



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 20th October 2016, 19:15

Chair: S. Noble

Attendees: J. Guthrie, E. Hayward, C. Rodger, M. Walker, K. Hardie, K. Shand, G. Murdoch, S. Moat, S. Fraser (Minutes)

Also Present: Cllr L. Creswell, Cllr G. Alexander, Forres & Speyside Community Warden David Haytack, Yvonne Findlay & Tim Flood (Creative Visions Moray), G. McCartney (Forres Gazette), 5 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr A. McLean, Cllr A. Skene, H. Shaw, G. Hilditch

FCC - Forres Community Council JCC – Joint Community Council TMC - The Moray Council FAF - Forres Area Forum

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Welcome: Chair S. Noble opened the meeting and apologies were read. Well wishes were extended to M. Walker following recent illness.</p> <p>Creative Visions Moray: Yvonne Findlay and Tim Flood attended the meeting and filmed proceedings (no sound recorded) for local film <i>Heritage in Forres</i>. The film will be screened in Forres Town Hall on Saturday 3rd December 7:30pm.</p>	
2.	<p>Public Session: A member of the public asked what the process would be if residents on St Leonard's Road were to purchase flower beds and turn area into parking. Cllr G. Alexander confirmed that residents would write to MC Estate Manager with a proposed plan for the piece of land. As a change of use for the land, the application would go through the planning department. Comments could be made on the planning application when it is sent to FCC in due course. Community Warden (CW): Forres & Speyside CW David Haytack attended meeting and provided details about the role. Key information;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David is based in Auchernack House and works a 5 week shift system with majority of time spent in Forres. 4 CW's cover Moray, 1 is part time - Litter patrols conducted as regularly as possible. Littering by those under 16 years of age, names taken and school informed. Over 16s, fixed penalty of £80 issued - Dog fouling has been highlighted as an issue across Forres and the public are reporting instances. Fixed penalty notice can only be issued when the person reporting the incident makes a statement - Since October 1st 2015, 154 issues have been reported for CW to action. 87 anti-social behaviour, 37 abandoned vehicles (8 in Forres), 30 via Housing Liaison Officer - Issues can be reported to CW's via MC website's anti-social behaviour page <p>M. Walker raised concerns from Thornhill area residents about the use of drones. David has information about regulations and will forward to FCC.</p> <p>Member of the public noted park rules had been removed. David informed the meeting that some rules were outdated and needed updating before park rule board would be returned. E. Hayward thanked David Haytack for attending.</p>	DH
3.	<p>Police Report: No written Police Report submitted. Matter discussed under item 11.</p>	
4.	<p>Ratification of Minutes: S. Noble thanked H. Shaw for taking the September minute and for prompt completion. The minutes from FCC meeting held on September 15th 2016 were proposed by S. Moat, seconded by C. Rodger and ratified by the Chair, S. Noble.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising: Minutes; S. Noble reiterated that draft minutes should be ready and distributed within 10 days of the meeting and final minutes from the previous month within 3 days of the meeting. G. Murdoch expressed that lateness of August minute was</p>	

