

MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2015

PRESENT

Brian McDonald, Chair	Sandra Maclennan, Vice Chair
John Bremner, Treasurer	Councillor Lorna Creswell
Fabio Villani	Gill Bird
Angela Sutherland	lan Todd
Sylvia Jamieson	Tina Coffey, Minutes

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Brian McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Sylvia Jamieson, Community Support Officer, The Moray Council (TMC) in Forres one day per week. Meeting moved from craft room to blue room by Forres House Community Centre employees.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Councillor Anne Skene, Naomi Zair, Chas Rodger, Terry Monaghan and Debbie Herron.	
3. Forres House Action Group	Gary Simpson and members of Forres House Action Group were not present at tonight's meeting.	
4. Minute of FAF Meeting held in December 2014	There was one amendment, page 2 Matters Arising last bullet point, coffee bar due to open in March 2015 and not February 2015. The minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Sandra Maclennan.	
5. Matters Arising	 Fabio Villani to contact Anita Milne and ask her to forward invoices for £500 from MTP money and £200 from FAF funds towards distribution of Transport Directory to Secretary. Debbie Herron, FACT unable to attend meeting, Chair informed all present that nothing had been heard on this 	FV
	 subject and Debbie to update at next FAF meeting. Frances Powell, FACT is collating the Forres online questionnaire. Forres House Community Centre (FHCC) blue room is booked for FAF meetings for 2015, Secretary queried availability of red room for future meetings with Alison McLaughlin, TMC and unfortunately red room is fully booked for the rest of the year. 	DH



	Learning Octor de la Constantin Francisco III Constantin	
	 Learning Centre due to open in Forres House Community Centre this month. Access upstairs only 1 lift – 1 evacuation chair available – have to be risk aware to use the building and possibly put a strategy in place for the future – Councillor Creswell will look into this and report back to the meeting. Board of management for Moray College to meet shortly to discuss transference of the Centre - College looking to form a partnership with the Council. FACT have been offered some additional money from the Change Fund through tsiMORAY. 	LC
6. Treasurers	Current balance stands at £4,047.91, which includes £2.90 left to	
Report	spend of MTP money and £276 for insurance and 38 pence in interest. There were 2 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties and £17.96 for catering. Ian Todd informed those present that he believed Forums were covered by insurance until 31 st March 2015. Secretary to query this with Anita Milne, Moray Area Forum (MAF). Spirit of Community Report has been emailed to those who requested a copy. FAF members present agreed to allocate £400 to FACT for the ongoing work on this report. FAF to commission FACT to follow up the outcomes of the Spirit of Community initiative. Councillor Creswell, Vice Chair and Secretary to speak to LDO's	TC
	and Administrator from FACT to see if they are able to provide	
	support in the administration, management and advancement of the Spirit of Community Report.	LC/SM/TC
7. Moray	Vice Chair attended the last meeting and talk about funding was	
Towns	discussed (see item 10). Vice Chair met Cameron Taylor who is	
Partnership	working on the four towns flier, Chair will meet with Cameron and	
(MTP)	Fiona Murdoch on 14 th January 2015 and will ask if the flier is still	
	being undertaken – Chair to report back to meeting.	BM
8.	Moray Health and Social Care Integration Scheme – views sought	
Consultations	from public either on line or at any one of 7 informal drop-in or public	
	workshops. Secretary to attend public workshop on 29 th January	T-C
	2015 at FHCC – to report back at next meeting.	TC
	Fabio Villani to send Secretary information to circulate to FAF members on this item.	FV
	Secretary to invite Pam Gowans, Chief Officer to attend next FAF	' V
	meeting to give a talk on the Moray Health and Social Care	
	Integration Scheme.	TC
9. Forres	FACT are funded through Highland and Islands Enterprise (HIE)	
Area	which covers staff wages, accommodation and staff expenses in	
Community	connection with work. FACT must generate at least £10,000 in the	
Trust (FACT)	next 2 years to enhance their income in order to undertake extra	
	work in the community. At the next FACT Board meeting	
	discussions will take place as how to generate extra money.	
	TRACKS – sum of money allocated possibility of excess money	
	being available. Forres Companion – possibility of money to be made from sale of	
	each book (£2/book).	
	Looking at commissioning a book with Professor Harper, Aberdeen	
	University who is happy to collaborate on a Lord Strathcona for the	
	Forres area book, possibly to be funded through Canadian Pacific.	
Tea & Coffee	Provided by Vice Chair.	
10. Funding	Chair circulated information on this item – FAF have been funded	



