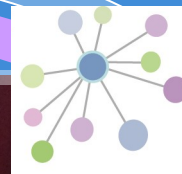


Forres Area Community Trust

Annual Report April 2016 to September 2017

Working together to create a better place to live, work, and visit



Thank you to our members, volunteers, partner organisations and funders for your help and support over the last year, and in particular to;

Highlands & Islands Enterprise

The Big Lottery

Digital Scotland

Auchernack Trust

Berry Burn Community Benefit Fund

Co-op Community Fund

Forres Area Forum, Moray Towns Partnership Fund

Tesco Forres

BP Magnus Platform

BAM Nuttall

AJ Engineering

Keith Builders

Forres in Bloom

Forres Heritage Trust

Findhorn Bay Arts

Forres Business Association



Directors as at September 2017

- Fabio Villani, Chair
- James Mackessack-Leitch, Vice-Chair
- Bea Jefferson, Treasurer
- Tina Coffey, Secretary
- Peter Airey
- Lorna Creswell
- Sandra MacLennan
- Terry Monaghan
- Rachel Philp

Staff as at September 2017

- Debbie Herron, Development Manager
- Samantha Fraser, Development Worker
- Kirsty Williams, Older Person's Worker
- Charlotte Grigg, Administrator
- David Harrison, Digital Project Tutor
- Iain Bailey, Digital Project Tutor
- Campbell Kershaw, Housekeeping
- Vicky Flood, World Host Coordinator (Freelance)

Achievements

FACT DEVELOPMENT

FACT has started the process of investigating a Community Asset Transfer of Forres Town Hall. Funding has been secured to carry out an options appraisal looking at how the space can be redeveloped for offices, social enterprise and community activity.

A Big Lottery grant of £149,427 was secured in August 2017 to enable FACT to take forward developing and improving services within the Forres community over the next three years.

FORRES ONLINE

FACT's Digital Inclusion project Forres Online has grown from strength to strength. Over 240 individuals, community groups and local businesses have benefited from digital support in the last year. The project holds 4 weekly free drop-in sessions as well as training and workshops throughout the year. The project received funding from Berry Burn Community Benefit Fund in 2016 and is now secured until September 2018 with funds from Digital Scotland.

WORKING WITH OLDER PEOPLE

Funding from the Auchernack Trust enabled FACT to employ a part-time Older Person's Worker in March 2017. Since then, the second edition of the Directory of Services for People 50+ in the Forres Area has been published and the Cameron Project befriending service established. The project has hosted two public launch events to publicise these achievements with over 70 local people attending. In the three months since launching, the Cameron Project has attracted 10 volunteers and 10 clients ready to be matched.

COMMUNITY TOURISM INITIATIVE

FACT continues to convene the Forres Area Local Tourism Initiative. The group of active members meet regularly to work in partnership to help boost the local tourist offering. Working in partnership with Moray Speyside Tourism, Forres achieved WorldHost Destination Status in April 2017. FACT also continues to support the work of forresweb.net as an online local tourist website.

FORRES SKATE PARK INITIATIVE

With support from BAM Nuttall, AJ Engineering and Keith Builders, FACT organised the building of small skate ramp. In September 2016 as part of Culture Day Forres, FACT managed the ramp in Grant Park at a pop-up event which attracted over 50 users. FACT received £500 in support from Tesco Forres and £500 from BP Magnus Platform to kick start the fundraising campaign towards the building of a Skate Park in Forres.

Financials

Extract from Statement of Financial Activities, 31 March 2017

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2017 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2016 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	11,120	108,775	119,895	84,517
Total income		<u>11,120</u>	<u>108,775</u>	<u>119,895</u>	<u>84,517</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	79	67,661	67,740	88,753
Total expenditure		<u>79</u>	<u>67,661</u>	<u>67,740</u>	<u>88,753</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>11,041</u>	<u>41,114</u>	<u>52,155</u>	<u>(4,236)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		4,504	10,638	15,142	19,378
Total funds carried forward		<u>15,545</u>	<u>51,752</u>	<u>67,297</u>	<u>15,142</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

		2017 £	£	2016 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	11		679	906
Current assets				
Debtors	12	13,237		12,856
Cash at bank and in hand		58,045		4,815
		<u>71,282</u>		<u>17,671</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	4,664		3,435
Net current assets			<u>66,618</u>	<u>14,236</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>67,297</u>	<u>15,142</u>
Net assets			<u>67,297</u>	<u>15,142</u>
Funds of the charity				
Restricted funds			51,752	10,638
Unrestricted funds			15,545	4,504
Total charity funds	14		<u>67,297</u>	<u>15,142</u>

KEY FACTS

- Business Plan Developed for 2016-2020
- Membership growth to 237
- Over 925 social media followers
- Community meeting space used by over 15 groups
- More than c550 visitors to the FACT Office
- Supporting over 20 local organisations in their work
- Helping to promote over 180 local events & activities
- Distributed 3 newsletters
- Maintain regular column in a community magazine
- Held one community coffee morning
- Developed a volunteer base of over 12 local people



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