



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY 2016

PRESENT

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| Brian McDonald, Chair (BM) | Sandra Maclennan, Vice Chair (SM) |
| John Bremner, Treasurer (JB) | Angela Sutherland (AS) |
| Debbie Herron (DH) | Ian Todd (IT) |
| Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC) | Naomi Zair (NZ) |
| Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC) | |

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| 1. Welcome from Chair | Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |
| 2. Apologies | Apologies were received from Mike Scott (MS) and Gordon Morrison (GM). | |
| 3. Minutes of FAF Meeting held in April 2016 | There was one amendment, item 11, bullet point 7, Environmental Susceptibility should read Environmental Sustainability. The minutes were proposed by Sandra Maclennan and seconded by Naomi Zair. | |
| 4. Matters Arising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 6 – Peter Airey has provided some quotes and is awaiting others. • Item 8 – Sanquhar Loch – grants have been applied for to Paths for All, £1,500 to upgrade the paths, no confirmation of grant until June 2016. • Item 11 – names for event arranged by Forres Features have been sent to Graham Murdoch. • Moray Area Forum's AGM takes place on 9th May 2016, Vice Chair to attend, need to take a copy of financial overview to meeting. | SM |
| 5. Treasurers Report | Current balance stands at £3,832.06. There were 2 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties and £22.50 for Rays Opportunities (for catering on a FAF meeting night). Chair informed those present he had received 3 letters from Business Stream utility company via the Hub requesting payment for water usage. Chair has contacted Business | |

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| | <p>Stream to inform them the Hub is a mailing address only for FAF.</p> <p>Clarification of use of FAF money sought – IT informed those present FAF money is to be used for admin purposes, childcare and travel costs or promotion of FAF. Suggestion from Chair that FAF members seek ways of publicising FAF and email Secretary.</p> <p>Suggestion that FAF could pay for the printing of reports with regard to the Planning for Real project. Vice Chair to pursue with regard to printing and report back at next FAF meeting.</p> <p>IT to email copy of Dufftown’s Community Action Plan for circulation.</p> | <p>FAF Membership</p> <p>SM</p> <p>IT</p> |
| <p>6. Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)</p> | <p>Secretary had received 2 quotes with regard to MTP paperwork and will email out a reminder that paperwork is to be received by end of May 2016.</p> <p>Birdhouse – question arose as to what the Birdhouse was, GB able to explain Birdhouse is a community space and invited those present to a charity event on 29th May 2016, 2 – 4 p.m. at 98a Dunedin Place, Forres.</p> <p>Chair asked those present to consider an application from Forwards for £1,500 of MTP money to produce a video showcasing the Forres area. It would focus on Forres and contain images of the area, commentary and original music from local artists. Looking to incorporate stories from pre 1950’s. No support for this proposal.</p> <p>Expo 16 – DH gave those present a brief oral report, trip was a successful with costs incurred kept to minimum. 300 – 400 attended and were interested in what Forres had to offer. It was a good opportunity to network and next year it is hoped a bigger presence will be possible. A positive experience with a meeting planned between the four towns. DH gave Secretary receipts incurred.</p> <p>Money for Moray – Vice Chair represented FAF and attended a steering group meeting to look at the applications received. Applications split into 3 categories no, yes and back to sender for tweaking. Letters to be sent out and next meeting to discuss how meeting is to be run. Vice Chair stated those attending split into 4 groups and scored applications, those agreed by sub group went through and on the day have 2 minutes to explain their project with all in the hall having a vote – participatory budgeting voting system. Letters will be sent out to successful applicants who will be invited to give a 2 minute presentation, 80 groups over 2 days. IT stated £60,000 from Scottish Government matched by Moray Council money, applications received amounted to hundreds of thousands of pounds. There will be 2 days to decide with 40 bids voted on each day and a decision out on 28th May 2016.</p> | |
| <p>7. Coffee Morning Arrangements</p> | <p>Coffee morning will take place on 14th May 2016, 1 person replied to email sent out to FAF membership offering help on the day, more people have volunteered since although more</p> | |

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| | <p>volunteers would be gratefully accepted. Chair has been in contact with Kerry Speed, Tesco who will provide tea, coffee and raffle prizes. Stalls will include bottle, raffle, home bakes and bric-a-brac. Treasurer will provide floats. Chair to contact Forres Crafters to see if they would be interested in having a table at the coffee morning.</p> | <p>JB BM</p> |
| <p>8. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)</p> | <p>DH updated those present. Tourism – network group met. Maps/leaflets to be set out next week to tourism providers – if anyone knows of any tourism providers who would be interested in receiving information please contact DH at FACT. Forres On-Line – project going well, very busy – available on Tuesday a.m., Thursday p.m. and Friday a.m. (quiet day). Digital project – trebled targets of people through the door – ends June 2016 and possibility project may be extended. Skate Park project – 3 days consultancy from Village SOS through the Big Lottery – possibly start within the next month – have to get a steering group together. Older Peoples – application into the Health Lottery, find out in the next few months also applying to social isolation fund – will find out if successful in July 2016. AGM will take place on 20th June 2016.</p> | |
| <p>9. Round the Table</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT – Community Engagement Initiative – starts at end of month – 6 key questions which Community Planning Partners will be asking communities in relation to the new 2026 - 10 Year Plan – trying to gauge peoples opinions over the next 2 – 3 months FAF will receive correspondence. Consultations starting with regard to budgets asking communities to engage to see what their priorities are. £14 million to be saved from council budget. Feedback from all required – setting up focus groups, on Facebook and other social media, prepared to speak to community groups. Council resources – what they mean to the community. FAF together with Forres Community Council and Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council could work in collaboration together on this. • GB – Gorilla Lighting training for workshop leaders (part of a lighting flash mob) – need leaders in each section – training on 17th May 2016 at the Tolbooth from 6 – 7.30 pm • SM – Horticultural Society coffee morning on 21st May 2016 at Forres Town Hall from 10 am to midday. Forres in Bloom (FiB) coffee morning on 28th May 2016 at Forres Town Hall from 10 am to midday. Social evening proposed to let everyone know of plants to be planted up . Incredible Edibles in Town Hall on 18th May 2016 at 7 pm. Planning for Real – on hold at present hope to re-launch in June 2016. FiB potting up plug plants and planting up Grant Park the first 2 weeks in June 2016, if you would like to | |

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| | volunteer please contact SM or meet in Grant Park on Sundays at 12 pm. | |
| 10. Councillors | <p>Councillor Creswell has undertaken the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written this weeks Councillors Corner in Forres Gazette • Finderne constituted now a Community Council and launched in June 2016 • EU funding not heard anything - still awaiting decision from Scottish Government • Rezoning of Schools Consultation - Alves/Forres out to consultation soon • Chaired meeting of Integrated Joint Board – attended a meeting and had a presentation about Hanover – mixture of augmented care • Going to Shetland next week to see different enterprises • Attending Stirling Credit Union Annual Conference • Attended Mundole meeting – new housing chalets – 35 people turned up to AGM and residents have joined the committee • Attended a Dynamic Governance Course • Auchernack Trust – applications for older peoples projects accepted in May 2016 | |
| 11. AOB | None | |
| 12. Date of Next Meeting | Wednesday 1 st June 2016, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre. | |