



The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

The Tolbooth High Street, Forres

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Minutes of the Forres Community Council Meeting held in

The Tolbooth, Forres on Thursday 21 June 2018 at 7 15 pm

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

| Topic | Discussion | Action |
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| 1. | <p>Chair : CC Graham Hilditch,</p> <p>Attendees : CC Eleanor Hayward, CC Michael Walker, CC Lesley Edwards, CC David Parker, CC Graham Murdoch; George Alexander; MC A McLean attended half way through meeting.</p> <p>Apologies : , CC Kenny Shand, CC Gordon Thornton, CC Chas Rodger, MC Claire Feaver, MC Lorna Creswell</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 the Chair.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed the two visitors from Mount Dora Florida accompanied by two hosts from Forres Academy. Chair did some research on Mount Dora and was not aware the town had a lake and commented on the temperature there. Asked the students if they had heard of Mount Dora Drive which was in Forres. He presented a gift to the visitors of Scottish items made in Forres which included small Loch Ness Monsters. Chair asked Garry McCartney if he wished to take a photograph and FCCs and visitors lined up outside in the Forres High Street for said photo to be taken. Thanks were again expressed by the Mt Dora visitors to the FCC..</p> | |
| 3. | Ratification of Minutes : Proposed: FCC D Parker Seconded : FCC M Walker | |
| 4. | <p>Police & Warden Reports : SEPARATE COPY ATTACHED.</p> <p>Secretary read out Forres CSP Report to all present.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Matters Arising :</p> <p>a. 13 Hilltop, Forres : Secy did scan of Moray Council website regarding this subject – Application to purchase piece of ornamental ground and that we had submitted two comments against this sale of land. Document found which was strangely worded - “Following consideration the Committee agreed to:-(i) approve the provisionally agreed terms for the sale of land as detailed in Section 5.1 of the Report; and (ii) authorise the Legal Services Manager (Property and Contracts) to conclude the transaction.” Secy asked if they were concluding the entire application. MC Alexander advised both he and MC Creswell attended this meeting and advised that approval of the sale had progressed but sale cannot go through until it was processed as a change of use to garden use. Secy concerned that we have the Vision 20/20. This ground is used by small children and could be a deprivation. MC Alexander advised all neighbours in were notified. Purchase could set a precedent and others could follow. MC Alexander advised each case would be considered on its merits. Both FCC Walker, FCC Tissiman and FCC Parker expressed their concerns. Chair asked if the MC Councillors or Committee had a site visit of the proposed land to be purchased. Lengthy discussion by the FCCs and MC Alexander followed on this Application</p> | |

