



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 19th January 2017, 19:15

Chair: J. Guthrie

Attendees: E. Hayward, S. Moat, G. Murdoch, G. Hilditch, C. Rodger, K. Hardie, M. Walker, S. Fraser (minutes)

Also Present: Cllr L. Creswell, Cllr A. Skene, Cllr G. Alexander (later 19:40), G. McCartney (Forres Gazette), 1 member of the public

Apologies: K. Shand, Cllr A. McLean

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

Topic	Discussion	Action																		
1.	Welcome & Note of Thanks: J. Guthrie opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. J. Guthrie presented H. Shaw with a card and gift in thanks for her contribution to FCC over the years																			
2.	Election of Chair: J. Guthrie proposed that the election of Chair is postponed to the February meeting. It is anticipated that G. Hilditch will be proposed as Chair but due to current busy personal business circumstances cannot take up the position until next month. C. Rodger seconded the postponement																			
3.	<p>Police & Community Warden Report: During the reporting period for the January 2017 Moray Community Safety Partnership Report, 13 incidents were investigated by the Local Community Warden in the Forres area including:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 1088 1353 1178"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="6">Community Safety Report – Breakdown of Reported Incidents</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Abandoned Vehicles</th> <th>Neighbours</th> <th>Dog Fouling</th> <th>Noise</th> <th>Fly Tipping / Litter</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>13</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Police Report highlighted the following incidents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A male in Forres was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for drink driving - Two males aged 25 and 26 years old were reported for dangerous driving, excessive speed and <i>racing</i> each other on the A96 near to Forres - Two persons were reported for offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act - An individual responsible for a series of vandalism in the Fluers Drive area of Forres has been charged - On 29 December, a number of glass panels protecting Sueno's Stone in Forres were destroyed. The cost to Historic Scotland is estimated to be up to £10,000. An enquiry to find the person(s) responsible is ongoing 	Community Safety Report – Breakdown of Reported Incidents						Abandoned Vehicles	Neighbours	Dog Fouling	Noise	Fly Tipping / Litter	Total	1	3	4	4	1	13	
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4.	<p>Public Session: Money4Moray - S. Maclennan passed on information about Money4Moray. Community Voluntary Groups are able to apply for up to £4,000 to tackle social isolation, funded through the Scottish Government's Community Choices scheme. Deadline for applications, Friday 10th February 5pm. Flooding at Property on Califer Road – C. Rodger raised the issue of localised flooding in the garden at a property on Califer Road on behalf of a member of the public. It is suspected to be due to blocked culverts. The resident has contacted Moray Council but has had no response. Cllr L. Creswell will take this matter forward for resolution</p>	Cllr. L. Creswell																		
5.	Ratification of Minutes: The minute from the FCC meeting held on Thursday 15 th December 2016 was proposed by E. Hayward, seconded by M. Walker and ratified by Chair J. Guthrie																			

