



The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

The Hub, Tolbooth Street, Forres

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Minutes of the Forres Community Council Meeting held in

The Tolbooth, Forres on Thursday 19 April 2018 at 7 15 pm

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

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Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Chair : CC Graham Hilditch,</p> <p>Attendees : CC Eleanor Hayward, CC Michael Walker, CC Lesley Edwards, CC David Parker, CC Graham Murdoch, CC Chas Rodger, CC Alan Tissiman, MCllr Lorna Cresswell, , Cllr George Alexander, Cllr Claire Feaver; Cllr Aaron McLean</p> <p>3 Members of the public</p> <p>Apologies : , CC Kenny Shand, CC Gordon Thornton,</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome: 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.</p>	
3.	<p>Ratification of Minutes : Proposed: Eleanor Hayward : Seconded : Michael Walker</p>	
4.	<p>Police & Warden Reports : SEPERATE COPY ATTACHED.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising :</p> <p>a. . Leancoil Hospital – Chair emphasised that nothing has been decided about the future of the building but it is fairly obvious that with the current number of patients using the facilities that it represents a huge drain on NHS resources and it could be used more effectively. Looking forward Chair would hate to see this fantastic building lost to the community and a Community Asset Transfer could be a long term solution rather than see the building end up with developers. Future potential uses – much needed sheltered housing, complementary healthcare facilities, or even student accommodation for Glasgow School of Art and all of the benefits that this may bring to the town. This is where we need the help of the people of Forres. Should the NHS not require the building in the future we should be prepared as a community to try and acquire the facility and develop as a local resource. We need people's input and in addition, professional help to assess the condition the building and viable ideas for future usage. We as a Community Council should welcome all suggestions and views from the community. CC Murdoch advised that any use of the building would have to be financially viable. No decision has been made as yet. As a Community Council this is an opportunity for us to get in at an early stage and achieve something before it is too late. The FCC is at an early stage in liaising with the public and also seeking a feasibility study. The building is definitely not a Common Good Asset. Chair asked if Fabio Villani could advise on raising funding for a feasibility study to be carried out.</p> <p>b. Leys Road Toilets : CC Hayward did not think that this would be suitable as a</p>	

	<p>Community Asset Transfer as salaries would require to be paid to staff for manning and cleaning. CC D Parker felt that as it was near a car park it would be a loss to the community and others. Chair did not know the way ahead with this. Cllr Alexander said the toilets at Grant Park would remain open. Cllr McLean said there was also the Community Centre Toilet facilities.</p> <p>c. A96 Market Street – Erection of new signage : Nothing has taken place and CC Hayward also requested that the “caged area in the central reservation for pedestrians going between the station and Forres side should be pursued again. However CC Hayward will get back in touch with the point of contact at BEAR Scotland re signage.</p> <p>d. A96 Dualling Group for Community Councils : CC Hayward read out points raised at the meeting held at Horizon, Forres. Cost of each route and cycle paths and if the latter would be included in the scheme. Advised an assessment for a path would be carried out by way of a survey. Advised CC can include in their feedback. Bypass could cut off a town like Forres and detrimental to shopkeepers. Compensation applied for compulsory purchase also mentioned. CC Hayward advised she would raise the issue of cycle paths at the next JCC meeting in May.</p> <p>e. Landscaping of new rail station : S Maclellan had spoken with Kevin Rooney.. Moray Council seeded area and will cut the grass. Network Rail to get back to BAM Nuttall. Network Rail do not allow tubs hanging baskets or other floral equipment at the rail station. CC Alan Tissiman said the area around the station is bleak and barren and trees would be recommended as area needs something done. S Maclellan said it would take a long time to resolve...</p>	
6.	<p>Public Session : Fabio Villani advised the FAF inviting Forres people to a public presentation given by Mr Wylie from Dunkeld and Birnam - two small towns either side of the A9 corridor (bypass) who had issues similar to the proposed A96 bypass Inverness/Aberdeen. Both communities were not impressed by the planned dualling through their area and this led to greater public input and engagement. In their case it was what their areas would get out of the A9 bypass and not just vehicular traffic. FCC M Walker spoke of the local economy of Forres and travelling out of Forres onto the bypass. Design choices had to be considered. FCC Walker said that Forres could turn into a ghost town as a result with the resultant effect on the town's economy.</p>	
7.	<p>Moray Councillors' Reports :</p> <p>MC Creswell – Attended a number of meetings. The three weekly bin collections commence in June. Garden and food waste if collected together would save £400,000. One in eleven deaths could be avoided if we all had 5 days of 20 minute exercise saving £900m. Also visited Fire Service. MCllrs G Alexander and C Feaver also commented.</p>	
8.	<p>Chair's Report : There is a Clash Gour Wind Farm public meeting in Forres on 3 May and the subject will also be presented by their representatives at the May meeting of the Joint Community Councils for Moray. Forres Green Spaces User Group : 15 attended meeting and plan for Cluny Hill and Car Parks. The Hub : had been used for collection point for FCC mail Resource is underused. This suggestion was raised by previous FCC. CC Murdoch advised invoice was for £50 to July or August... FCC paying for the use of Tolbooth which has historically been the home of Forres Town Council and would make sense if this was point of contact. Trustees of Tolbooth agreeable for us to use. FCCs Rodger and Parker are volunteers at The Hub therefore withdrew from voting... Secy would notify Moray Council</p>	

	Liaison Officer of change. Renewal of fee would terminate in August.2018. FCC Murdoch proposed and seconded by FCC Walker. Vote carried for change. FCC Rodger wished to note that he felt we should remain using the Hub. .	
9.	Secretary's Report : FCC sent data protection package. - FCC members' email addresses – those using a business address will require changing to a personal email for FCC purposes. Chair requested all FCCs ensure they have completed the Data Protection Form re sharing of contact details is held by MC Liaison Officer. Chair advised public attending our meetings are advised minutes digitally recorded and noted and would require completing form and advising the Chair if they were not agreeable with this. . Subject to be raised at May meeting. 20 mph Application to Sustrans - We were unsuccessful with application for Forres High Streets 20 mph zone. Memorial Tree - enquiry by MOTP – she had since sourced an alternative site. Mount Dora – Visiting pupils will attend the FCC June meeting. Andy Hall of Forres Mount Dora group enquiring as to whereabouts of gifts presented to Forres on previous visits. Sec advised he contact The Heritage Trust. No.10 bus service access by elderly – steps. MOTP letter has been passed to Douglas Ross MP for action.	
10.	Treasurer's Report : £15 to Data Protection Course : £10 membership Friends of Falconer Museum : £639.00 for Administration Grant in bank.	
11.	Group and Representative Reports : - nil	
12.	Forthcoming Events : - Forres Community Council drop in/information morning 19 May in Tolbooth. 9 30 am till 1 00 pm.	
13.	AOCB : Secy reminded all about the forthcoming JCC meeting.	
14.	Date of next meeting : Thursday 17 May 2018 at 7 15 pm in Tolbooth, Forres	

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