



# 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 20 September 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><b>Chair :</b> CC Michael Walker</p> <p><b>Attendees :</b> CC Eleanor Hayward, CC Lesley Edwards, CC David Parker, CC Graham Murdoch, , CC Alan Tissiman, Cllr Lorna Cresswell, Cllr George Alexander, .</p> <p>3 members of the public</p> <p><b>Apologies :</b> , CC Kenny Shand, CC Gordon Thornton, CC Chas Rodger,, MC Claire Feaver, CC Graham Hilditch</p>	
2.	<p><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 the Chair.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Ratification of Minutes : Proposed:</b> CC D Parker    <b>Seconded :</b> CC L Edwarda</p>	
4.	<p><b>Police &amp; Warden Reports :</b>                      Read to all present by Chair</p>	
5.	<p><b>Matters Arising :</b></p> <p><b>a. Future of Leanoil Hospital</b> – CC Murdoch - closure of hospital and admissions suspended. . The costs to run the hospital raise the question if it will ever open again. The Integrated Joint Board having their meeting in November to decide what will happen to Leanoil. Our progress – we have applied for money for a feasibility study but unsuccessful. . Little ase to put forward. Would require support of a public consultation. There are different groups coming forward with an interest in Leanoil. Scottish Land Fund could be applied for therefor this is why we need a public consultation. Suggestion of setting up a Community Council Working Group was discussed and three/four FCCs showed interest in this. Eric Duguid made a suggestion using the hospital to provide provision for military and their families. CC Murdoch advised that it was still a NHS building.</p> <p><b>b. 20 MPH Forres High Street</b> – Presentation is required to be cancelled and rescheduled for October FCC meeting. Mr Major was hoping to give positive feedback to us in October but will be happy to feedback information from all groups involved. And by then we will have procured our consultant to take forward and this could take quite a few months into the new year to get off the ground.</p> <p><b>c. Antisocial Behaviour</b> - FCC A Tissiman advised that we did have a discussion about this at the last meeting. We agreed it was a serious issue. FCC Tissiman prepared a short note about it and circulated to all FCCs. Douglas Ross MP has also received a copy. Asked if we had any suggestions to put forward. He advised taking it forward to a public meeting with relevant agencies at a senior level to attend and hopeful of establishing a date. FCC Hayward asked if anonymity could be given to those persons attending. Care has to be taken how we handle such a meeting and for persons to put their questions forward anonymously. FCC Tissiman asked</p>	

