



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 17th March 2016

Chair: S. Noble

1. Attendees: E. Hayward, G. Murdoch, J. Guthrie, H. Shaw, G. Hilditch, K Hardie

Also Present : Cllr L. Creswell, Cllr G. Alexander, Cllr A. Skene; S. Maclennan (Minute Taker); G. McCartney (Forres Gazette); K. Aigner; Members of the Public (M.O.T.P.) – 6

Apologies: M. Walker; C. Rodger, S. Ferris, Cllr A. McLean

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Topic	Discussion	Action
2.	<p>Police Scotland Update: J. Guthrie read the report. During the period 13th February to 13th March there have been 11 detected crimes within the Forres area. Motoring: Following a road traffic collision on 19th February at the A96 Bypass a 50 year old male was charged with Section 3 Road Traffic Act 1988 offence, namely careless driving. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal. Theft: Male, 22 charged with Theft by Shop lifting and Assault. Anti social behaviour: Male, 21 charged with breach of the peace and a fixed penalty imposed; Female, 51 charged with using threatening and abusive behaviour during a domestic disturbance; Male, 40 charged and put to court for using threatening and abusive behaviour, assaulting Police and being in possession of an offensive weapon; Male, 25 charged with assault following a disturbance.</p> <p>G. Murdoch asked if the accident at the A96 bypass will be recorded. E. Hayward will write to Transport Scotland. H. Shaw reminded that there are 2 junctions and the fatal accident was at the other junction.</p>	EH
3.	<p>Public Session: Presentation by Kresanna Aigner, Findhorn Bay Festival 2016</p> <p>Kresanna emphasised that Findhorn Bay Arts promotes events throughout the year and not just during the festival and Culture Days. The economic impact of Culture Day 2015 to the local economy is estimated to be £107 000. Door to door canvassing of businesses showed that there had been an increase in footfall. Culture Day had involved 80 participants, 74 volunteers and 3 500 attendees (57% from Moray, 30% national and 7% international) The Creative Place Award is an accolade to local groups. The award of £100 000 will be used to enhance local creative projects, for marketing and £20 000 for small local projects which will be artist led. Details of the programme may be found at findhornbayarts.com. In reply to questions about how the impact is calculated Kresanna replied that Visit Scotland uses a nationally recognised model which assesses travel, accommodation, spending on food and drink, ticket sales. For 2016 there is a reduced budget. It is becoming more difficult to source funding. The group continues to work in partnership with other local groups and will welcome any assistance from FCC.</p>	
4.	<p>Ratification of Minutes of 18th February 2016</p> <p>The Minutes were proposed by J. Guthrie, seconded by E. Hayward and ratified by the Chair, S. Noble. The Chair pointed out that the minute is meant to be a true record which cannot be changed retrospectively. The Minute Secretary sends the draft to the Secretary and the Chair and then to members. At this point members can amend if statements are true and accurate. When the final draft comes to the Secretary and the Chair it is sent to the Forres Gazette and displayed on the notice boards.</p>	

5.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Forres in Bloom has asked to give a presentation. It was agreed to include in the April meeting. ii. Traffic Lights at the Health Centre and Town Hall: The timing of the lights at the Health Centre has been rectified. Those at the Town Hall give very little warning for motorists. Elaine Penny responded that this has been the situation for many years. J. Guthrie said it is good for pedestrians but not for motorists and that a balance is needed. E. Hayward will write to ask for clarification. iii. Business Rates Relief: Cllr Creswell reported that small businesses receive this already. The Government does not fund the relief. K. Hardie said that there is a need to get the High Street buzzing and that owners of property have a large say about what may be sold from the premises. The Forres Gazette had published an article with ideas. Cllr Alexander said that changes in shopping habits and online shopping are the major causes of decline. iv. Hepworth Lane derelict building: Craig Wilson reported that the application to have the property delisted has been suspended. There are still issues to be addressed. The application has been given an extension. E. Hayward will continue to monitor the situation. v. Powerpoint Presentation Update: The programme is available to any who wish to use with groups. vi. Thanks to Ken Kennedy: E. Hayward has expressed thanks to Ken for the excellent work done to improve play equipment in Forres. 	<p>SN/EH</p> <p>EH</p> <p>EH</p>
6.	<p>Appointment of Minutes Secretary: S. Fraser was elected to be Minutes Secretary from the April Meeting. Vote: For – 4; Against -1. The Secretary and the Minutes Secretary will be paid £25.00 per meeting. Co option of members to FCC: K. Hardie’s nomination has been accepted.</p>	
7.	<p>Representative Roles: FCC members opted for the following roles: External Relations: S. Noble Planning & Transport: E. Hayward Sports: M. Walker Business: G. Murdoch Environment and Social Enterprise: K. Hardie Culture and Events: S. Fraser Youth: S. Ferris Health: G. Hilditch Heritage: H. Shaw Social and Churches: J. Guthrie Education: ? Promotion & Publicity: ? As C. Rodger could not attend this meeting, the outstanding roles will be offered at the next meeting. S. Noble will update the Representative Contacts Sheet and Desk Place names for the next meeting.</p>	<p>SN</p>
8.	<p>Moray Councillors’ Reports: Cllr Alexander: Paths: It would be ideal to have a path from Ferryhill to Balnaferry enabling pedestrians to walk down to the traffic lights and then cross. Youth Concert: The FCAA concert organised by Ewen Watson raised £500 for FLAG. Human Rights Day: Forres should be proud of the young people from Forres Academy who organised the display and march. Cllr Creswell: Integrated Board Health and Social Care : A development day was held for staff. The budget for the new board is £112 million. Meetings attended: Dyke and Landward Community Council, Kinship Care and the presentation at Forres Academy by a Holocaust survivor. The Learning Disability Programme is not being progressed at the</p>	