<p>6.</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ship to Ship Oil Transfers: C. Rodger proposed that FCC formally oppose Ship to Ship Oil Transfers in the Cromarty Firth applied for by the Cromarty Firth Port Authority (CFPA). C. Rodger highlighted that FCC were not consulted during the first consultation despite being a coastal community bordering Findhorn Bay. C. Rodger suggested that a formal opposition be submitted with the potential to review this position once FCC has been consulted. This proposal was seconded by S. Fraser and unanimously agreed by FCC - Mosset Burn Silting: A provisional meeting on Wednesday 8th February 2pm Forres House Community Centre Green Room is scheduled to be attended by key stakeholders to progress this issue - Forres Common Good: E. Hayward received a response from the Trustees following a request for a representative to attend a FCC meeting. The response indicated that a representative would not be able to attend a meeting. Cllr L. Creswell had spoken to Mr Roddy Burns who apologised for not haven responded to the FCC letter - A96 Safe Crossing: Petition - The petition regarding the crossing on the A96 Forres bypass is active online and has so far gained 156 signatures. Paper copies are placed throughout town shops and E. Hayward is managing the copying of new sheets as required. Lidl Crossing - Following the circulation of the petition in public, Cllr A. Maclean received comments regarding to the placement of Lidl and crossing to Lidl. E. Hayward confirmed that it was nine years ago under a previous Council that this planning item was considered and at the time is was progressed with no objection. Letter from MSP - MSP Richard Lochhead had written to the Minister for Transport MSP Humza Yousaf regarding this matter. E. Hayward read the Response from Mr Yousaf at the meeting. E. Hayward will respond to Mr Lochhead noting the letter received from Mr Yousaf. Next Steps - FCC await the response from Mr Aitken of Transport Scotland following the feasibility study on the A96 trunk road which is due in February. E. Hayward will arrange times for petition signatures to be collected at Forres Train Station and local supermarkets - Community Council Consultation Review: FCC was unaware of the first round of consultation regarding to the review of Community Councils. FCC will respond to the second round of consultation which closes on Monday 6th March 	<p>E. Hayward</p> <p>E. Hayward</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Moray Councillor Reports:</p> <p>Cllr A. Skene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended a ward briefing regarding to the Dallas Dhu Masterplan which outlined timescales, layout, type of housing, landscaping, paths and transport links. The Masterplan is available for the public to view online - Cllr A. Skene highlighted that Secondary School staffing continues to be lacking resulting in challenges to present all subjects for senior school pupil exams. A series of interviews for posts will take place over the next few months. S. Moat asked how the teaching shortage affected Forres Academy. Cllr G. Alexander confirmed that the Technical Department is currently the only affected subject - Attends the Transition Board which involves the forward planning for the next Council being elected - Contributes to the Service Development Group working to pass the next budget due in February, highlighting that it would be a very tight budget 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be attending the Glasgow School of Art launch event at Altyre Estate - Cllr A. Skene sits on the Leisure Project Board looking at the leisure estate in Moray and how the estate can be made more sustainable. Decisions about the estate are due to be made at the end of March and in particular the future of Moray Leisure Centre is being considered as the centre agreement with Moray Council comes to an end in 2018 <p>Cllr L. Creswell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr L. Creswell also sits on and contributes to the Transition Board, Service Development Group and Leisure Project Board (as per update above) - Continues to be part of the Integrated Joint Board and attended a development sessions with Grampian Region Boards looking at out of hours services and GMED <p>Cllr G. Alexander</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr G. Alexander was part of the latest Planning & Regulatory meeting which looked at the plans for zone R11 at Pilmuir Road West. The plans (which are available to view via TMC website) show that the area surrounding the Riffle Range and steading at Balnageith will all be transformed into new housing. The main access to the housing area will be onto Pilmuir Road West, then onto Ferry Road. The public will get the opportunity to see and comment on the plans at forthcoming consultations. Cllr G. Alexander highlighted the need in receiving a developer contribution towards road maintenance in the area of the new development as the increased use of the Mundole road will result in remedial work needing done at the expense of the tax payer. The developer has agreed to carry out traffic surveys in the area - G. Hilditch asked what road provision improvement is being put in place around the Dallas Dhu development area. Cllr G. Alexander confirmed that parts of the road will be widened - As Chair of Forres Heritage Trust, Cllr G. Alexander informed the meeting that the group is taking steps with Moray Council and Health & Safety representatives to make the pulpit around the Tolbooth Clock Tower safe for public access, turning it into a visitor attraction. Cllr G. Alexander also updated the meeting about the Forres Heritage Trust Winter Lecture Series and the capacity turnout for the first talk <i>Forres: a Hotbed of Witches</i>. It was confirmed that this talk will be held again for those who missed out and subsequent talks will be ticketed 	
8.	<p>Chair's Report: J. Guthrie updated the meeting that Sqn Ldr Samantha Bunn, Officer Commanding Number 4 Royal Air Force Police Sqn based at RAF Lossiemouth had been in contact offering squadron assistant and labour for community projects</p>	
9.	<p>Secretary's Report: E. Hayward updated the meeting about key correspondence received including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notice that the Consultation & Future of the Scottish Planning System is open for comment - The arrangement that Robin Paterson will present at February FCC regarding to the new sheltered housing complex at Varis Court - Debbie Herron of Forres Area Community Trust (FACT) has requested to present about the work of FACT. It was agreed that Ms Herron will be invited to present at the March meeting - It was agreed that MSP Richard Lochhead is invited to attend the March meeting. E. Hayward will contact all visitors and confirm arrangements 	E. Hayward

