



The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

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Minutes of Meeting of the Forres Community Council held on Thursday 15 February 2018 at 7 15 pm

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

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Chair : Graham Hilditch</p> <p>Attendees : Michael Walker, Eleanor Hayward, David Parker, Lesley Edwards, Graham Murdoch, Chas Rodgers, Cllr Lorna Cresswell, Cllr George Alexander, Cllr Aaron McLean, Sandra McLellan and three members of the public.</p> <p>Apologies : Alan Tissiman, Kenny Shand, Cllr Claire Feaver</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome. Chair advised all present of JCC requirement for data protection purposes that Minutes are noted and also recorded digitally.</p>	
3.	<p>Ratification of Minutes: Proposed: David Parker Seconded : Graham Murdoch</p>	
4.	<p>Police & Wardens' Reports :</p> <p>Abandoned Vehicles: 6 Dog Fouling : 6 Environmental 0 Neighbours : 3 Noise : 3 Other ; 0 Rowdy Behaviour : 1 TOTAL : 19</p> <p>Moving forward the Community Safety Team will consist of a Community Safety Officer, Housing Liaison Officer and 3 Community Wardens supported by analytical and clerical staff. We will continue to develop our intelligence led approach to ensure we provide an effective response to any issues arising across Moray. However, it will be necessary to review how we deal with certain categories of incident and more information on that will follow in due course.</p> <p><u>Forres Police Report attached separately</u></p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Site Visit A96 Market Street signage proposals. Five FCCs attended site. Changes seem fine as set out on plans. It is hoped changes will aid safety. Reference made to new sign which will be heightened. Landscaping of new station. Sandra MacLellan reported that they would be involved in landscaping plans as part of development. BAM Nuttall was supportive to landscaping. Council was given contract for the work and spray grass seed would be provided. Council do not know what is happening. Contact is being made with Network Rail to establish what the situation is with the planting of trees and shrubs. JCC Meeting 8 Feb 2018. A number of topics were discussed. Data Protection course to will be provided for all CCs. Date to be arranged. Planning meeting had been re-arranged for February. Previous meeting had been cancelled... There was a presentation by Energy Scotland – proposed Clash Gour development. It is an independent organisation giving advice on wind farms. Force 9 implementing this project however very shortly a memorandum of understanding would be sent to any interested parties investing 	

	<p>in the wind farm and can sign up at that stage. Would like to get up to 5% of project as community investment. Looking at Community Councils investing in wind farms; not individually, possibly a joint block. Monies would come from Local Energy Scotland and would be made available up to £20,000 for all Community Councils. Height of equipment will be double the current wind turbines.</p> <p>d. Muiry Wood application has been withdrawn. Forestry Commission has always supported preservation of ancient woodland but with the Moray Plan they changed tack. Document on the history of the wood was relayed to the FCC members. This acknowledged that it was ancient woodland. Wildlife was also included in the document which was given by the Forres Community Woodlands Trust.</p> <p>e. Play Equipment at Grant Park. Contact made with Ken Kennedy of Moray Council Parks Dept. Safety aspects – problems arose with inappropriate use. The equipment is not designed for under 5 years of age. Advisory signage will be exhibited in the Grant Park play area. Parts are awaited for the equipment and once received it will be uplifted from the Castle.</p> <p>Councillor Murdoch said he took exception to comments made at the last meeting with regard to being accused of doing deals behind closed doors. He does a lot of work here and felt it to be unfair. S. Maclellan apologised if she gave that impression. Green Spaces – Chair said a few had attended the recent meeting. CC L Edwards felt there were a number of groups involved. It was. Sylvia Jamieson Grant Speed and Ken Kennedy who had attended with other “green” groups. Trees for Life also attended. Basically groups split into 4 working groups to discuss various points raised. It was considered worthwhile and good for groups to share resources. It was felt a meeting every six months would be adequate. However matters are moving on.</p>	
6.	<p>Public Session: Cycle Paths – MOTP asked why his comments were not minuted last month (January). Secy advised we do not have a minute secretary and if people do not speak clearly it cannot be heard. Explained it was a difficult task picking up what people are saying. The Chair advised that the comments were not left out intentionally. MOTP stated that this was on-going and not minuted year on year on year. Secy had made numerous enquiries on his behalf re cycle path and he had not been ignored. MOTP called out that he would deal with Secy’s Tablet while the Secy and Chair were looking for an email which was sent to Transport Scotland. Chair advised the MOTP that we have advertised for a minute secretary. MOTP said the CC should get itself sorted. The MOTP reiterated again that the Secy did not have a printer and Minutes were different to what he had read. The Chair terminated the conversation. Secy advised that she was on top of the matter. MOTP Informed that the cycle path came into the remit of Dyke Community Council .</p> <p>S Maclellan advised that as part of the Moray Towns Partnership there will be no more money. This year’s monies were put into Forres in Bloom and last night it was agreed that they would get together if anyone else could help with signage.</p> <p>A MOTP enquired if the FCC is financed and how much it is given. Advised that the FCC was putting monies aside for a survey of the Mosset Burn. Secy asked what sum is given to the Forres Area Forum. S Maclellan said money was provided by Moray Council.</p>	

