



**MINUTE OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2012**

PRESENT

Carin Schwartz	Councillor Jeff Hamilton
John Bremner	Sandra MacLennan
Fabio Villani	Lianne Milligan
Naomi Zair	Anne Skene

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting	
Apologies	Lee Bell, Irene Ogilvie, Lorna Creswell, Andrew Anderson, May East, Margaret Cowie, Ibbie Campbell, Brian Macdonald, Colin Lipscombe	
Minute of meeting held in September	Approved by Fabio Villani, seconded by John Bremner..with the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Officer Commanding 39 Royal Engineers is Lt Col Andrew Sturrock • Treasurer's Report: The current balance is £2261.61 • Care Farming Initiative: Delete <i>young</i>. The website is – carefarminguk.org. • Sports Forum: Remove Moray replace with Local. 	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Hartland: Sandra is arranging a visit. • Roddy Burns, Acting Chief Executive will attend the AGM. • Welcome to Forres signs : The boards are now in Inverness. James Smith will let us know when they will arrive. We will be given an opportunity to view the locations. • Signs for side streets off High Street: Councillor Hamilton is in contact with Alan Macbeth. • International Market site: The Community 	<p>Sandra</p> <p>Carin</p> <p>Councillor Hamilton</p>

	<p>Council has a letter which states that the location is Leys Road car Park. Councillor Hamilton had asked Planning and the planning consent states High Street Car Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Assistance from Forres Area Forum: After some discussion it was agreed that a sub-group should prepare an amended application form and guidelines. Terry, John and Lianne will meet to prepare the drafts. Terry will call the meeting. The remit is: To look at the criteria and guidance notes; make recommendations for the process and circulate to all. The draft will be discussed at the next FAF meeting. Carin will send a holding letter to Brian Macdonald of Forwards Forres. • List of Local Group Contacts: Issie and Denise of Community Support Unit are working on the list. Fabio has returned his amendments. Carin urged all to complete and return to her. • Julie Wrightson attended the Living Longer, Living Better Seminar . There did not seem to be much progress from previous meeting. Concerns have been expressed that there is no geriatric consultant in Dr Gray's Hospital. 	<p>Community Council</p> <p>Terry Lianne Anne</p> <p>Carin</p> <p>All</p>
Treasurers report	The current balance is £2261.93 an increase of 32p interest.	.
Community Councils Update	Forres: John Bremner advised that the December meeting had been very short and there was nothing to report. Findhorn and Kinloss: No meeting in December Dyke Landward: No report.	
Consultations	Change Fund: Reshaping Care for Older People: Thursday 12 th January in Ashgrove and New Elgin Public Hall starting at 9.15am. Anne Skene offered to represent FAF at the meeting. Naomi gave some support agencies contact details: Respite Care: lisa.stronach@moray.gov.uk TEL 01343 567109. Moray Handyperson Service: 01343 559739	Anne
FACT Update	There was a good response to the advert for the Development Officers posts. 23 applications were received and 8 applicants will be interviewed. The survey is now closed. The findings will be reported in late January and will form the baseline for moving forward.	
Round the Table	<i>John</i> : The next Community Council Meeting will be on Thursday 19 th January in The Tolbooth. <i>Fabio</i> : Moray Greens Burns Supper is on Wednesday 25 th January. There will be a vegan option on the menu. Friends of the Earth: Talk by Jamie Whittle:	

	<p>Environmental Justice in Forres Tennis Club 6.30pm for 7.00pm.</p> <p><i>Lianne</i>: The Building Bridges project is progressing with a Discovery/ Recovery programme for those recovering from drug and/or alcohol dependency. The programme which will be free with funding support from MAP (Moray Drug and Alcohol Project); will be over 3 months including a residential week and will start in February. Lianne’s new email is: lianne.milligan@findhorn.org</p> <p><i>Sandra</i>: Forres in Bloom AGM has been delayed and will be in February(date to be confirmed)</p> <p><i>Carin</i>: Film Forres – the equipment is available for community groups to hire. Booking of the Town Hall must be done at Auchernack and booking of the equipment is done via Film Forres website: http://filmforres.co.uk/ under tab “About”, dropdown “bookings”. Training in operation of equipment will be given by Film Forres.</p> <p>Forres Toastmasters are showing <i>The King’s Speech</i> on 31st January at 7.00pm in Forres Town Hall with Film Forres.</p> <p>Chinese New Year Celebrations: 22nd to 28th January. The programme of events is available on the website http://www.forreschinesenewyear.co.uk/</p> <p>Carin handed out postcard sized information cards.</p>	
AOB	<p>The Findhorn Foundation will celebrate its 50th Birthday this year. Suggestions for events are being sought.</p> <p>It was agreed that representative(s) of local groups which have not been present at FAF meetings be invited to speak as a regular Agenda item. Groups suggested for the next few meetings are: Forres Community Activities Association – Forres Scottish Week in June 2012; Forres Community Woodlands Trust – new initiatives; Forres Heritage Trust; Kinloss Abbey Trust.</p>	Carin
Presentation: Mr James Smith – Moray Roads Department	<p>The Department has consulted with Community Councils and wanted to include Area Forums. Mr Smith explained the types of Road Traffic Orders and the process for making objections to any proposals. Some groups do not understand how to respond. Officers are willing to attend a meeting when Road Traffic Regulation Orders are being discussed. Officers welcome suggestions for improvements and will make a site visit if requested to do so.</p>	Mr Smith to send copy of presentation

/AGM	<p>A draft Agenda was issued. The Secretary Jennifer Collins has intimated that she will resign. All present are asked to help seek a replacement. The payment is £50 per session.</p> <p>All other Office Bearers are happy to continue if so wished.</p>	All
Date of Next Meeting	AGM : Wednesday 1 st February at 7.00pm in Forres Community Centre	