10.	<p>Treasurer's Report: S. Moat updated the meeting that there was £1,766.96 in the FCC Bank Account and £294.39 in the Credit Union Account with outstanding expenses totalling £179.28 to be paid. Outgoing Treasurer H. Shaw is arranging for the Bank Account Signatories to be updated. S. Fraser is to submit an Honorarium claim</p>	S. Fraser
10.	<p>Group and Representative Reports:</p> <p>Planning – E. Hayward: An application has been received regarding to the installation of a 30m swann lattice tower by Forres Golf Course. The tower is to be placed within an area of trees by Edgehill Road. The previous application was rejected following an objection from the Ministry of Defence. The application is open to receive comments/objections. K. Hardie asked how much the land was being rented for. E. Hayward is to send out documentation relating to the application, site and rental agreement</p> <p>Culture & Events – S. Fraser: S. Fraser provided a written update about her work including details from Findhorn Bay Arts and Forres Online. In a voluntary capacity S. Fraser continues to support ForresWeb as the site undergoes a redevelopment and has been marketing the Winter Lecture Series for Forres Heritage Trust. It was agreed that the updating of the FCC noticeboards be shared between C. Rodger and S. Fraser with the keys being held in The Hub</p> <p>Environment & Social Enterprise – K. Hardie provided a written update of activity including active involvement to address the silting of the Mosset Burn, and meeting with Wastebusters and ReBoot, reporting positive and progressive work happening at each enterprise. K. Hardie also condemned the vandalism of the glass protecting Sueno's Stone</p> <p>Business – G. Murdoch: G. Murdoch confirmed that Colours of Cluny would be returning in November 2017</p> <p>Sports – G. Hilditch: Highlighted the very well-used fitness facility in Forres, the Fit Life Scheme was praised by several around the table as being good value for money. Attended the Berry Burn Community Benefit Fund AGM and remains a member of the board. G. Hilditch commended the work of the Community Café and the new programming of courses promoting independent living</p> <p>Youth – S. Moat: S. Moat promoted the Family Prize Bingo Fundraiser, Sat 28th January 7pm, Royal British Legion raising funds for Forres Soccer 7s Vienenburg trip</p>	E. Hayward
12.	<p>AOCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E. Hayward is to check back on previous minutes to clarify the arrangement of using The Hub as the FCC registered address 	E. Hayward
13.	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Little Red Riding Hood Thu 19th to Sat 21st January, Forres Town Hall - Hydrotherapy Pool Coffee Morning, Sat 21st January 10am, Forres Town Hall - Forres Business Association, Tues 24th January 7pm, Horizon Scotland - Culture Café with FilmCraft Moray, Thur 26th January 7pm, TTF - Chinese New Year Celebration, Fri 27th January 11-3pm, Forres Town Hall - Family Prize Bingo Fundraiser, Sat 28th January 7pm, Royal British Legion - The Battle of Trafalgar Lecture, Wed 15th February 7pm, The Tolbooth - Youth Entertains Concert, Tue 7th March, Forres Town Hall - Local Hero Joseph Mitchell Lecture, Wed 15th March 7pm, The Tolbooth 	
14.	<p>Date of next Meeting: Thursday 16th February, 7:15pm</p>	

Meeting ended: 21:05