



**FORRES AREA FORUM**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2009**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Iain Young  
 Gavin Morgan  
 Rose Millett  
 Councillor Irene Ogilvie  
 Naomi Zair  
 Jennifer Collins  
 Carin Schwartz  
 John Bremner  
 Fiona Limbrey  
 Colin Lipscomb  
 Bob Hellyer  
 Emily Dowd  
 Liz Stewart  
 Paul Harvey  
 Heather Shaw  
 Sandra McLennan

Minute  
 Chairperson  
 Treasurer

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Welcome from Chair	Carin welcomed everyone to the meeting	
Apologies	Angela Stewart, Fabio Villani, Lorna Creswell, Councillor Lee Bell, Councillor Jeff Hamilton,	
Minute of Meeting held in August	Approved by Irene Ogilvie, seconded by John Bremner	

<p>Matters Arising</p>	<p>Removal of road signs - Councillor Young advised that the matter had been discussed today at full council. Apparently, it is an issue across Moray. The meeting produced an extensive discussion and the outcome was that the Council agreed an interim agreement not to enforce legislation that came into force in 2003 and for it be discussed at a further meeting in November. Till then, the status quo remains.</p> <p>Admin fund - confirmation that £1,500 is to be paid into Forum bank account.</p> <p>Common Good Fund - Bob Hellyer advised that the money paid by the Community Garden to Moray Council has not been credited to the Common Good Fund.</p>	<p>Councillor young to keep Forum updated. Bob Hellyer requested clarity from elected members about decision made at Council meeting.</p> <p>Bob to keep Forum up dated.</p>
<p>Guest Speaker - Gavin Morgan and Rose Millett</p>	<p>Gavin gave a brief outline of the Butterfly Exchange programme recently undertaken by a group of young people from Europe in Findhorn. A full report is to be presented to the Forum. Rose ?, one of the participants, responded to a question and answer session that evidenced her involvement, the involvement of the other young people, what had been the highlights and how the group hopes to keep in touch to support each other to take forward some of their learning into their own communities. Web site for further information is <a href="http://www.butterflyexchange.eu">www.butterflyexchange.eu</a></p>	
<p>Guest Speaker - Emily Dowd and Liz</p>	<p>Emily and Liz gave a presentation on the FLAG project. This is an initiative involving pupils from Forres Academy and Mallaig Academy in an educational</p>	<p>Liz to keep Forum updated.</p>

Stewart	exchange programme with a group in Southern Malawi. They outlined the fund raising programme ahead for each of the students to raise money for the visit. The group has raised £6,333 towards the rebuilding of classrooms in Malawi and each pupil attending the visit next year needs to raise £1,600 each. Lots of questions were asked and answered about this project. Liz thanked the Forum for invited them and agreed to keep the Forum updated.	
Treasurers Report	John advised that the finance for the Forum is £671.78	
Community Engagement Support Unit	Heather Shaw gave an update on recent changes in Community Development that will impact on the support from Moray Council for the Forres Area Forum and other community groups in the Forres ASG. Bob Hellyer raised concern about the lack of consultation about the changes.	Heather to keep Forum updated.
Action Plan	Members of the Community Council have queried the role of the Forres Area Forum in the development of an Action Plan and that by doing so deviates from the Constitution. To be discussed further at a later meeting.	
Elected Member update	Councillor Iain Young outlined his role as an elected member and a political outline of Moray Council administration. He reinforced the need for groups such as the Forres Area Forum to work with the Single Outcome Agreement that Moray Council are committed to uphold. He concluded with positive comments about the achievements of the Forres	

	Area Forum to date.	
Moray Small Towns Partnership	<p>Fiona Limbrey gave an update, that included a positive report on a recent meeting that had taken place in relation to the tender for a survey to be undertaken in Forres about how 'disabled friendly' Forres is as a town. A sub group is to be created to take forward the proposal for 'Information Boards' in Forres. Any interested groups to contact <a href="mailto:heather.shaw@moray.gov.uk">heather.shaw@moray.gov.uk</a> Fiona went on to comment that the Forres Area Forum is positive in relation to taking things forward.</p>	
Farmers Market	<p>Proposal for a Farmers Market is ongoing, and the problems in relation to mixed information from Moray Council continue. Carin advised that there is an open day at the Community Garden at Bogton Rd this Saturday and there will be stalls selling various goods.</p>	
Round the Table	<p>Paul Harvey from Forres Toastmasters gave a brief presentation about this club for practising public speaking, He outlined upcoming events and offered an open invitation for people to attend. The group meets every second Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Ramnee Hotel. The next meeting takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Adopt a Street - next litter picking sessions are planned for 13<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Community Council - last meeting for present Community Council is on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Closing date for nominations from interested parties to</p>	

	<p>become Community Council members is 22<sup>nd</sup> September.</p> <p>The Dyke Flower Show takes place on 12<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Forres in Bloom are holding a Cheese and Wine evening on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Forres Town Hall.</p> <p>LETS fair - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September in Forres Town Hall.</p> <p>Capacity Building training directory available at the HUB in Forres.</p> <p>The movie 'Turning Point' is being shown at the Ramnee Hotel on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00pm</p>	
Date of next Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> October. Room booked.	