



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 16 August 2018 at 7 15 pm

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

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Chair : CC Graham Hilditch, Attendees : CC Michael Walker, CC David Parker, CC Alan Tissiman, CC Graham Murdoch, CC Lesley Edwards, CC Gordon Thornton; MC Lorna Creswell, MC Claire Feaver; MC Aaron McLean Apologies : , CC Kenny Shand, CC Chas Rodger, Two members of the public and two representatives of Police Scotland.in attendance.</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome: The Chair advised all present of JCC requirement for Data Protection purposes that Minutes are noted. If anyone has any concerns to the Chair.</p>	
3.	<p>Ratification of Minutes : Proposed by: CC L Edwards Seconded by: CC D Parker</p>	
4.	<p>Police & Warden Reports : Read out by CC Hayward</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising :</p> <p>a. Antisocial Behaviour - As a result of a meeting held in the Forres Community Centre attended by FCCs G Hilditch, G Murdoch, E Hayward, A Tissiman, MC Claire Feaver, MC Lorna Creswell, M Housing Officer David Munro, P/Sgt Milne, three members of the public. Meeting was called to discuss antisocial behaviour in North Road and areas nearby. Considerable police presence. Mr Findlay of Antisocial Behaviour Unit has also been involved along with Mr Coles of MC. It would seem that this area is not alone with other areas affected by antisocial behaviour. It is not only affecting those in social housing but the private sector as well. Secy enquired of police officers if reports were submitted to Moray Council Housing Dept and contact is made. Secy asked if a MOTP could give some input. He had witnessed individual gathering material and setting it alight under a resident's window. This has been an issue for over seven years. PC advised they were aware and provided information sharing to relevant parties. MC Feaver also raised queries with the Police Rep who advised that in some instances there are mental issues as well. FCC Walker raised the financial issue of this. D Munro advised that it is difficult to bring this to Court. FCC Tissiman advised that a public meeting was being considered. FCC Parker referred to other affected areas. CC Tissiman said all at the earlier meeting were horrified at the situation and was hearing from people in other areas of Forres. A community response would be welcome to explain and share their experiences with relevant bodies. Douglas Ross MP is also happy to contact various agencies to attend a public meeting... Considerable discussion followed and Chair recommended moving on to next Agenda Item. Secy thanked Police Officers for their attendance.</p> <p>b. Forres Rail Station : Stacey Mcdonald on behalf of BAM Nuttall was seeking input on thoughts of the new station. FCC Thornton said station was not open</p>	

	<p>early morning and it could be quite cold waiting on trains. The waiting room could also be cold in early morning and was lacking in comfort. The station was a standard design. Sandra Maclellan was not in attendance to answer any questions on planting. Also using automated ticket machines with no protection from the weather.</p> <p>c. WW1 Commemoration: Chair had spoken with Eric Duguid of British Legion. seeking the laying of a couple of Commemorative slabs were considered. One for the 100th Anniversary of Armistice and the other for the 100th anniversary of the RAF. Located in memorial area of Forres. Two leaflets showing style of plaques were passed around. Costs approx. £300 each plus VAT. Legion seeking our support.</p> <p>Chair read a history on how WW1 impacted on Forres. The Town Hall was set out as a hospital; first casualty was in Edinkillie when an individual put head out of train window and also mentioned local connections who lost their lives.</p> <p>To investigate funding – Common Good Fund ? MC McLean mentioned the purchase of two figures by Elgin. FCC Murdoch said WW1 defined the life of many young men. Chair said he would look at feasibilities and obtaining funding.</p>	
6.	Public Session : Nil	
7.	<p>Moray Councillors' Reports :</p> <p>MC Feaver : Discussion re Dr Gray's; Antisocial Behaviour; Surveys submitted highlighted Leancoil Hospital and spaces. Also raised Common Good Accounts layout Accounts to be simplified next year.</p> <p>MC Creswell : Various Meetings attended - CLD to bring people together to be involved in youth work. Attended Criminal Justice Committee Meeting. Victim Support. Advised if people did not manage to contact her on her personal phone will email them back and to check their emails. There are 60 carers across Moray. Forres finds it difficult to recruit carers. Attended Drumduan School meeting in Forres Community Centre. (FCC Secy also attended).Booked Suffragettes talk next Wednesday.</p> <p>MC McLean : Housing Minister meeting councillors in Elgin, and will be opening new social housing at Knockomie. New bridge is in place. Also Facebook Page on "Then and Now" comments that Nairn has more facilities than Forres regarding play equipment; 20/20 Vision getting people involved in getting a new skatepark. Sanquhar Pond – a lot of work taking place – An adventure playground ??? Ground being utilised for orchards. Equipment from Brodie playpark now in situ at Grant Park.</p>	
8.	<p>Chair's Report : A few of us attended the recent JCC meeting. Time was spent discussing toilets. Had meeting with some people pushing forward Clash Gour scheme and keen to get MOIs signed up by the Community Councils. Spoke with Alastair Kennedy Chair of the JCC and a lot of confusion with this. He will organise a sub-group to look into this. Hopefully this can be taken further. FCC Murdoch said it was a long term situation. Common Good – the opportunity to get more involved with allocation of funding.</p>	
9.	<p>Secretary's Report: 20 mph speed restriction in Forres – Letter from Ken Major Roads Engineer Moray Council giving update of progress. Initial meeting for a feasibility study so project is underway and in the process of procuring a design consultant and discuss concerns of people of Forres. There will also be community engagement including meeting with FCC. FCC Ken Shand was concerned about dropped kerbs near Lidl. Was concerned about the height of the kerbs . Secy would follow this up with BEAR Scotland and also contact Kenny. Development at Knockomie : sent plans to everyone. This was submitted by Tulloch Homes.</p>	

	Awaiting feedback from FCC with their view on an appropriate venue for an exhibition of the proposals, and a subsequent drop-in event and advertise seven days prior to the event.	
10.	Treasurer's Report : Nothing to report. No change in income in or out.	
11.	Group & Representatives' Reports : CC Parker was attending a meeting regarding the group for the bypass. Still no response from the Government Secretary and hope local MSPs support us.	
12.	Forthcoming Events : Nil	
13.	AOCB: CC Murdoch raised the discussion of the JCC presentation of toilets and costs to run was £30,000 per year... Some persons from Cullen carried out research on running toilets and it was nothing to that claimed by the Council.	
14.	Date of next meeting : Thursday 18 October 2018 at 7 15 pm	