



# 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 19 July 2018 at 7 15 pm

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

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><b>Chair :</b> CC Graham Hilditch,</p> <p><b>Attendees :</b> CC Michael Walker, CC David Parker, CC Alan Tissiman, CC Graham Murdoch, CC Lesley Edwards, MC George Alexander, MC Lorna Creswell, MC Claire Feaver</p> <p><b>Apologies :</b> , CC Kenny Shand, CC Gordon Thornton, CC Chas Rodger, CC Eleanor Hayward, MC Aaron McLean</p> <p>Three members of the public in attendance.</p>	
2.	<b>Welcome:</b> The Chair advised all present of JCC requirement for Data Protection purposes that Minutes are noted. If anyone has any concerns to the Chair.	
3.	<b>Ratification of Minutes :</b> Proposed: FCC D Parker Seconded : FCC M Walker	
4.	<b>Police &amp; Warden Reports :</b> Read out by Chair	
5.	<p><b>Matters Arising :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Forres Common Good Accounts 2017/2018 :</b> Chair Graham Hilditch received an email from MOTP with a query concerning the Common Good Accounts. Why had the rental values varied? Chair advised that rentals are now calculated on a daily basis and suggested that the number of days rental should be shown alongside the rental figure. FAS Historic compensation variance was £4,000.00. All agreed that the Accounts were unclear. MC Claire Feaver will request Moray Council for more transparent Accounts in answer to the two points raised.</li> <li>b. <b>Toilets at Co-op :</b> The MOTP also advised that he had spoken to the Manager of the Co-op who was willing to keep the public toilets open if a volunteer could be found. A MOTP did volunteer but was advised that although his offer was appreciated, the maintenance and running costs were an issue. MC Alexander advised toilets were eligible for Community Asset Transfer</li> <li>c. <b>Planning Applications :</b> 13 Hilltop Forbeshill refused and cannot be appealed. Container to be sited in Grant Park was also refused.</li> <li>d. <b>Update - Landscaping Forres Rail Station :</b> Issue was not discussed as Sandra McLennan (Forres in Bloom) was not present.</li> <li>e. <b>Update – Leancoil Hospital – Feasibility Study :</b> FCC have applied for grant of £10,000 from the Lottery Fund. Will be 12 weeks before we know if application was successful. FCC is also planning to apply to the Berryburn Fund. Monies are required to fund the Feasibility Study. A businessman experienced in running residential and nursing homes has agreed to prepare a report on the use of Leancoil as a Dementia Unit. CC Graham Murdoch said we should widen the remit.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Public Session :</b> A student from the Glasgow School of Art is interested in Drumduan School pupils working with voluntary groups in Forres. A list of voluntary organisations will be emailed to him.	

7.	<p><b>Moray Councillors' Reports :</b></p> <p>MC Alexander has attended school sports days and Pipe Band Championships. Working on various individual issues. Emphasised 26 councillors have to balance the Moray Council budget.</p> <p>MC Feaver dealing with neighbour disputes. Was also annoyed that four beds was grounds for closing Leancoil when bed blocking is happening throughout Moray. Has received confusing letter from Tower View. Would write to ask for clarification as no information available on what was happening to the day centre for clients with physical disabilities.</p> <p>MC Lorna Creswell- Refurbishment on Mortuary at Dr Gray's Hospital still ongoing.</p> <p>Discussed Osprey bus which was originally managed by the RAF however Army not prepared to spend the same time. Chair of FCC to attend Osprey Meeting and will attend in future.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Chair's Report:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will attend a Forestry Commission meeting regarding a forest plan for Sanquhar Pond.</li> <li>2. Forres Features – an application for a paths upgrade for Cluny Hill has been submitted.</li> <li>3. The commemorative bench to remain in Grant Park.</li> <li>4. A tower, part of the slide has been erected in Children's play area with sign warning parents of appropriate age groups for safe use.</li> <li>5. Disabled parking discussed. No facilities on the High Street. MC Alexander said current use of disabled parking may need updating.</li> </ol>	
9.	<b>Treasurer's Report :</b> Nothing to report. No change in income in or out.	
10.	<p><b>Group &amp; Representatives' Reports :</b> CC Parker attended A96 Dualling meeting. Letter received from Scottish Secretary seeking advice from Cooperative Group. Email received from Richard Lochhead MSP advising he had received information on public opposition to the cooperative group and needed to be resolved. If not resolved, planning would go ahead without public input. Had also received email from National Council of Rural Advisors who are launching a survey to assess public opinion. Will be administered by the Joint Community Council.</p>	
11.	<b>Group and Representative Reports :</b> - Nil	
12.	<p><b>Forthcoming Events :</b></p> <p>24 July – Health &amp; Social Care meeting Town Hall Elgin</p> <p>26 July – Meeting to discuss Antisocial Behaviour in Blue Room Forres Community Centre.</p> <p>9 August – Joint Community Council Meeting, Moray Council Chambers at 7 00 pm</p> <p>2 September – “Doors Open” event which includes Nelson's Tower, The Tolbooth &amp; Invererne House.</p> <p>Friends of the Falconer Museum Winter Talk – Sueno's Stone. Date and time to be arranged.</p>	
13.	<p><b>AOCB:</b> MC Claire Feaver spoke of the WWI 100 years commemoration. Wire and clear plastic images of soldiers are being produced for exhibition across the UK. A wire image for the Market Square was suggested.</p>	
14.	<b>Date of next meeting : Thursday 16 July 2018 at 7 15 pm</b>	

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