Villani has stood down as Chair and Brian McDonald has taken over this office, the next meeting is on 12 th August 2013. Tina Coffey has accepted a place on the Board. Debbie Heron has accepted the short term appointment as the Lead Development Officer position for 3 days per week. Craft Collective had a pop-up shop at the old Picnic shop on the High Street and on 29 th June there was a Craft Collective table at the Piping Championships. Brian stated that there had been communication with the Canadian Travel Company and Max Johnson their President came over. There is the possibility of between 300 – 500 Canadians visiting this area on holiday in 2015, a particular attraction being Lord Strathcona. At present having thoughts about how to make this more attractive. Forestry Commission have been in touch with the possibility of sites for a wind turbine development opportunity - still in planning phase.	
Community Engagement	Ian Todd stated there had been a Community Engagement meeting last week which he did not attend as it was by invite only.	
Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carin – Transition Town Forres coffee morning on 6th July 2013 at Town Hall • John – next Community Council meeting will take place on 18th July 2013 • Fabio – there is a Governance Training event on 29th August jointly organised by the Community Support Unit and tsiMORAY • Lorna – Credit Union coffee morning on 24th August • Kresanna – Culture Café Artist Network group - open meeting to discuss ways forward with Councillors, Creative Scotland and HIE to discuss role of arts development and very positive Culture Café VIP bus and Culture Day – Creative Scotland and HIE funding – invite to all Councillors only looking for Councillors to be hosts on day 21st September Giants in the Forest – leaflets distributed to those present 	
tsiMoray	Fabio is the Chief Officer; 12 Directors elected at the AGM. The first Board meeting will take place on 31 st July and Directors will be taken through an induction process covering governance roles and to ensure they fully understand their role – better able to promote and support group.	
Organisations in Forres	Councillor Lorna Creswell has been in contact with Aileen Greig who had agreed to update the list of organisations within Forres, this has now been completed. Lorna is to ensure that Aileen submits an invoice for £300 which will be paid upon presentation of the invoice. Lorna to circulate the list.	LC

	Joe Pirnie contacted the Secretary with regard to a grant form. Lorna is to speak to Joe and give him a copy of the newly updated list of organisations in Forres.	LC
Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell stated that it had been a busy month which encompassed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a “MacBeth on the move” • Community Council meeting • Had a liaison with the Sanquhar group • The decision on the toilets will be deferred until September • Involved with the Learning Disability Partnership which Fabio has also been involved with • Attended the Piping Championships • CoSLA meeting – very interesting – main message a real resistance to Ministers taking decisions on Councillors behalf and not being consulted with • Meeting at Mundole who have a new site owner • Is to arrange a meeting with MP in relation to pressure on unscrupulous lenders re payday loans • Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme project – disappointed as consultation display has not taken place in June at library, as was previously envisaged • Visit to the Scottish Parliament with Sue Clutterbuck from Findhorn and children from various schools in Moray in connection with the Eco-Forum 	
Men’s Shed	Councillor Lorna Creswell stated that 2 men, David Parker and Ray MacDonald, have looked into space at the kiosk in Grant Park, where the Weefibees are and a space at Wastebusters. They will meet again in August after the holidays to further the connection between themselves and Wastebusters, also to look at TTF, depends on where the men want the shed to be situated.	
Sanquhar Loch	Brian McDonald told those present that there had been approval to enter into a joint partnership with TMC on 25 th June. There has been some spraying of giant hogweed by the Findhorn, Lossie and Nairn Fisheries Trust around the loch. Himalayan balsam picking is being undertaken by Forres Academy pupils on the 3 rd /4 th July under the supervision of Wild Things. Saturday 13 th July is volunteers day. Ian Bruce and Ken Kennedy will be liaising with Council members. Also discovered that Speyside are doing something similar and have appointed someone as a Project Manager on a part time basis to carry through the work. SEPA said they are prepared to carry out a survey of water flowing into and out of the loch but not the pond as it is man made and to look to possibly cover costs of siltation traps. Peter Airey working very hard on this and there is lots of community support.	
Office Bearers	Carin Schwartz is standing down as the Chair and Brian McDonald will be taking over from her. Fabio Villani is to remain as Vice Chair as nobody else had volunteered themselves. The Secretary will remain as Tina Coffey and John Bremner will stay on until the end of the year in the role	

	of Treasurer. A vote of thanks by those present to Carin for all her hard work in connection with the FAF.	
AOB	Sandra Maclennan enquired as to the banners around the Forbeshill roundabout which she and others thought looked unbecoming as there were too many. Kresanna asked if there was a policy about temporary banners and it was thought there may be something on TMC website. John Bremner believed that a couple of years ago this was looked into and it was decided there should be no adverts at the roundabout as they are a big distraction. Brian stated that there were a lot of banners at roundabouts in Aberdeen and Carin stated that the Moray Steiner School has been requested to remove a banner when put up on their land. Lorna is to look into this.	LC
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 th September 2013, 7 pm at the General Purpose Room in the Forres House Community Centre.	