7.	<p>Councillors Reports:</p> <p>Cllr Creswell said it had been a busy month. No one from Forres attended the Stroke Victims Group and how they needed transport from across Moray. . A new group has been formed - FAUN re complaints about obtaining appointments at the Forres Health Centre and different things that people were fearful of integrated care. This was well attended. Third Sector - Jan MacPherson called a meeting and advised that further meetings are coming up to look at the future health services in Forres. A new group is being formed and representatives are being sought. They are looking for someone from the Community. It is a big ask to expect them to attend all meetings. The NHS was also putting a group together re Leancoil.Publicity. Also advised of a one woman show at FACT and advised Police can discuss topics of human trafficking and other issues in Moray. .She has also been in touch with MP Douglas Ross re unscrupulous lending.</p> <p>Cllr Mclean – Has been discussing Moray Council budget and setting targets. Looking at parts of the Council to see all is running well. Reference was made to Highland Council and its set targets. Said that he and other three Forres councillors will do their best for Forres. He had given blood for the very first time. Chair asked about where matters were with the all-weather pitch. This was asked by Graham Sutherland. Developer Obligations are £35000 and other funds will be coming in particularly with new developments. The budget was £200,000. Cllr Alexander – advised that there is £35,000 in the kitty just now That could double shortly. New schools – Lossiemouth and Buckie are earmarked. There has been a lot of talk getting COSLA involved in dividing up monies. Currently we cannot attract professionals to Moray – medical, teaching.</p> <p>..</p>	
8.	<p>Chair's Report : Future of health care in Moray. Now called Reshaping Care in the Forres Community. Looking at older peoples' care. Secy advised Chair that this. appears to be cancelled. A continuation of the Varis Court project and community nurses going out to support people in their own homes.</p> <p>Minute Secy post has not been successful through advertising. Fabio Villani is going to advertise for us and Mandy at MC has put on the vacancy noticeboard..</p> <p>..</p>	
9.	<p>Secretary's Report :</p> <p>Old Tesco site – reduction of new builds down from 80 to 60 units. Plans circulated to all FCCs. It is believed to be social housing. Will not know about firm application until middle of year. Housing Assn involved may be Cairn Housing Assn Inverness. Change to number of new builds was by way of a request from the owners of the site. Item from Scottish Governments review. Empowering communities large or small in making decisions for them... Sadly transport is an issue in Moray. Lower Speed Seminar in Inverness –Sec will attend. Is also involved with Sustrans Safer Streets. MC backing is also sought to go along with our application to Sustrans Safer Streets... It is essential we secure a 20 mph speed restriction on the Forres High Street especially if the lollipop lady at Anderson Primary is phased out. Cut-off date for Sustrans</p>	

	application is 2 nd March for Sustrans Safer Streets application.	
10.	Treasurer's Report: We have £1,253.69 in bank and have ringed fenced £1000 for Mosset survey. Still a cheque to be cash for £35.00; Admin grant still to come in £624.75; committed £75 for elections. A cheque to Secy for Gazette, Northern Scot and Jobs North for £144.00 Balance Forecast will be £655.44	
11.	Group & Representatives Reports: Chas – Reboot is almost ready for the next stage for recycling plastics. Two new units are being put in at the back of Reboot. More training for youngers and sure they will be happy to hear from the Forres Gazette. CC G Murdoch advised FBA had meeting and thought it was going to fold but it will be restructured and will still exist with three office bearers to keep it active. They need a platform for it to be there. A database of addresses will be available. Jane Rodger and Joanna Taylor will remain. Mosset Burn survey – spoke with Bob Laughton. He has discovered from SEPA that from the flood alleviation upstream there has already been a survey and they have all data for that. . . The survey will be from the flood alleviation to the Bay and this may be at a reduced cost.	
12	Forthcoming Events: Cllr Cresswell advised of a New drop in at the Health Centre for Cancer. Starts on 6 April 2018.	
13..	AOCB: Will speak with Christine Clerk to arrange a visit for FCCs to visit the FoFM store and see all items. CC David Parker advised Moray defibrillator holding event at the Mosset. Tickets are £12 and £10 on website. Cllr Alexander spoke of the Castlehill Church and how work appeared to have stopped. Secy advised owner was invited to attend the FCC and give a presentation but he has not got back to us. Secy referred to Castle Inn where work started and this past while they have run out of funding to continue with upgrading. Cllr Cresswell raised matter of charities and if we would mention this at our next meetings.	
14.	Date of next meeting : Thursday 15 March 2018 at 7 15 pm	