



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 19:15

**Chair:** S. Noble

**Attendees:** E. Hayward, G. Murdoch, J. Guthrie, H. Shaw, M. Walker, G. Hilditch, S. Fraser (Minutes)

**Also Present:** Cllr L. Creswell, Cllr G. Alexander (later), Cllr A. Skene (later), S. Ferris, T. Maclaren (Forres Gazette), 8 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr A. McLean, C. Roger, K. Hardie

FCC - Forres Community Council    TMC - The Moray Council    FAF - Forres Area Forum

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Welcome:</b> S. Noble welcomed those present and read the apologies. A minute silence was observed in respect to the Orlando shooting victims and passing of MP Jo Cox.	
2.	<b>Police Report:</b> No report had been received.	
3.	<b>Public Session:</b> 1. J. Guthrie introduced Max Epailard and Helena Austin from Mount Dora, visiting the area from June 14 <sup>th</sup> to July 11 <sup>th</sup> as part of the twinning association exchange. 2. S. Ferris announced that a memorial service will be held on Friday September 2nd 10am at St Laurence Church in remembrance of Kinloss, Toronto and Afghanistan Nimrod tragedies. There will be many visitors coming to Forres with possible parking options to be identified. 3. After 14 years serving on FCC, S. Ferris tendered his resignation due to work commitments. 4. A member of the public asked if FCC can help with concerns of health and safety at the derelict buildings on Tytler Street and the unsightly fly-tipping which occurs on wasteland owned by Network Rail next to the A96. It was expressed that residents of Tytler Street feel the road does not create a welcoming appearance to visitors arriving in Forres by rail. S. Noble noted that the Moray Council online Health & Safety reporting form can be used to flag up such issues and offered help to submit a form regarding this concern. S. Noble also suggested that the Forres Community Clean Up group could help with litter picking. E. Hayward read an update from K. Hardie about this topic, noting that Cllr. L Creswell and K. Hardie have arranged to meet with Network Rail to visit the site to discuss what action can be taken to improve the appearance of the land in their ownership. 5. Judith Watts from the Forres Youth & Families Outreach project gave a presentation about the work being done in the Forres area. Funded by the Church of Scotland and Berryburn Community Benefit Fund, the project is 8 months into the 3 year piece of work. Youth activities engage with toddlers, children and teenagers through, for example, Play and Homework Clubs, Messy Church and Summer Clubs. Families can gain support with healthy living, budgeting, time management, coping with stress and many more day-to-day activities. H. Shaw asked Judith what happens with the project after the funding ends. Judith assured that volunteers will be recruited and trained to take the work forward in future.	SN LC/KH
4.	<b>Ratification of Minutes of FCC Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup> 2016:</b> S. Noble outlined the process for minutes being prepared and circulated with the aim for draft minutes to be on public noticeboards within two weeks of each meeting. The minutes from FCC meeting on May 19 <sup>th</sup> 2016 were proposed by J. Guthrie, seconded by M. Walker and ratified by the Chair, S. Noble.	

5.	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p><b>1. Purchase of Dictaphone.</b> S. Fraser had researched different products and circulated information and quotes. It was agreed that S. Fraser can proceed to make a purchase up to the value of £150.</p> <p><b>2. Response from Police Scotland.</b> E. Hayward read the response from Sgt Brander regarding questions raised from the previous meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Detail in Report.</b> There is an ongoing review and standardisation of police report content. Sgt Brander asked FCC what information was being sought and would endeavour to include this content where possible.</li> <li>- <b>Police Numbers.</b> Forres has the same staffing profile. Various abstractions reduce staff to two officers on occasions.</li> <li>- <b>Representation at FCC Meetings.</b> Police attendance at FCC meetings will continue when time and duties allow. Sgt Brander highlighted that responding to and serving the community will take priority over FCC meeting attendance.</li> </ul> <p>M. Walker expressed disappointment that no report was submitted this month and felt that it was important to know what was happening in the community.</p> <p><b>3. Response from Transport Scotland.</b> E. Hayward received a response from Ashley Robson of Transport Scotland stating that the last recorded fatality at the A96/ Mosset Road junction was not due to road layout and that the trunk road network is continually monitored. A road accident reduction plan would also review junction safety, road markings and signage. G. Hilditch expressed dissatisfaction with this response. E. Hayward and G. Hilditch will present a response on behalf of FCC.</p> <p><b>4. Hanover Court.</b> E. Hayward updated the meeting that work on Hanover Court was ongoing and due to be ready for July occupation. FCC will be invited to view the build before residents arrive. E. Hayward will circulate the viewing date once received.</p> <p><b>5. Town Hall Wi-Fi.</b> S. Fraser is in contact with Moray Council to investigate the possibility of internet being installed in Forres Town Hall. If the council are unable to provide this service, prices from private suppliers have been sought and could be used in a funding application. S. Fraser is to report back on progress.</p> <p><b>6. Forres 2020 Vision.</b> The next steering group meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 23rd June 7pm to plan for the first consultation event.</p> <p><b>7. Credit Union Community Account.</b> H Shaw completed the necessary paperwork and has opened an account for FCC. H. Shaw also confirmed that G. Murdoch had been paid his expenses which were then deposited in this new account.</p> <p><b>8. Representative Roles.</b> S. Noble requested all Community Councillors to make notes on the organisational chart and return once completed. S. Noble is to update the chart and representative roles.</p> <p><b>10. FCC Storage in Tolbooth.</b> H. Shaw and the Chair of Forres Heritage Trust G. Alexander will organise this.</p> <p><b>11. 3G Pitch.</b> Investigation about a 3G pitch for Forres is ongoing.</p> <p><b>12. Faulty Street Lights.</b> K. Hardie helped resolve the issue of faulty street lights. S. Noble encouraged the reporting of such issues to Moray Council to help aid prompt action.</p> <p><b>13. A96 Advertising.</b> The question has been resolved by M. Walker.</p> <p><b>14. Forres House Posters.</b> Cllr L. Creswell met with staff to clarify the rules; posters with Moray Council logo or for a charity event will only be accepted. Cllr L. Creswell feedback this information to S. Fraser who passed it onto the member of public who had raised the initial question.</p> <p><b>15. Name Cards and Posters.</b> S. Noble to update.</p>	<p>SF</p> <p>EH/GH</p> <p>EH</p> <p>SF</p> <p>ALL SN</p> <p>HS/GA</p> <p>JG/MW</p> <p>SN</p>
6.	<p><b>Moray Councillors Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Cllr G. Alexander:</b> Attended the first Participatory Budgeting event and reported that it was an educational exercise and that the same process could be used to distribute funds</p>	

