

The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

Ratified Minutes 16th January 2020, Tolbooth, High St Forres

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Attendees		Apologies	
CC Graham Hilditch	Chair		
CC Graham Murdoch	Treasurer	CC Alan Tissiman	
CC Shaun Moat	Secretary	Associate CC Frank Byrne	
CC David Parker	Minute Secretary	CC Lesley Edwards	
CC Michael Walker	Vice Chair	CC Kenny Shand	
CC Fiona Graham			
		Councillor Claire Feaver	Moray Council
Councillor Lorna Creswell	Moray Council		
Councillor George Alexander	Moray Council		
Councillor Aaron Mclean	Moray Council		
Forres Gazette Reporter	Gary McCartney		
Members of Public	5		

Topic	Discussion	Action
By	Welcome & Apologies: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that meetings are recorded electronically for minute taking. Secretary advised everyone present of apologies.	
2.	Presentation by Bob Laughton and Tommy Macdermot on the Mosset Burn Survey. Burn zoned into four areas for the presentation. Affected by sediment infill, weirs have limited fish passage, a programme is required to restore natural flow, fish passage & improved conveyance. This would be a costly exercise, and it was recommended that a group of interested parties should be formed to take this forward. GH suggested putting it on a future agenda, and discussing at next Green spaces group. After a Q & A session, GH thanked Mr Laughton & Mr Macdermot for the excellent presentation.	GH
3.	Ratification of Minutes The Chair went through the minutes of the December meeting and confirmed the minutes were a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Shaun Moat Second: Michael Walker	
4.	Community Safety Report No report in December due to Xmas holidays, no more reports of street lighting vandalism at Pilmuir	
5.	Matters Arising. Leancoil. GH gave an update. Trust in process of being constituted, CAT request imminent, valuation report received, £450,000, reasonable figure, funding raised for Business plan by Douglas Westwater associates & Community impact assessment by FACT/TSI. Both will be completed by end Feb, Public meeting, Tolbooth, 5 th Feb, SLF stage 2 application for purchase price imminent. Erskine CEO recent visit, want Veterans centre in main building open for October 2020, have helped to fund a schedule of repairs to get to this point, and are hopeful of board approval to fund the refurbishment. Stage 2, a community/welfare hub in the old maternity wing will start after this. Hospital to be boarded up to reduce vandalism, probably increased by social media	

	Developer contribution consultation guide. No comments to submit.	
6.	Community Councillor Group and Representatives' Report. – going around the table FG – Had attended and reported on various health related meetings in the month GM – Spoke about finances/treasurers report (to follow) SM –New Year festivities had been well run, had attended various meetings in connection with the Osprey trust, Falconer museum, Skateboard park. Had been elected chair of the newly constituted Osprey Bus. DP – Nothing to report. MW – Nothing to report.	
7.	Public Session MOP mentioned Money for Moray (M4M). Meeting on Tues 21 Jan 10.30-12, Inkwel Elgin. FCC had not been contacted about this, and nobody would be able to attend at short notice.	
8.	Moray Councillors' Report GA – Discussed local poverty and Scottish Welfare Fund. Expressed concern about how needy many clients were. Discussed council charge increases. LC- Discussed Education action group for poverty meeting, St Johns Church meeting, Osprey meeting, and had attended many functions over festive period. AM – Policy resources committee meeting, crisis loans/grants budget, council services charges, participatory budget in 2021, MC budget possibly Feb/March	
9.	Chair's Report Nothing additional to report.	
10.	Treasurer's Report Update on bank balance. All accounts now up to date, and still some funds left in bank	
11.	Secretary's Report Praised Forres Community action group over New Year event Planning – Nothing requiring discussion	
12.	Forthcoming Events Youth concert Town Hall 3 rd March Jane Yeadon talk on 13 th Feb Community Lunch, 10 th March 12.00 Green Space Meeting 12 th Feb Leancoil Trust meeting, 5 th Feb, 7pm Town hall	
13.	The meeting finished at 21.10.	
14.	Date of Next Meeting December Thursday 20th February 2020 7.15 pm	