	any further suggestions to be passed to him over the next week.	
6.	<p><b>Public Session - Muiry Wood development</b> is a concerned and two members of the public attended to give their concerns to this development in an ancient woodland. There is a lot of interest in birds and wildlife so FCC Hayward requires to submit our comments to the Planning Department. Secy circulated the amended plans to all FCCs but thought the plans were similar to the first plans but this now showed alteration to trees. The two members of the public expressed a number of issues eg the road, lack of space for a pavement. FCC Parker raised the subject of drainage for original plan of 14 houses and deer fences round the wood. The site is on a busy road and we have to take into account an average of two cars per property. FCC Tissiman advised this was presented to us originally and the Planning Officer recommended withdrawal of first application. FCC Tissiman would favour refusal of this 2<sup>nd</sup> application. Secy read out an article by Don Wright of the Woodland Trust who listed a number of objections to the recent application. Feels it would have a detrimental effect on adjoining woods. Community Council are opposed to this application.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Moray Councillors' Reports :</b></p> <p><b>Cllr George Alexander – Moray Leisure Centre.</b> Advised it was promising with regard to its retention. Meetings have been taking place and matter is progressing. Licence for late opening of Matrix Garage on Nairn Road. This had major problems before and residents at the location were unhappy. Secy advised cut off date was 19 September and asked for a short extension to put to the Community Council. Email from Legal Dept advised they could not accept a late comment from the FCC but was advised if received outwith the timeframe it can be relayed to committee but they can refuse to include it. FCC Murdoch had received a letter from a member of the public with his objections to the application. Residents are concerned given the past history at this location. There is a very strong feeling about this. FCC Walker has also received concerns from members of the public verbally. Chair took a vote from FCC members and objection to the licence was recommended.</p> <p><b>Cllr Lorna Creswell –</b> Also attended the meeting re the Moray Leisure Centre. Went to Users Group. The Town Hall progress also discussed. Launch of Rape Crisis - We are the last County in Scotland to have one. Attended meeting re Victim Support and Family Support . attended meeting called Resilience re bad behaviour in schools. AGM for FACT is coming up soon. Film Forres has had its AG M. Margaret Cowie has resigned. Cllr Creswell and Cllr Alexander attended launch of new buses by Stagecoach. Sustrans held a meeting in the Legion but it was not well advertised. It was not well attended. Cllr Alexander advised it was an invited meeting.</p> <p>Chair asked about a charge of £25 for Home Economics and Design and Art. Steps are in place not to charge those who cannot afford the charge.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Chair's Report</b> - The war memorial plaque. The cost is about £300 plus VAT £60. Spoken with the British Legion and the plaque will be placed at the Tolbooth. Funding could be obtained from applying to the Common Good Fund. Secy had already contacted Nicky Gosling and advised fund had £5000 available. Secy could apply for funding by completing the form which Cllr Alexander advised could be obtained online. Secy asked all for the addition of a WW1 figure to be placed outside the Tolbooth over and above the plaque.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Secretary's Report :</b> . Kenny Shand concerned about bus stops not long enough for coaches. Stop across from Tesco means wheelchair users have to go onto the grass and height of steps</p>	

	difficult for elderly. Secy advised that we are still attempting to resolve height of herbs. Cllr Creswell will raise at Transport Meeting. FCC Edwards and Secy going to event at Moray Council re follow on from Suffragette walk in Edinburgh.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report :</b> Last meeting for this year's accounts. Accounts all up to date and cheques written. In Account : £1256.29 balance. Includes £1000 ring fenced. Next grant should be about £630 which will be into our next financial year. Secy will make a donation into FCC fund.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Group and Representative Reports : - Planning applications</b> – problem of R3 at Ferrylea for 316 houses new builds and associated infrastructure. Amount of new builds a concern and how did the FCC feel about this. Chair had spoken to some who lived here and concern was about local infrastructure and the pressure on this. Secy advised the local surgery could not cope with additional population as issues getting appointments was a concern and ongoing at the current time. Phoning for an appointment is very difficult; Ambulance services were also under pressure as well. Can Forres cope with this ? Asked both attending councillors about developer contributions. Cllr Alexander advised to use the money and match fund it. Pressure on St Catherine Road with additional vehicular traffic coming from already built developments. FCC Tissiman raised the question of how large we want to see Forres become. Are we content with the recent quality of housing. Also impact of development at Dallas Dhu. The A96 will probably go to the south. Complex process on how land is allocated. As far as the Council is concerned it is going to be developed anyway. Cllr Alexander said there is a problem getting doctors. R3 Application – after comments from FCC unanimous vote taken is to object to the development. The Lochyhill development timeframe has now expired. FCC Murdoch advised Planning for Real meeting was cancelled. FCC Parker attended JCC meeting re toilets and the closure. Council figures were not accurate. Attended A96 dualling. Secy advised routes now whittled down to three and Transport Scotland would have the decision for November/December 2018. FCC Edwards commented about a petition to MSP R Lochhead re buses.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Forthcoming Events :</b> Rotary – Forres Children in Need Quiz. Up to 4 people donates at least £100.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>AOCB</b> Secy wrote to office bearers that September would be the last month she would be typing up the Minutes. Advertised in Provincial Press, posted on Moray Council job site within house, local solicitors. Honorarium for Minute Secretary £25 per meeting.	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting : Thursday 18 October 2018 at 7 15 pm</b>	

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