

## The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 VIA ZOOM MEETING

**Secretary:** Community Councillor Jo Lenihan | **Email:** info@forrescc.co.uk

Attendees		Apologies	
CC Shaun Moat (SM)	Chair	CC Kenny Shand (KS)	
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	CC Alan Tissiman (AT)	
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	CC Michael Walker (MW)	
CC Frank Byrne (FB)		MC Claire Feaver	
CC Lesley Edwards (LE)			
CC Steve Ferris (SF)			
CC Fiona Graham (FG)			
CC John Innes (JI)			
CC David Parker (DP)			
MC George Alexander			
MC Lorna Creswell			
MC Aaron Maclean			
Garry McCartney	Forres Gazette		
<b>Members of Public</b>	0		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and apologies:</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to his first meeting as Chair and the first to be conducted via Zoom. He introduced the 3 new members to be co-opted onto FCC. Apologies were advised.	
2.	Co-options and Secretary/Minute Secretary role: The Chair advised that voting on the proposals was only open to full members. The Chair introduced each new member and proceeded to voting on the appointments. Jo Lenihan to be co-opted as Community Councillor and Secretary/Minute Secretary <b>Proposed:</b> Fiona Graham <b>Seconded:</b> Graham Murdoch <b>Members Vote:</b> Passed John Innes to be co-opted as Community Councillor <b>Proposed:</b> Shaun Moat <b>Seconded:</b> David Parker <b>Members Vote:</b> Passed Steve Ferris to be co-opted as Community Councillor <b>Proposed:</b> Shaun Moat <b>Seconded:</b> David Parker <b>Members Vote:</b> Passed (note: Steve Ferris will not be available until October 2020) This now brings FCC to its full quota of members.	
3.	<b>Ratification of Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020:</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as a true record. <b>Proposed:</b> Fiona Graham <b>Seconded:</b> David Parker	
4.	<b>Community Safety Report:</b> No report was available. Chair will chase up with Jane Martin as it was considered an important update for the Community.	SM
5.	<b>Matters arising/updates:</b> a) Parking at the community centre. This doesn't appear to be an ongoing problem but will be reviewed if raised again. Action closed.	

	<p>b) Repair to Town Cross: Councillor Alexander provided an update. Because of current crisis this is on hold. However, he had communicated with Jim Grant (MC) – his staff felt it couldn't be done as too expensive although their quote was twice that obtained by Cllr Alexander. He will raise again in due course.</p> <p>c) Forres High Street parking and double yellow lines: This was raised by GH at the last JCC meeting. It is felt the whole of the High Street should be considered as pedestrian area. Comment was made of HGVs using the High Street route to get to Elgin rather than Market Street due to difficulty of getting on to A96 bypass in long vehicles. FG suggested a sign prohibiting HGVs other than those requiring access. Nicola Moss is now contact in MC and an approach should be made to discuss what can/can't be done.</p> <p>A report was sent to Forres Police Inspector regarding double yellow lines – they will only back the ones near the kebab shop so will need to follow up with MC.</p> <p>d) Logie Terrace police complaint – discussion took place about anti-social behaviour by a resident of Logie Terrace. Both Forres Police and MC have attended. Thanks are passed to the Inspector and her team for their swift response to this matter. Minutes to be forward to Police for information.</p> <p>e) Love Local project – GH had met with Debbie Heron (FACT) and Mark Hindley to discuss what can be done through Scottish Time Partnership and funding that might be available to improve local areas. Aim to encourage people back to the High Street. Discussion took place on how people's shopping habits had changed through lockdown and now restrictions are easing. FACT are doing the funding application and Forres could be eligible for up to £15000. The application will include funding for a website, advertising, and digital advertising to encourage people to shop local. GH/SM on working group. Item to be kept open.</p> <p>f) Grant Park Toilets- Discussion took place on future of Grant Park Toilets. They have been re-opened by MC but this may only be for a year. It was agreed that it would be useful to have a plan in place in case of closure and Chair will make an approach to Lossiemouth and Cullen CC who have taken over running of their community toilets to establish process and costs involved.</p> <p>g) Working with FACT and other organisations: FCC is different to other CC as FACT do much of what other CC's do. It was agreed that we should reach out to other community organisations in Forres to foster collaboration.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>SM</p>
6	<p><b>Community Councillor Group and Representatives Reports:</b></p> <p>a) Chair: Catering licence for Speedy Peppers to extend opening hours. Discussion took place about potential issues around parking, noise late at night. FB will make enquiries of local pubs/restaurants to establish closing times and report back. SM will respond - deadline for response is 12 August.</p> <p>b) GM – Complaint relating to youngsters biking on Cluny Hill. GH had discussed with Sylvie Jamieson to look at possible alternatives. Cluny paths are not yet complete due to Leith's quarry shutting during lockdown but will be completed. Mosset Burn survey – next steps. SEPA only dealing with priorities but once back to normal working need to arrange for stakeholders to meet and work on way forward. Keep item open.</p> <p>c) DP – Awaiting confirmation of route maps out of lockdown and which level groups fall into before making decision on restarting things like Men's Shed.</p> <p>d) LE – Waiting for groups to restart. Masks are available at Town Hall for a donation. LE has been befriending by phone and looking forward to meeting those she has been in contact with. She doesn't know how many befrienders there are but will find out and report back at next meeting.</p>	<p>FB/SM</p> <p>JL</p> <p>LE</p>

