



The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

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Meeting of the Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres held in the Tolbooth, Forres, on Thursday 21st January 2016

Chair: S. Noble

1. Attendees: E. Hayward, G. Murdoch, J. Guthrie, C. Rodger, H. Shaw, M. Walker, G. Hilditch, S.Ferris.

Also Present : Cllr L. Creswell, S. Maclennan (Minute Taker), Garry McCartney (Forres Gazette)., Allan Donnelly and Jordan Sutherland(Skillforce). Jane Martin (TMC Community Council Liaison Officer). Members of the Public (M.O.T.P.) – None.

Apologies: Apologies for absence came from Cllrs G. Alexander, A. Skene and A. McLean and Police Scotland.

(FCC – Forres Community Council : TMC - The Moray Council FAF – Forres Area Forum

Topic	Discussion	Action
2.	Police Scotland Update: J. Guthrie read out the report. There have been 20 detected crimes in the Forres area. Assault: Male, 27, charged and put to court for unprovoked assault of adult female on Forres High Street; Male, 32, put to court for assault of partner; Female, 24, charged with assaulting partner and put to court. Anti social behaviour: Male, 18, charged and given fixed penalty notice for breach of the peace; Male, 43, put to court for sending threatening and abusive text messages; Male, 52, charged and put to court for using threatening and abusive behaviour at Hainings Court. Motoring: Male, 36, charged with dangerous driving, failing to stop and report an accident, driving while unfit through drink or drugs and attempting to pervert the course of justice (report sent to the Procurator Fiscal); Male,50, charged and released on undertaking to appear in court for driving on Tytler Street whilst unfit through alcohol; Male, 25, charged with dangerous driving for carrying out handbrake turns in Tesco Car Park (vehicle seized and report sent to the Procurator Fiscal. Engagement Activities: A new Recorded Police Warning (RPW) System has been introduced which will allow officers to make a decision on the spot whether or not an RPW is relevant and issue a ticket at the time.	
3.	Public Session: S. Ferris proposed and was seconded by E. Hayward; “That the Forres Cllrs be asked to attend a question and answer session to address the proposed increase in Council Tax by 18%”. Result of Vote : For – 4; Against – 4. The Chair’s casting vote was Against so the outcome is: For – 4; Against -5.	
4.	Presentation to James Duncan: S. Noble thanked James Duncan for his valued contribution to the work of FCC and presented him with a picture. Ian Widdowson: The Chair expressed condolences to the family of the late Ian Widdowson who died from complications following a road accident. It is a huge loss to the community of Forres which he served in many different ways including Forres Events and The Rotary Club.	
5.	Presenatation by Allan Donelly and Jordan Sutherland: Skill Force is an educational charity which provides training in a range of skills for Secondary	

	<p>pupils. The group from Forres Academy has been renovating the former Skatepark area at Forres Academy. They have cleared one half of the area which has been a challenging task and will now start on the second half. S. Noble thanked them for their presentation and asked that FCC be kept informed of developments. E. Hayward suggested that 39 Engineers may be able to help and Forres in Bloom offered help.</p>								
6.	<p>Introduction of Jane Martin: TMC Community Council Liaison Officer. Jane is delighted to have secured the post having been a member of Keith CC for 10yrs. She asked that resignation forms be completed when a member leaves. The names of any proposed co opted members should be submitted prior to adoption. Co opted members become full members after one year's service. Jane congratulated FCC on the good work that has been done since the start of the new term of office, especially the Power Point presentation explaining the role of FCC. She urged members to read the new handbook. She spoke about plans for 2016. H. Shaw asked if this has to be done. It is not always possible to plan in advance as FCC addresses current issues as and when these are raised by the community. Jane agreed. She is particularly keen to engage young people. The next JCC meeting is on 11th February. S. Ferris praised the display which the Keith CC had mounted in Tesco prior to the last CC elections.</p>	SN/ EH							
7.	<p>Ratification of Minutes of 17th December 2015. Amendments: M. Walker was in attendance. Treasurer's Report: £25 had been paid for wreath. The Minutes were proposed by J. Guthrie, seconded by C. Rodger and ratified by the Chair, S. Noble.</p>								
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6.	Moray Councillors' Reports:								

