



# The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

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Minutes of the Forres Community Council Meeting held in  
The Tolbooth, Forres on Thursday 15 March 2018 at 7 15 pm

FCC- Forres Community Council JCC – Joint Community Council MC - Moray council

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><b>Chair :</b> Graham Hilditch,</p> <p><b>Attendees :</b> CC Eleanor Hayward, Lesley Edwards, David Parker, Graham Murdoch, MC Cllr Lorna Creswell, MC Cllr Aaron McLean, MC Cllr George Alexander, CC Chas Rodger attended later in evening. And 5 Members of the Public</p> <p><b>Apologies :</b> , CC Kenny Shand, CC Alan Tissiman, CC Michael Walker, MC Cllr Claire Feaver,</p>	
2.	<b>Welcome:</b> The Chair advised all present of JCC requirement for Data Protection purposes that Minutes are noted and digitally recorded. If anyone has any concerns to raise with the Chair.	
3.	<b>Ratification of Minutes : Proposed: CC D Parker Seconded : CC G Murdoch</b> MOTP questioned drafts being displayed. Was advised clarification would be sought from MC.	
4.	<b>Police &amp; Warden Reports : SEPERATE COPY ATTACHED</b> Dog fouling specifically highlighted and discussed at length.	
5.	<p><b>Matters Arising :</b></p> <p><b>a. Sale of Land : Hilltop, Forbeshill – Policy and Resources Decision -</b> Will now progress to a possible planning application and neighbourhood notifications would be circulated and we will also be given the opportunity to submit the FCC comments as a statutory body. If this goes ahead it could set a precedent for others to purchase on same green space site.</p> <p><b>b. Proposed new builds (60) at Old Tesco Site Caroline St –</b> Secy in touch with Architects. who have confirmed that the flats would not be five floors but three floors. Will make a request for a presentation to be given by architects. Ground requires environmental testing as site was slaughterhouse, sawmill and gas works. April preferred.</p> <p><b>c. Sustrans – High Street Forres – 20 mph Application –</b> Secy received invitation to attend a Sustrans Safer Streets meeting in Inverness re 20 mph speed restrictions in local high streets. Application has been completed and support provided by Ken Major of Roads Dept Moray Council. Only one or two awards annually in Scotland.<b>A96</b></p> <p><b>d. Market Street – Erection of new signage –</b> Secy advised she did see workmen at this junction. Chair advised it was not a safe junction and signage was hoped to make changes for safety of vehicles and pedestrians. One of the signs was to be heightened.</p> <p><b>e. Warden and Police attendance –</b> ongoing issue with failure of Police and Warden</p>	EH

	<p>attendance.</p> <p><b>f. Landscaping of new rail station</b> – Sandra Maclellan gave update on landscaping of new station. In contact with BAM Nuttall - Stuart Mackay. It is hoped for a meeting to take place to discuss the matter further of planting. Cllr MacLean advised no conditions had been put in place as this was outwith Moray Council. Grass seeding already addressed.</p> <p><b>g. A96 Dualling Group FAF</b> - Raised at Forres Area Forum meeting. A Community Action Group has been put together at Dunkeld re roadworks at A9. Speaker from Dunkeld attending a meeting being organised by the Forres Area Forum to discuss the setting up of an action group in Forres to influence planners to take into account local feeling and consideration. Objective guidelines put forward by the Dunkeld Community Action Group for discussion would be - To monitor health, noise and wellbeing, landscaping, how it will affect local economy, recreation, cycling and walking historic environment, travel, public transport and how the road will affect all of these issues. Date to be arranged. CC D Parker will represent the FCC. Secy advised she would be attending a Transport Scotland Forum meeting for CCs at the Horizon Centre Forres Enterprise Park to discuss the Bypass.</p>	SMacL
6.	<p><b>Public Session :</b></p> <p><b>Cycle Path</b> – MOTP raised matter of cycle path. We do not know as yet where the route of the Bypass will be going. However, MOTP feels that people would come into the town if a cycle path was available. He felt one should be built into new road. Highland Council has already secured a commitment on the new road. CC Murdoch said we had heard a lot about the cycle paths and when the new road goes in we should push for a cycle path along the new road. We could propose for a cycle path but we cannot control Moray Council. MOTP advised that he had the FCC support. Asked where they were putting their request for support – was it Sustrans, Moray Council ? We had already given our support to this. It was felt that it would benefit other communities. Secy advised she would ask if this could be raised at the next JCC meeting in May.</p> <p><b>MOTP</b> apologised to the meeting however said he went onto MC Community Council website and again said Minutes were disgusting. Chair questioned his comments. Stated he had obtained the Moray Council Handbook. Also stated January Minutes were half right and half wrong. Chair advised this would take bit of consideration and would be reviewed after tonight's meeting.</p> <p>S Maclellan said issue arose at FAF that one community toilet would be left open with one for closure; and work was being carried out at Café in Grant Park. Leys Road toilets may be closed as a result of the MC financial year budget.</p>	EH
7.	<p><b>Moray Councillors' Reports :</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Creswell</b> – Has attended a number of briefings from all different sections of the Council. Presentation about additional needs for youngsters. Osprey bus still looking for drivers. Poverty Statistics. Cancer drop in sessions at Health Centre, new group being set up for men and women. Celebration of the Suffragettes - In process of setting up a theme day for Sunday 6 May and participants to dress up...</p> <p><b>Cllr Alexander</b> – Community Asset Transfers for halls and thought it was a brilliant idea and we should be doing all we can to encourage this. How to progress this and push it. Also</p>	