	<p>in Forres. Cllr G. Alexander reported that complaints about Castlehill Church have been received again and it was reported that pigeon excrement and carcasses lay in bags inside the church. S. Noble offered to submit a complaint to the Moray Council Environmental Health department. Cllr G. Alexander also provided some information about the derelict Sale Room on Tytler Street, noting that planning permission for 24 flats had been submitted but due to the requirement to preserve the visage, it was not economical at this stage for any building work to commence.</p> <p><b>Cllr L. Creswell:</b> Attended the Moray Supports Refugees Launch, commenting that families living in the area felt very welcome. Attended the young people's working group for the Forres Skatepark project with the group planning an event to take place on Culture Day. Cllr L. Creswell helped organise a fundraising event for dementia awareness which raised over £600 for the Moray area.</p> <p><b>Cllr A. Skene:</b> Has attended various school award ceremonies marking the achievements of children and youths during the school year. The organising of school staff for the new term is underway and Cllr A. Skene noted that there will again be a shortage of teachers. Also attended the Moray Supports Refugees Launch and informed the meeting that there may be a 5<sup>th</sup> family arriving in Forres. A consultation at Logie School was held to gather initial thoughts about the possibility of there being a New Logie Village built by Logie Estate. It was noted that Finderne Community Council has reformed and plan to hold meetings in different locations every 6 weeks. Cllr A. Skene informed the meeting that 4 local projects have been awarded funding through the Auchernack Trust and that the Wildfowling issue still remains unresolved.</p> <p><b>Other:</b> J. Guthrie asked the Moray Councillors if there was any legal standing to the allocated Moray Car Share space. Cllr G. Alexander responded that there was not.</p>	SN
7.	<p><b>Chair's Report: Position of Vice Chair:</b> The vacancy of Vice Chair became available with S. Ferris stepping down. S. Noble proposed J. Guthrie as the next Vice Chair, seconded by G. Murdoch. 2 vacancies remain. <b>Consultations:</b> Notification about the Community Empowerment Bill Consultation was received and it was agreed that S. Noble and E. Hayward would respond. An invitation to attend the Moray Woodlands Strategy Consultation on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June was received; G. Murdoch and G. Hilditch will attend. Moving forwards it was agreed that the response to consultations would be written by the Community Council representative in that area along with one other member. The response would be presented to the other Community Councillors for comment before submission.</p>	SN/EH GM/GH
8.	<p><b>Secretary's Report: Traffic Lights:</b> Elaine Penny is to carry out a check on all traffic lights in Forres Town Centre to ensure that they are all set a lower change rate. <b>Consultations:</b> E. Hayward asked that all Community Councillors give a response when asked to comment on a consultation, even if just to say they have no comment or questions/ are satisfied. <b>Rifle Range Planning Concern:</b> A member of the public had contacted E. Hayward with concerns about the planning permission for 50 houses near to the rifle range in the Pilmour area of Forres. It was questioned if the hall would be displaced and relocated. E Hayward to seek clarification.</p>	EH
9.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> H. Shaw reported that there was £1,137.64 in the main account and £377 in the community account. Notification was received that the next grant from Moray Council for £624.45 is due to be received. An invoice for The Hub for £11.70 and expenses of £8.00 are to be paid. H. Shaw will research the cost to purchase a projector and a screen as assets for FCC to use.</p>	HS HS
10.	<p><b>Promotion &amp; Publicity:</b> S. Noble would like to have a promotional stall on Forres High Street outside of The Tolbooth in August, with The Tolbooth Rent Room used for making drinks and access to toilet facilities. The arrangements of this event are to be confirmed nearer the time. It was agreed that FCC would take a stall at Forres Highland Games on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> at a cost of £45. S. Fraser will complete and submit the booking form.</p>	SF

