

The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres 21st November 2019, at The Tolbooth, High St, Forres Secretary: Community Councillor Shaun Moat | Contact: 07954150311 | Email: info@forrescc.co.uk

Attendees		Apologies	
CC Graham Hilditch	Chair	CC Michael Walker	Vice Chair
CC Graham Murdoch	Treasurer	CC Fiona Graham	
CC Shaun Moat	Secretary	Councillor Aaron Mclean	Moray Council
CC David Parker		Councillor Claire Feaver	Moray Council
CC Kenny Shand		Alan Tissiman	FCC
CC Lesley Edwards			
Associate CC Frank Byrne			
Councillor Lorna Creswell	Moray Council		
Councillor George Alexander	Moray Council		
Forres Gazette Reporter			
Members of Public	2		

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome & Apologies: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised	
	meetings are recorded electronically for minute taking.	
2.	Apologies - Secretary advised everyone present of the apologies.	
3.	Ratification of Minutes	
	The Chair went through the minutes of the last meeting and confirmed the minutes were a true record of the meeting.	
	Proposed: Kenny Shand Second: David Parker	
4.	Falconer Museum CC Moat advised that the signed agreement of 1996, means Moray Council has a legal obligation to finance, administer and maintain the Falconer museum and protect its identity, and to date Moray Council is refusing to allow mediation or arbitration on this matter. Councillor Alexander advised that it cost £80k to pay staff to keep the museum open for 6 months a year and that information received from Moray Council Solicitors say they are no longer trustees as the trust no longer is in existence. Forres Community Council had agreed to allow CC's Moat & Edwards to continue to look into this and report back to FCC.	
5.	Matters Arising Traffic Survey - CC Moat advised that he had written to Inspector McPhail regarding the results of the survey and to ask for backing for the problem areas we had	Action:
	highlighted in report. The Inspector has agreed that the junction of Castlehill/High St	

is an area of concern and she has already contacted Moray Council. The police did not feel the other areas highlighted were of concern, but if residents did have issues they should contact the police or request white lines for driveways from Moray Council. **Item Closed**

NYE Pipe band Parade CC Moat advised this has all been addressed, all paperwork completed, and Forres Pipe Band will collect Road Closure Notices and put up in the town. **Item Closed**

Mosset Burn Draft Survey is completed, but needs minor changes before being made available. Possibly a group could be set up to carry forward the proposals, report highlights concerns that the channel is filling up. **Item Ongoing**

Leanchoil Hospital Update

Chair advised the project is progressing well. Funding is in place for phase 2, which will include a full financial business plan and creation of a legal entity to take the project forward. Public Meeting planned for January for forming the trust. The Leanchoil Trust is currently in the process of being set up, and a SCIO will be applied for in due course. **Item Ongoing**

VE Day Forres Community Council requested to arrange a piper for Friday 8th May at 3pm. CC Moat to contact Forres Pipe Band. Findhorn CC are having a blitz theme day. Could Forres mark the day with an event ? **Item Ongoing**

Energising Moray CC Hilditch has advised a group has been set up with two sub steering committees, one to apply for a CARES grant and set up a legal entity and business plan, the other to do community communication. The Energy Scotland CARES Grant has been applied for. **Item Ongoing**

A96 CC Murdoch and Hilditch attended a meeting at the Horizon Building re-A96, and were advised of the changes to the Kinloss Junction coming into Forres. The maximum height of the new A96 road in places will be 27 feet. (This does not include barriers/signs etc). Part of the next stage of the process includes getting soil samples. They were given the impression by SWECO that St Catherine Road is a Moray Council Issue.

FOI St Catherine Road junction funding

CC Moat had submitted a FOI regarding the St Catherine road junction lights contributions, which includes £18,500 from Grampian Housing, £17,860 Springfield and £45,337 again from Springfield and the estimate installation of signals was £212,142 **Item Ongoing**

Cluny Hill Paths Plans have been completed and submitted to Moray Council for approval **Item Ongoing**

Grass Cutting Unsure of next year plans until budget. Which areas Forres in Bloom/council etc, will be cutting, so look at this next year when more info is available. **Item Ongoing**

6.	Community Councillors Reports	
	CC Edwards – Soup & Pudding at Town Hall, 58 People attended, Meeting Point 12-2	
	on Fridays at Town Hall going well, Film Forres, Pricilla Queen of desert, well	
	attended, Pensioners Film White Christmas, about 30 attended,	
	CC Parker – Forres Area Forum Meeting, TSI AGM, FACT AGM	
	CC Shand - Photos been emailed regarding bad parking, Bus Stop progress gone quiet	
	at Mosset. Regarding Mosset Burn, hopes Council would consider raising the path at	
	the metal bridge same way as they did at bus stops to make it fully accessible for	
	wheelchairs.	
6.	Public Session	
	MOP Raised some questions on the A96 , FCC & associate members position. The	
	Chair again, advised that the associate members had no input into tonight's report	
	and that we continue to be independent and neutral regarding the route.	
	MOP from Forres in Bloom brought the Queens Volunteer Award to show the Council	
	and the Council congratulated them. Forres in Bloom AGM is 27 th November 2019 in	
	Town Hall at 7pm.	
7.	Moray Council	
	MC Creswell – Attended Criminal Justice Partnership Meeting re- families and bail;	
	Fire Service will be doing some fire awareness training in Forres Academy in March	
	2020. Transport Forum, there has been no meetings. Transition Town 10 th	
	Anniversary had AGM today. Moray Mortuary has been re-decorated.	
	MC Alexander – Two head of departments appointed as part of management	
	restructure. Value audit currently on going. Scottish Government Reporter has	
	rejected the appeal for the housing proposal near to Cathy Nursing Home. Council	
	Staff now need to pay for parking. Wreath laying went well apart from the poor	
	speaker system.	
9.	Chairs Report – Nothing extra to be added	
10.	Treasurers Report – CC Murdoch advise on balance of funds and outstanding	
	invoices. Funds now very low, and the need for the reinstatement of the MC grant	
	was stressed.	
11.	Secretary Report – CC Moat advised he placed the wreath on behalf of the	
	Community Council. He advised during to his business he is stepping down as Minute	
	Secretary. CC Parker has agreed to take over this position	
	Proposed: CC Moat Seconded: CC Hilditch	
	Forthcoming Speakers	
12	December - Graeme Ferguson – Boys Brigade Forres	
13.	AOCB	
	Osprey AGM – 5 TH December at 7pm – Rent Room Tolbooth	
• •	Credit Union 27 th November	
14.	Date of next meeting: 19 th December 2019 at 7:15pm	