<p>unacceptable and suggested that the Dictaphone recording be passed onto someone else if Minute Keeper is unable to prepare minutes. E. Hayward offered to transcribe minute if need be. E. Hayward / S. Fraser to create a copy of the minutes in larger print.</p> <p>Noticeboards; S. Fraser has updated notice boards. K. Hardie & S. Fraser to look into the possibility of noticeboards being lowered so that wheelchair users can more easily read content. C. Rodger is to create a notice in large print with FCC contact details to be displayed in noticeboards. Town Hall WiFi; S. Fraser is progressing the possibility of WiFi being installed in Forres Town Hall through Forres Area Community Trust. Business Cards & Badges; S. Noble distributed business cards to S. Fraser, S. Moat, G. Hilditch, K. Shand, K. Hardie and C. Rodger. S. Fraser to make name badges for S. Moat, K. Shand and C. Rodger. Posters; S. Noble updated contact poster with details of new FCC members and distributed the poster online and posted on social media. There were concerns raised about data protection regarding to this distribution as the poster contains personal email addresses and telephone numbers. S. Noble had understood that the Data Protection Agreement signed by each Community Councillor included public distribution. E. Hayward read out a correspondence from Jane Martin Community Council Liaison Officer which stated that the Data Protection Agreement signed by Community Councillors is for the distribution of contact details to other Community Councils and Moray Council. There was a vote taken on the removal of personal contact details from poster: 2 for removal of personal contact details, 6 against, 1 would like their details changed. S. Noble to distribute poster to all and requests for changes should be submitted by Community Councillors for updating before poster is redistribution. Addresses; Through discussions it was also agreed that E. Hayward's personal home address be removed from the agenda and replaced with FCC registered address which is The Hub, E. Hayward will check The Hub for correspondence mail. C. Rodger is to look into the possibility of obtaining @forrescc email addresses for all. Ophthalmology; Cllr L. Creswell informed the meeting that MSP Douglas Ross is taking action on the matter of Ophthalmic Care at Dr Gray's Hospital. Audited Accounts; Submission of accounts is to be actioned by H. Shaw and S. Noble. Mosset Park Community Asset Transfer (CAT); The Mosset Park Protection Company (MPPC) intend to apply for a CAT of Mosset Park into community ownership. Don Wright of MPPC had expressed a desire to present to FCC about the plans at the October meeting. Correspondence between S. Noble and Don earlier in the month of October resulted in the postponement of the presentation. G. Murdoch expressed dissatisfaction at this postponement. E. Hayward read out email correspondence from Don stating that the MPPC were disappointed to be denied time to present at the October FCC meeting. Don sent press release to E. Hayward for relaying at the meeting, this was not presented as S. Noble asked for it to be emailed instead. All email correspondence regarding this matter including the MPPC news release is to be sent to all Community Councillors for information. It was agreed that the MPPC would present at the November meeting. Scottish Water (SUDS); G. Murdoch met with Diane Burgess, Alistair Maclean and local farmers and had a positive meeting. The overflow pipe is going to remain as a permanent connection so water is no longer going to drain into the ditch. During the meeting concerns were raised on both sides about the Mosset Burn silting up. G. Murdoch and K. Hardie will progress this concern to see if the burn can be dredged. Litter Summit; K. Hardie attended the Litter Summit on invitation by MSP Richard Lochhead. K. Hardie reported that Moray Council is the only Council in Scotland that does not collect and supply recycling targets and figures to Beautiful Scotland. It is hoped that at the next meeting littering picking groups from across Moray will come together to create an area wide plan of action to tackling littering. Hedge at TTF; K. Hardie investigated and found out that the hedge is the responsibility of the Christmas Tree supplier. Market Street / Foot Crossing; E. Hayward has arranged a meeting with MSP</p>	<p>EH, SF</p> <p>KH, SF CR</p> <p>SF</p> <p>EH</p> <p>SN, ALL</p> <p>EH</p> <p>CR</p> <p>HS, SN</p> <p>SN, EH</p> <p>GM, KH</p>
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	<p>David Stewart, Bear Scotland, Transport Scotland and Network Rail on Monday 7th November 2pm, The Tolbooth to discuss the foot access to the new Forres Railway Station. S. Fraser and E. Hayward will prepare refreshments. Bins at Sueno's Stone; There is a dog waste bin situated at Sueno's Stone but there is uncertainty as to whether there is a litter bin there or not. If there is not one, E. Hayward will contact Fiona Burnett to ask for one to be installed. Common Good; S. Noble had drafted a letter to be sent to Roddy Burns asking for recommendations on how FCC can move forward regarding to questions over Common Good land and fund. S. Noble read this letter for FCC approval. E. Hayward requested the letter be address to <i>Mr Roddy Burns CEO</i> and felt the derogatory reference to the former Community Council be removed. It was agreed that S. Noble can proceed to send this letter.</p>	<p>SF, EH EH SN</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Moray Councillor Reports: Cllr L. Creswell – Attended a visit to Dyke Primary School and went to the Forres Academy Human Rights Day. The Integrated Board are currently looking at the risks of governance. Attended the Vintage Wellbeing Tea was well supported with a good local turnout of older people. Working with the Skatepark Initiative Group on where the pop-up ramp could be stored. Attended briefings about the future of Education and Health & Social Care. Attended the Osprey Trust meeting and now working on producing promotional materials to recruit new drivers and to encourage the public to use the service. Attended Golf Course management meeting. Will be attending the next meeting about Wildfowling on Findhorn Bay. Involved in the push to recruit carers and with Corporate Parenting Bake Off event. Cllr G. Alexander – Gained access to Castlehill Church and reported that the subsiding West Wing wall was supported internally and that the inside of the church was cleared. Attended a presentation from Moray Speyside Tourism and reported that the organisation was aiming to become self-funding in 3 years. Attended the Education briefing and from that meeting Cllr G. Alexander raised concern about the Government Gaelic Policy and about the lack of SNP Councillors not speaking out against the policy. The Forres Swimming Pool is due to re-open on Monday 24th October following work on water filtering, work under the pool and on the installation of solar panels. Action Point – Cllr L. Creswell is to connect K. Shand and Laurie Piper of Moray Speyside Tourism to discuss access and tourism in the local area.</p>	<p>Cllr Creswell</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Chair Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S. Noble was invited to talk at the OAP meeting and reported a good turnout with people coming forward with questions and local issues - Attended the A96 duelling session and found that no new information or plans were available, it was simply an opportunity to meet the design team. J. Guthrie raised concerns about the Rafford Anti-A96 Dualing Group and the change of name to the Forres A96 Dualling Group and the group advocating the dualled route through Forres. Following G. Murdoch asking about the FCC view of the proposed plans to put forward at the next JCC meeting, S. Noble said FCC would wait to respond until after more information was available - The Auchernack Trust accounts have been received and they are been looked at regarding to a few queries - Working on publicity material for the Osprey Trust to help recruit volunteer drivers - Forres 2020 Vision. S. Fraser reported that the next public consultations had been delayed due to illness of Sylvia Jamieson. Provisional dates for the next consultations are Saturday 12th November 2-6pm and Monday 21st November 5-8pm. 	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Secretary Report: E. Hayward had nothing further to report.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Treasurer Report: H. Shaw was not in attendance and passed on a written statement to S. Fraser. S. Fraser read the statement noting a bank account balance of £1,599.20 and Credit</p>	