for Area	£15,000 per year over last 3 years – invested £7,000 in Piping Hot,	
Forums and	Councillor Creswell informed those present that 26 Councillors feel	
Community	any surplus should be dispersed among the Moray area – if FAF	
Councils	applies for any surplus these funds will be placed into a Projects	
	Fund.	
	FAF received £1,899 from TMC this year, Forums not using this	
	money and there was a possibility the Council may want to claw	
	back some funds. Chair wrote to Area Forums – not a lot of support	
	- money is to be used for expenses by FAF members i.e. travel and	
	childminding expenses. FAF members present agreed that criteria	
	needs to change or new guidelines on the spending of this money	
	need to be written.	
	Money can be used for promotion of FAF – Secretary to enquire as	
	to the purchase of portable information boards and report back to	
	the March meeting.	TC
11.	Chair informed those present all towns (Forres, Lossiemouth, Keith	
Greenspaces	and Buckie) had been interested and wanted to be involved. Four	
	towns were put into a hat and Lossiemouth was drawn out.	
12. Round	 Fabio Villani – Join the Dots takes place on 19th March 2015 	
the Table	 celebration of third sector working in partnership, to be held 	
	in Elgin Town Hall	
	Sandra Maclennan – Rotary Club coffee morning in Forres	
	Town Hall on 24 th January 2015	
	Sylvia Jamieson – Older Peoples Group coffee morning in	
	Forres Town Hall on 17 th January 2015	
	Gill Bird – Great Folk on Your Doorstep – went well over 500	
	participants attended. Evaluation from last years Findhorn	
	Bay Arts Festival should be ready for the next meeting on 4 th	
	February – Gill to pass to the Secretary for distribution.	GB
	Rough visitor figures for 5 days 12,000 participants and 2,000	
	estimated for Culture Day. Ignite – Out and About phase for	
	young persons - taster sessions being undertaken throughout	
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	Moray Prior McDonald Waiting for Consultant to some and soc	
	Brian McDonald – waiting for Consultant to come and see See	
	loch and hoping for a management plan to come out soon.	
	Rhododendrons chopped by volunteers and waiting for TMC	
	to come and chip the cuttings. Received Moray Health Walks	
	books from Susan Lesley, members present received a book	
	each – Susan looking for volunteers to lead walks – Chair to	
	invite Susan to 4 th February meeting to give a 15 minute talk	ВМ
10	on book	ואום
13.	Councillor Lorna Creswell has been busy with the following:	
Councillors	Invited to the Red Lion (Beastie) to perform on the afternoon	
	of 24 th January 2015 commencing at 3 pm – poetry and	
	readings	
	 Callum Finlayson, local lad he has a condition similar to 	
	having had a stroke – new charity has been set up and	
	looking for people to take part in a fund raiser on 24 th January	
	2015 - £25/person or £200/table (to include haggis, neeps	
	and tatties) includes an auction and raffle prizes - money	
	goes towards research – to be held in the Mosset	
	Berryburn money is out for release	
	Councillor Creswell has received complaints about the state	
L	, seminar exercises are the particle of the series of the	



14. AGM	at the back of the museum (bins and railings), she wondered if it was possible to get the Rejuvenation Street Group, Forres in Bloom (FiB) and the museum working together to tidy up the area – before proposing this it was suggested she speaks to Graham Forbes (Simply Red) before bringing the groups together. Secretary to send out agenda – blue room to be used for the meeting, Secretary to speak to FHCC staff to arrange tables and	
	chairs.	TC
15. AOB	Fabio Villani was asked to give a 10 minute talk at 4 th February 2015 meeting on Health and Wellbeing Social Integration Scheme tsiMORAY – annual work plan and rolling 3 year strategic plan been	FV
	written for 2015 – 2018, Fabio Villani to email information to Secretary for distribution to FAF members - due back to tsiMORAY on 16 th February 2015.	FV
	Secretary requested new laptop as present FAF laptop is very slow and outdated. Members present agreed to a budget of £600 –	
	Secretary to present receipts to Treasurer at February meeting.	TC
16. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 th February 2015, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre, upstairs in the craft room.	