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| | <p>however it was left in abeyance until the July meeting.</p> <p>b. Forres Common Good Accounts 2017/2018 Chair advised that we would defer discussion on the Accounts until the 19 July meeting as only one MC was in attendance this evening (MC Alexander)</p> <p>c. Moray Core Paths Review – Request for input from Ian Douglas MC Planning Map and letter distributed to all FCCs for information. Chair advised this is relevant to Item a. This refers to one of the paths which would run through Drumduan School (map passed round) as a result of a recent new development of new classrooms at the Drumduan (Moray Steiner School.) The Path would now go through the school complex. A unanimous decision taken by the FCC to write Mr Douglas advising that this path has always been a public path and we object on the grounds that it should remain a historically known public path...</p> <p>d. Litter Grabbers for the schools : Joe Pirnie - Sandra McLellan should have grabbers and Secy would contact Sandra and Joe to take this forward with supply of items</p> <p>e. 20 MPH – Forres High Street – CCs G Hilditch and G Murdoch including Secy met with two representatives from Sustrans having failed on two occasions with Living Streets and another source of Sustrans. It is a wider issue other than Forres High St Concerns raised by FCC Murdoch on their views on pedestrians only but this would affect business. Secy took both representatives through the High Street to change their views that pedestrian only was not a consideration. Also we had excellent car parking with no charge. The concerns are the HGVs using the High St to go out the Grantown Road. A further meeting with Sustrans representatives will take place at a later date.</p> <p>f. FCC David Parker has been involved with the A96 Dualling Forres Area Community Group which has held three meetings. A letter has been sent off to Keith Brown. A press release would be going out to local papers. Hoping a response will be received from the Scottish Secretary before the holiday recess. This emanates from the gentleman who visited Forres from Dunkeld and Birnam who was involved with the A9 bypass. Suggestion would be roundabouts in preference to slip roads. Aim is to reduce the impact of the road and make more eco-friendly. Options require to be viewed and addressed.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Public Session : MOTP asked again about cycle paths. Secy asked if he had approached the Dyke Community Council regarding the matter as MOTP resided in that area. Asked if they had been proactive in his cause.</p> <p>Advised Ken Major of MC was in process of a feasibility study for pedestrians, paths and cycles and would be attending the FCC in September. Secy advised it was raised at the JCC meeting. Also raised with Transport Scotland Forum meeting. Secy questioned if MOTP had asked support of Dyke CC to take forward on his behalf and also that this had been a matter of discussion as far back as 2013.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Moray Councillors' Reports : MC A Mclean advised of Advance Notice of meeting in Elgin Town Hall on 7 September at 10 30 am. Part of Money for Moray. The Forres Councillors had meeting with football group. New senior team Forres Academy. There is a new Deputy Head Mrs Reilly. Planning issues – various issues eg residential accommodation for children.</p> <p>MC G Alexander – Advised the lease of the Town Hall was going ahead. Long Service Awards presented to MC employees. Scottish Week went well. Castlehill Church is up for sale and building is structurally safe. Interviews are being held for two posts for corporate directors.</p> | |

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| 8. | Chair's Report: Auchernack meeting to be held the following week with four Forres Councillors and FCC Chair. Chair involved with Berryburn and was not overly impressed with way MC runs the Auchernack Trust. FCC Parker heard there were few applications to the Trust. Health and Social meeting with NHS Moray was last week. FCC Parker attended also. Chair advised it was poorly attended with fewer attending. Was asked to give a five minute presentation on Leancoil. Nothing has been decided yet re Leancoil. FCC G Murdoch advised budget had been cut back to £5m and no more can be cut. However progress has been made at Leancoil with a viewing of the Nurses Home which has been closed for a few years. Potential for student accommodation. Feasibility Study funding to be sought. Meeting with rep on CAT Was valuable. Putting in for funding to Scottish Landfill Fund would be Stage II. Easiest funding would be Awards for All up to £10,000. HIE will help with advise and assist completing application. May look to Berryburn fund as well. | |
| 9. | Secretary's Report : As result of fire at Glasgow School of Art visit to facility at Altyre Estate has been held over until July. Open Day already held there. FCCs Edward, D Parker and self-attended meeting in Town Hall Elgin Developing Primary Care in Moray. Was disappointing. Intention is to hold another meeting in the future. Application for siting a 20 ft container in Grant Park for storing football kit for youth. FCC Murdoch said it would be fine if screened but not in the referred location. Comments against to be submitted to Planning Dept. Armistice and Armed Forces Communities programme taking place in November to celebrate WW1. Seeking participants. 100 years since the guns fell silent on the Western Front... | |
| 10. | Treasurer's Report : In Bank - £225..08 plus MC payment £631.35 | |
| 11. | Group and Representative Reports : - Nil | |
| 12. | Forthcoming Events : - Nil | |
| 13. | AOCB: FCC Walker enquired about the Nimrod statue is getting dilapidated in appearance. Who repaired it before ? Showing signs of needing repaired. FCC had paid for various things in the past and as an administration grant so money for repairing is no longer available. Secy asked about the plane at the Bergie Chipper which building has been taken over. Is this to be resited or left in situ. MC Alexander advised that the site is taken care of. Bench in park – Secy has not heard anything further as to whether it will be sited or not. Person who complained was concerned that it would lead to a proliferation of benches. Secy would enquire of K Kennedy of MC Parks Dept re situation. | |
| 14. | Date of next meeting : 19 July 2018 at 7 15 pm | |

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