	e) FG – There was health centre meeting – no news on when face to face consultations will resume. Schools planning for return of children which could be full or part-time. Part-time option very costly and creates issues around transport and working parents,	
7.	<b>Public session:</b> No members of public present	
8.	<p><b>Moray Councillor’s Reports</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Alexander – Council currently in recess but still have Emergency Cabinet meetings – next 12 August. Main issue at present is re-introduction of parking charges. Lots of work has been done to ensure children have equal access to technology. John Swinney’s announcement will simplify return to school. Part-time return would cost in excess of £1million but biggest issue is around staff as additional staff would be needed but where would they come from?</p> <p>b) Cllr Creswell – Attending zoom meetings. Currently based in Credit Union as it goes through renaming. Cost of school day report circulated by MC. Also, survey sent to children and parents about impact of the pandemic. Film Forres and Rafford Village Hall both held zoom film nights. Congratulations to Chair for efforts in running meeting through zoom.</p> <p>c) Cllr MacLean – 6 previous council committees are being replace by 2 with Cllr Maclean chairing Education, Policy and Resources. Surface dressing will be taking place throughout Moray and link to MC webpage for details sent via Zoom. To note in Forres: Bogton Road – Russel Place. Drumduan Road – Carisbrook and few places on outskirts of Forres including Mundole – Grantown road.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Chair’s report:</b> The Chair formally thanked Graham Hilditch for his long service to FCC and the position of Chair.</p> <p>The Chair had engaged with C19 local group via zoom which had representatives from many local areas. FG will attend if SM unavailable as it’s important for FCC to engage with groups to help the Town and build FCC profile.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Treasurer’s report:</b> The accounts were displayed, and Treasurer outlined the 2 separate sections required whilst funds for the Leancoil Trust were held as they didn’t have a separate account. The Leancoil Trust money had now been transferred so only FCC money was now held. Of note was the re-instatement of the CC grant and £1000 given to CC from SSEN which will be discussed under AOCB. The Chair confirmed he would not take the secretary honorarium for the time he covered the post.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Secretary’s report:</b> Everything up to date. The Chair thanked DP for stepping into the position and his efforts in keeping everyone up to date.</p>	
12.	<b>Events:</b> no events are planned due to Covid situation	
13.	<p><b>AOCB:</b></p> <p>a) Grant from SSEN: there was no time limit on when the money needs to be spent by. Discussion took place as to possible beneficiaries. Cllr Creswell felt the local directory could be updated as last done in 2017. It was decided that as there are likely to be needy people/groups coming out of lockdown members should touch base with the community and bring back to the next meeting any potential recipients for review and decision.</p> <p>b) Cllr Creswell noted that Mhairi Jacques was walking 80 miles for her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and had already raised over £690.</p> <p>c) John Innes commented about the positive feeling from FCC</p>	ALL
14.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7.00 pm via Zoom	