

## **FACT Directors standing for election November 2022**

The following are standing for election to be a Director of FACT. There are sufficient vacancies on the Board that they can all be elected. A short comment from each of them as to why Members should elect them as a Director of FACT is given below.

### **Joanna Taylor**

“I have a particular interest, and engagement, in sustainable economic development and tourism in the Forres area. As a former chartered accountant and consultant, I have acquired considerable experience in business life, covering a wide range of types and sizes of organisation, both in the UK and elsewhere. I would like to see the considerable potential of the area and its people realised to the benefit of the whole community.”

### **Joanne Barry**

“Having grown up in Forres, I now live in town with my husband and three kids. I feel privileged to live here. I am now at the stage where I have more free time and would like to make a contribution. I became a volunteer for FACT to help combat social isolation. By spending time in the Town Hall I realise how many groups and individuals use the facility. I would like to help secure the future of the building for all such groups. I will be able to provide insight from a volunteer’s points of view.”

### **Jim Farquharson**

“I owned and operated Taxis in Edinburgh for 30 years. I have owned and operated a Bar/Hotel in Dunphail for 9 years. When I retired I built my own house in Dunphail. I have knowledge of Business, Planning issues, Regulations including GDPR and Health and Safety. I have been in favour of the refurbishment of Forres Town Hall since I joined the Board eight years ago. I am a member of the refurbishment and design sub-group, working to get our plans to completion. I would like to see this through to the end.”

### **Bea Jefferson**

“I have been on the board of FACT since 2015 and have been treasurer for most of that time. I wish to continue to be on the board to provide continuity in a time of exciting opportunities presented by our proposals for development of the Town Hall.

I am a qualified accountant, and have spent most of my career working for economic development organisations. I now work for an independent charity distributing funding to voluntary organisations, so have a good understanding of the funding environment and what is needed to submit successful funding applications.”