	<p>attended a meeting with MSPS Derek McKay, Hamza Yousaf, Fergus Ewing Kevin Stewart and Chaired by John Swinney. All very generous with their offers of help with difficulties in Moray. Secy asked about the number of children living in poverty in Moray – 600 plus. Cllr Cresswell advised Chief Executive of MC leading on this. Secy commented on large amounts of toys in local charity shops. Could they not donate half of those ?</p> <p><b>Cllr McLean</b> – Schemes for housing.. For the next few years we have 24 one bed accommodations, 4 two bed three person bungalows 4 bungalows for wheelchair users – 32 council new builds MC Social Housing.</p> <p>Chair enquired about the provision of an all weather football pitch. Having received a letter from Graham Sutherland. We will be kept up to date with this as Cllr McLean will be attending a Leisure meeting in two weeks' time. Chair commented that Sports facilities in Forres well used.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Chair's Report :</b></p> <p><b>Green Spaces User Group - Initial</b> meeting held with Sylvia Jamieson Sandra Maclellan, FCC Graham Murdoch and FCC Chair also in attendance. Checking points with 20/20 Vision. Review showed most items were covered. Next meeting is planned for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 00 pm in the Forres Town Hall. S Maclellan said new signage to be placed at the Bowling Green for visitor information Sunken Gardens, Cemetery, Nelson Tower and Sanquhar Pond. Referred to Leaflets from RAF Lossiemouth. Community Awards – invited nominations. Enquired of Cllr Alexander of a prospective nomination for Burgess. Recd invitation from Glasgow School of Art for FCCs for a site visit. Attended FAF. Said Secretary is holding down two posts and doing a good job – Secy and Minute Secretary. We are actively seeking a minute secretary.</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Secretary's Report :</b></p> <p>Received letter from MOTP enquiring of the possibility of a tree planting as a memorial to be sited at Califer View. Ken Kennedy responded to my email enquiring on behalf of the MOTP however Califer is closed to requests such as yours but he would be happy to assist. Ken advised that there were other sites in Forres. Chair suggested approach to Forres Woodland Trust. Read out email from MOTP . Not a complaint but “observations” .</p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report :</b> Cheques paid out £35, Elections for this council £75 to JCC and cheques cleared, sum of £144 for advertising Min Secy post, £630 .04 Admin Grant from MC, Ring fenced for Mosset Burn Survey at £1000 Current balance £1629.73. When admin grant comes through £630.04 Forecast balance would be £629.00 .</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Group and Representative Reports : -</b>	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Forthcoming Events : -</b>	
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>AOCB :</b> Secy would like to plan a FCC surgery on a Saturday to encourage people to come along and put their names forward and to promote the FCC. CC Rodger fully supported as with others. Try and see what the response would be. Tolbooth most suitable . Asked Councillors what the situation was with Developer Contributions with regard to traffic lights at St Catherine's Road. Still ongoing.Elaine Penney of Roads Dept to be asked to take forward. Chair said the St Catherine's Road traffic lights are essential</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting : Thursday 19 April 2018 at 7 15 pm in Tolbooth, Forres</b>	