	<p>Cllr Creswell: Online consultation for the Integrated Health and Social Care Board Action Plan is still live and Cllr Creswell urged residents to respond. Decisions about TMC Budget are the main focus at present. The Capital Budget – roads, education etc.will be discussed in the following week. The temporary closure of Leancoil and relocation of patients went well with Social Care and Health working well together. S. Noble asked if TMC Is cutting back on salting of pavements and roads. Several residents have raised issues. E. Hayward proposed that a letter be written to TMC and was seconded by J. Guthrie. All agreed that a letter be sent. Kinloss Pool: Cllr Creswell is still to have a meeting to find out if it will be possible to have access during the closure of the Forres Pool for upgrading. Andy Jamieson has been replaced by Willie Findlay. Osprey Bus: The trustees are trying to promote its use. S. Ferris asked about empty properties on the High Street and if there is anything TMC can do in support. S. Noble asked about a breakdown of administration costs for Auchernack Trust and the Common Good Fund as these seem quite high.</p>	
7.	<p>Planning Issues: Dallas Dhu Housing Development Consultation: Several concerns have been raised following the consultation meeting: density of housing; building on green belt; volume of traffic on narrow roads; encroaching on Dava Way; spreading on to flood plain; effect on Bird Sanctuary and the location of the new A96. When the application comes through there will be an opportunity to comment. Network Rail has submitted an application to make changes on the A96 at Waterford which will include the closure of the level crossing and building of new bridge.</p>	
8.	<p>Chair's Report: Review of 2015: The Chair asked those present to share what they felt were the highlights. The consensus is that residents have become aware of the members of FCC and are bringing matters to them. FCC members advise who to contact or take to the monthly meeting. It is felt that there is a better relationship with TMC and this is valued by the community. Other Highlights included: S. Noble: the end of the Bogton Saga. The Planning for Real initiative 2020 Vision which will develop communication and choose priorities for the future. The Spirit of Community Event. E. Hayward: The enhanced provision at Play Parks in the town. S. Ferris: The Lochyhills Planning Hearing. The improved working environment of FCC the best in 14 years. H. Shaw: Working with a nice bunch of people. J. Guthrie: Becoming a weel kent face in the burgh. G. Hilditch: Involvement with the Berry Burn CT and forging links with local groups. G Murdoch : "Due to the change in approach from Forres Community Council, towards the Moray Council, we are enjoying a very favourable and productive working relationship" a) . Forres Lights Project which is now progressing. M Walker: Well known at Tesco and the opportunity to help people and put them in touch with appropriate agencies. C. Rodger: Much the same. S. Noble asked that members give thought to how to promote the work of FCC and improve engagement. (Agenda Item for February.) There was some discussion about the role of Forres Area Forum (FAF) and duplication. FAF has organised a Social event on Saturday 30th January at 2pm when presentations about the remits of FCC and FAF will be given. FAF covers the ASG area of IV36 although the Moray Towns Partnership funding for economic development, which FAF administers, is for the Burgh of Forres. FCC covers the Burgh of Forres and Dyke Landward and Kinloss and Findhorn CCs cover their designated areas. FCC has statutory remit for planning applications and members are elected if more than 12 candidates stand.</p>	SN/ EH
9.	<p>Secretary's Report:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) E. Hayward has contacted Inspector McCrudden about mobility scooter safety issues. He will address the matters raised. b) A resident has contacted E. Hayward about inadequacy of signs at Croft Road. E. Hayward has contacted Kevin Price. 	EH
10.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The present balance is £1970.20. Expenditure: £120.59. Income from TMC £624.43. Expenditure for Promotion of FCC to be an Agenda Item at Feb meeting. 	
11.	<p>Group and Representatives' Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) E. Hayward: The Health Forum meeting was postponed. Robert Grant from Springfield will speak at March meeting. b) S. Ferris: The Highland Games Committee is working with Sylvia Jamieson, Community Support, to become a SCIO. c) J. Guthrie: The Forres Academy News Group wrote an excellent article about the Mt Dora American students' visit to Forres. The Vienenburg Group is a member of the Moray Twinning Association but the Mt Dora Group is not. d) G. Hilditch: Berry Burn CT applications are due by 18th January. e) C. Rodger: TTF has submitted an application for improved signage. f) G. Murdoch: Forres Business Association is holding a Burns Supper at Brodie. 	SN/ EH
	<p>Any other Competent Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) M. Walker asked about the traffic lights at the Health Centre which do not appear to be sensor operated. E.Hayward will write to Kevin Price. 	EH
13.	<p>Forthcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Forres Area Forum Social Event; Saturday 30th January 2016 in the Tolbooth at 2pm b) Joint Community Council Meeting: 11th February 2016 	
14.	<p>Date of next Meeting: Thursday February 18th 2016 in The Tolbooth at 7.15pm.</p>	

Meeting ended: 9.55pm