	Union account balance of £294.39. Cheques have been prepared and need counter signed by S. Noble for Forres Heritage Trust room rental £270.00 and admin expenses of £20.00 for E. Hayward. E. Hayward is due repayment for purchase of a Remembrance Wreath.	SN
10.	<p>Meeting with Police Scotland: K. Hardie, E. Hayward, S. Noble and G. Murdoch attended the meeting. Key information gained from the meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When personnel have the time and are not out on a call, they will attend FCC meetings - It was confirmed that there were no plans to cut back on the Police presence in Moray - Police reports per community council will cease due to time constraints. A compromise was suggested that an area report covering Forres, Findhorn, Kinloss, Rafford, and Dyke be prepared instead - FCC concerns regarding the cessation of Police reports were noted - Police Scotland are due to release a press statement about recent changes in function 	
11.	<p>Nuclear Waste: Due to logistics regarding runway length and fuel capacity, spent nuclear waste is coming into Lossiemouth for a refuel. S. Noble raised concerns on behalf of the public as to whether or not this waste was being flown over land. Cllr G. Alexander read a statement received via Cllr C. Tuke which stated that aircraft approach and depart over sea where ever possible to minimise risk over land and the short fuel stop happens in a secure area under armed guard.</p>	
12.	<p>Group and Representatives Reports: J. Guthrie (Social Groups & Churches) – sent best wishes to M. Walker. Has informed Andy Hall, Chair of Mt Dora Twinning Association that S. Moat is the new FCC representative. Continues to attend local coffee mornings, football matches and corresponding with the public. G. Murdoch (Business) – Colours of Cluny preparations going very well, local ticket sales now open from The Tolbooth weekdays 9:30am to 11:30am. Volunteers are needed to help the running of the event, anyone interested should contact admin@coloursofcluny.com. S. Moat (Education & Twinning Links) – has made contact with schools informing them of his FCC role. Forres Soccer 7s will be taking 15 children and 15 adults to Forres twin town Vienenburg in 2017. S. Fraser (Culture & Events) – praised local efforts which contributed to the area being ranked 2nd in TripAdvisor visitor rankings. Worked at Findhorn Bay Festival and volunteered at World Peace Day and Newbold Harvest Festival. Attended TMC ‘Bridging the Gap’ seminar.</p>	
13.	<p>Forthcoming Events:</p> <p>Army Showcase, Grant Park - Saturday 5th Nov 12 Noon Forres Wellbeing Project Launch, Town Hall - Saturday 5th Nov 2 to 4pm Forres Bonfire Night, Grant Park - Saturday 5th Nov from 6:30pm Remembrance Service - Sunday 6th Nov Footpath Access Meeting, The Tolbooth – Monday 7th Nov 2pm Colours of Cluny, Cluny Hill - Wednesday 9th Nov to Sunday 20th Joint Community Council – Thursday 10th November, 7pm, Council Chambers Elgin Rotary Children in Need Quiz, Mosset Tavern - Saturday 19 Nov 6:45pm Christmas Lights - Saturday 26 Nov</p>	
14.	<p>AOCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - J. Guthrie raised concerns about comments of Forres Community Councillors having ‘vested interest’ in local groups and organisations. J. Guthrie is to look at putting a declaration of interests in place for all to sign. - E. Hayward stressed that the procedure of proposing and seconding a decision be adhered to more stringently in future meeting. This was supported by J. Guthrie and C. Rodger. 	JG
15.	<p>Date of next Meeting: Thursday November 17th, 7:15pm</p>	

Meeting ended: 21:35