	<p>moment but it is hoped to be continued in the future. Film Forres is attracting about 100 young people.</p> <p>Cllr Skene: Leadership and Management in Primary Schools: Consultation in the Forres area with Parents and staff is not in favour of paired headships for Dyke with Logie and Dallas with Alves. However, if it is not possible to attract suitable Head Teacher candidates in future this may have to happen. Wild Fowling at Findhorn: Very bad feeling is being expressed on both sides of the debate. There will be a meeting organised in April to attempt to achieve a resolution. Early Years Provision: A decision by the Scottish Government to increase provision to 1140 hours per annum is presenting a challenge in terms of staffing and accommodation. Refugees: The families are settling in and support has been favourable. Moray Young Citizens Awards: These will be presented on Friday to 100 good citizens including several from Forres.</p>	
9.	<p>Planning Issues: The new building on the Hanover site is nearing completion and should be finished by June. E.Hayward will enquire if it will be possible for FCC to have a preview visit.</p> <p>Footpath / Cycle Track Applegrove and Sanquhar Road: The pathway is the subject of a Redetermination Application. Responses are due by 12th April. If there are no objections the statutory process will begin and the implementation order will be issued. E. Hayward asked for any comments to be submitted to her within the next three days.</p>	<p>EH</p> <p>ALL</p>
10.	<p>Chair's Report: 20 / 20 Vision: The maps are completed and are incredibly detailed. S. Noble encouraged FCC members to come along on Tues morning or Thursday evening to see the finished product. Consultation will begin after the school holidays and members are urged to get behind this initiative.</p>	ALL
11.	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>a) Deeds: E. Hayward appealed once again for the return of the Leancoil and Grant Park deeds.</p> <p>b) Auchernack: A question has been raised about the expenditure for running the Stronach Trust Deed. S. Noble suggested more information is required and the Trustees are taking this forward.</p> <p>c) Co-opted Members: E. Hayward read a letter from the Depute Electoral Officer endorsing K.Hardie's co-option and stating that S.Fraser's co-option would take effect from April 1st 2016 and so S.Fraser was not a co-opted member during February and March.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>SN / EH</p>
12.	<p>Treasurer's Report: The account stands at £1928.72. There are two cheques which have not been presented totalling £310. H. Shaw handed statements and spreadsheet to Jane Martin and would like these returned.</p>	HS
13.	<p>Group and Representatives' Reports:</p> <p>a) H. Shaw : The presentation for the My Place Award will be on Tuesday. Moray Heritage Society has produced a new leaflet highlighting places in Forres.</p> <p>b) J. Guthrie: Cllr Alexander was a member of the selection panel which chose the two representatives who will visit Mount Dora this year. St John's Church organised a successful Antiques Evaluation evening which was attended by 60 people. Urban Freedom presentation: this was a very good meeting with some challenging ideas to do something new.</p> <p>c) G. Murdoch: Forres Features: The project is moving along and funding is nearly complete. The group is looking for a brand name. The Forres Gazette will publicise a competition to a name.</p>	

14.	FCC promotion and Publicity: Next Agenda	SN / EH
15.	Any other Competent Business: None	
16.	Forthcoming Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Join the Dots: tsi Moray 23rd March in Elgin Town Hall b) Nelson Tower opens on 1st April c) Hinterland, Findhorn has organised a consultation on 30th March at Findhorn Foundation 	
17.	Date of next Meeting: Thursday 21st April 2016	

Meeting ended: 9.25pm