



# 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 15 November 2018 at 7 15 pm**

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

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><b>Chair</b> Graham Hilditch</p> <p><b>Attendees :</b> CC Eleanor Hayward, CC Lesley Edwards, CC David Parker, CC Graham Murdoch; .MC Claire Feaver; FCC Alan Tissiman; MC George Alexander, Gordon Thornton</p> <p><b>Apologies :</b> , CC Ken Shand, CC Chas Rodger; MC Lorna Creswell;</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 raise with the Chair.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Ratification of Minutes :</b> Proposed: CC David Parker Seconded : CC Kenny Shand</p>	
4.	<p><b>Police &amp; Warden Report:</b> Forres Report read by Secy E Hayward.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Update by Fiona Graham :</b> Survey has now been carried out on Care and Social Care in the Community. Secy enquired about the Survey monkey system. Was concerned about length of document (33 pages) to particularly the elderly and numbers responding were not high. Circulation was not as it should be. FCC Thornton and FCC Lesley Edwards were also dissatisfied with the survey. 5 Beds only available in Varis Court. Secy was concerned for patients being placed in a nursing home/residential home having a sound mind and being placed with residents having dementia being a demoralising placement. Was concerned elderly being placed in homes in Dufftown, Buckie and family travelling up to two hours with a change of two buses to get there for visits. Fiona said attempts would be made to place patients nearer to home. MC Claire Feaver noted that 5 or 10 or so people who completed survey did not make a jot to consultation document.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Matters Arising :</b></p> <p><b>a.Clash Gour Windfarm :</b> Chair raised the matter of the Clash Gour Windfarm. Gave brief summary re Memorandum of Understanding. Current proposal for up to 48 turbines. At full capacity would raise- £1.125m to areain community benefit. .Community ownership can be up to 5%. Chair requested by JCC to network with other councils to discuss the possibility of signing the MOU. Was not a commitment but a number of CCs could invest for example £1m which would generate 1% profit for the life of the site No actual investment required until project is up, running and producing.</p>	

	<p>Secy asked if interest would require to be paid on any loan. FCC Thornton asked if interest would be index linked. Local Energy would steer the group through this. A number of questions still remain. Chair proposed - 7 in favour and one abstention.</p> <p><b>b. WW1 Plaques</b> – Chair attended Forres service and was impressed. FCC Murdoch went to Roseisle. Funding obtained for plaque £300 plus VAT and inscription... Will liaise with Craig Wilson of Moray Council. The Tolbooth area preferable site.</p> <p><b>c. Presentation to JCC by Chief Executive Roddy Burns re Budget</b> – Chair updated those who did not manage to attend the JCC. Shortfall of £12m next year £9 m the following year. Largest outlays are on fixed expenditure. Breakdown on areas where planned savings would be made. <b>Falconer Museum</b> was a concern. Also subject of a CAT and digitalising of items. Budget is planned for “worst case scenario”. Another meeting will be arranged in April 2019. <b>Grant Park</b> also a concern. n Grass cutting an issue. The park is the “jewel in the crown” in Forres and should be maintained. MC Mclean - Possible raising sponsorship to cut grass</p>	
7.	<b>Public Session :</b> Electric charging points – Sandra McLellan and Secy attended site at Grant Park for charger for coach provision.	
8.	<b>Moray Councillors’ Reports :</b> <b>MC Feaver</b> – is ambassador for the UH and got to know more about the Moray Growth Deal. Concern of turbines going into the Moray Firth. <b>MC A Mclean</b> – 11 new warehouses for Benromach; new PVC windows in conservation area discussed with MC and to make people aware. Budget discussions. Meeting with NHS Grampian proposals for Forres Healthcare. <b>MC Alexander</b> - Workshop for Moray Development Plan re sporadic developments throughout Moray. Visited Tornagrain new town development by Earl of Moray. CARS deadline advised. New teacher appointment at Kinloss. Childrens’ and Young People’s meeting the following week. Discussed short distances between primary schools (5) below the average of 40% attendees bar one.	
9.	<b>Chair’s Report:</b> Discussed under Matters Arising	
10.	<b>Secretary’s Report :</b> Referred to MC McLean’s brief on unauthorised developments not tolerated in Moray. Email from architects R2 Grantown Road and MC requested they return to their plans. January 2019 for visit from Architects to FCC. A96 August Meeting as rep. Ken Major contacted re problem with timber lorries coming down at speed to St Leonard’s Road. Investigations not yet concluded. (A ‘B’ road)? Will try and find numbers of vehicles involved. Letter of support sent to Reni Millburn for CARS. Christmas gathering to be arranged at Red Beastie for FCC Members. MC Alexander advised of expansion sites at Greshop Estate which is to be welcomed.	
11.	<b>Treasurer’s Report :</b> FCC Murdoch £360 for plaque received. Secy will not be taking honorarium for Minute Secretary. CC Balance sheet audited by Moray Council and all in order.	
12.	<b>Forthcoming Events: - Green Spaces</b> – Cluny Hill to be taken forward. Trees at Rose Gardens. .	
13.	<b>AOCB:</b> FCC Murdoch raised matter of a member of the public receiving abuse from a lorry driver in High St. Unacceptable behaviour. These vehicles should not be using the High Street but using the A96 route...	

	FCC A Tissiman spoke with Insp Grant McCutcheon re arranging meeting in January 2019 for public and respective bodies to discuss antisocial behaviour.	
<b>14.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting : 20 December 2018</b>	