



FORRES AREA COMMUNITY TRUST

Annual General Meeting

Friday 9th November 2018, 6.30 – 7 pm

PRESENT:

Fabio Villani (Chair), Bea Jefferson, Peter Airey, Lorna Creswell, Jim Farquharson, Sandra MacLennan, David Parker, Jenny Smith, Willie Hardie, Paul Johnson, Graham Hilditch, Ian Wiseman, Obeida, Helen Douglas, Sarah Munro, George Alexander, William Shand, Andrew Drummond, Jane Johnston, Ben Jerum, Laurie Piper, I-P Ashworth, Tom Duff, Graham Hilditch, P Bradley, Christiane Friauf, Phil Mills, Judith Binney, Sandra MacIver, Sue Taylor, Bill Taylor, Greg Breen, Fiona Graham, Kenny Watson, Norman Thomson, Dawn Brodie, Henrietta Grant Peterkin, Peter Jones, Heidi Tweedie, Rory Dutton, Brian Whateley, Tim Flood, Brian Hill, Debbie Herron, Charlotte Grigg, Vicky Flood, Kirsty Williams, Kirsty Anne Wilson, John Channon, E Robertson, C Robertson, E McAllister, A Phimister, C Calder, D Davidson, E Anderson, J Kirk, M Tulloch, C Calder, B Calder, Bill Taylor, George Taylor, Billy Laing, Kenny Watson, Lesley Edwards, David Parker, Matthew Tomlins, June Kirk, Jamie Nicol, Sam Whiteside, M Whyte and Tina Coffey (Minutes)

APOLOGIES:

James MacKessack-Leitch, Karen Chamberlain, Bob Kenny, Jan McPherson, Joanna Taylor, Peter Taylor, Claire Feaver, Eleanor Symon and June Airey

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair, Fabio Villani, welcomed those present and introduced himself, the Secretary, Tina Coffey and the Treasurer, Bea Jefferson. The Chair informed those present that the meeting would be taped for the Secretary to refer to when typing up the minutes.

2. Apologies

See above.

3. Presentation of Volunteer Friendly Awards

FACT has been awarded the Volunteer Friendly Award, thanks to work led by Vicky Flood and Kirsty Williams, who were highly recommended by **tsiMORAY** for their Action Plan for Volunteering.

4. Acknowledgement of Volunteers

Three of FACT volunteers were recognised for their contributions to the work of FACT: Jamie Nicoll for his help with Forres On-Line, Matthew Tomlins for his help with Forres On-Line and general support of FACT and Peter Green for his commitment towards helping maintain and improve the building.

5. Minutes of AGM from 19th September 2017 held at The Tolbooth

There were no amendments and the minutes were proposed by Lorna Creswell and seconded by Peter Airey.

6. Annual Report of FACT Activities April 2017 to March 2018

A summary of activities and achievements is available on the second page of the Annual Report, which also includes an extract from the financial activities statement and a list of directors and staff. The Chair wished to thank his fellow Directors for their direction and support and he wished to thank the staff for their hard work and support. At this point the FACT staff were introduced to those present. The greatest achievement during the past year had been the move into the Town Hall; there had been huge support with an initial clean-up of the Town Hall attracting in excess of 50 people to help. The entrance area is in the process of being painted.

FACT is receiving support and funding from Highlands and Islands Enterprise. FACT would also like to acknowledge the support from Dawn Brodie, Community Support Unit of Moray Council.

Work has been ongoing with the following projects: Forres On-Line and Cameron's Champions which are both well attended events; The Community Tourism Initiative and the Skate Park group. The Chair thanked all members for their continued support. There were no questions or comments.

7. Financial Report April 2017 to March 2018

An extract of the full financial statements was available for information; a full set of Annual Accounts was available and can be emailed out if requested.

Last year's income was £137,848 of this £118,143 was spent, resulting in a surplus of almost £20,000 of which £11,500 is unrestricted, i.e. money which can be spent in line with any of FACT's objectives, and £8,000 is restricted funding, i.e. to be spent on specific projects. FACT's activity levels have increased and the accounts show FACT is in a strong financial position going into the current financial year. In taking on the Town Hall there has been a considerable increase in expenditure. The Town Hall has been taken on initially on a 2 year lease with a view to buying the building under a Community Asset Transfer. The Town Hall is expensive to run and FACT will have to generate more income together with keeping costs to users at a reasonable level, this will include improving energy usage and increasing the amount of lettable space.

Overall FACT's financial position remains strong and FACT has attracted lottery money and funding from other funders. FACT would like to thank the following funders: Auchernack Trust, Berryburn, HIE, Big Lottery and the Scottish Government. There were no comments or questions.

The Treasurer proposed the reappointment of independent examiners Ritson's, this was seconded by David Parker.

A summary of the accounts will be made available on www.forresarea.org

8. Nominations and Election of Board of Directors

The Chair informed those present that the following Board members were stepping down by rotation, Lorna Creswell and Tina Coffey, both were willing to stand again along with nominations from Tom Duff and Laurie Piper. In line with FACT's constitution, there were no opportunities to take nominations from the floor, if anyone is interested in joining the Board please contact any member of staff. The Chair proposed to vote all 4 candidates onto the Board in a single vote, there were no objections and all 4 were elected to the Board. They join continuing Board members Fabio Villani, Bea Jefferson, Jim Farquharson, James MacKessack-Leitch and Peter Airey.

Each year co-opted Board members are to step down Sandra MacLennan stepped down and agreed to be co-opted for the coming year.

Fabio Villani explained to those present that the Board is able to accommodate 12 Directors with an additional 2 co-opted members who could join the Board throughout the year. FACT is looking for people with special skills which could be of benefit to the Board.

There was one question asked regarding the catchment area for FACT and whether James MacKessack-Leitch was within the area, Debbie Herron stated he was within the Forres Academy catchment area.

9. Thanks and Close

The Chair wished to thank all those who had attended the meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.