

The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

15th October 2020 VIA MS TEAMS MEETING

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

Attendees		Apologies	
CC Shaun Moat (SM)	Chair	CC Frank Byrne (FB)	
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	CC Lesley Edwards (LE)	
CC John Innes (JI)		CC Steve Ferris (SF)	
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	CC Fiona Graham (FG)	
CC David Parker (DP)		CC Kenny Shand (KS)	
CC Alan Tissiman (AT)		CC Michael Walker (MW)	
MC Cllr George Alexander			
MC Cllr Lorna Creswell			
MC Cllr Claire Feaver			
MC Cllr Aaron Maclean			
Sgt Steven Carmichael	Police Scotland		
Garry McCartney	Forres Gazette		
Sandra Maclennan	Forres in Bloom		
Members of Public			

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were recorded.	
2.	Community Safety Report: CSP 42 was circulated. Key points were road traffic incidents, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and on-going investigations into acquisitive crimes. Special Constables and local staff had been involved in community engagement targeting ASB and youth disorder particularly around the medical centre, hospital, and schools. Some groups had been dispersed and advice given on use of bikes after dark. Speed checks had been carried out especially in St Leonard's Road. The Chair thanked Sgt Carmichael for the report and work and commented that ASB had been raised with FCC several times. Cllr Alexander mentioned a car on Market Street that had been there sometime and now had a flat tyre and wondered if abandoned. Sgt Carmichael will take this back but encouraged everyone to report such instances on 101.	
3..	Ratification of Minutes 17 th September 2020: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as a true record. Proposed: David Parker Seconded: John Innes	
4.	Matters arising/updates: a) Love Local & Visit Forres project – on hold. b) Grant Park toilets. SM had emailed Bear Scotland but no response to date. Will meet with Sandra Maclennan from Forres in Bloom as they had experienced problems with erecting signs in the past. c) Town Centre – No update but SM will follow up. d) AT had attended a recent meeting of Findhorn LNR – the Committee concerned that they hadn't been given notice of developments in area which is frustrating. Comment also that it	SM SM

	<p>is an underused resource with little organised public access which unlikely to be addressed whilst wildfowling still an issue and this would only be resolved by law. AT on committee as FCC representative. Will update as and when.</p> <p>e) Mosset Burn Survey – On hold until February due to Covid delays and now being the time for effective hogweed removal so concentrating on this in November and December. A zoom meeting with stakeholders will be organised in February to discuss bio-survey and other matters.</p>	
5.	<p>Congratulations to Cllr Creswell, BEM. The Chair offered congratulations on behalf of Forres CC to Cllr Creswell on her well-deserved award in the Queen’ Birthday Honour List. All are aware of how hard she works for the community.</p>	ALL SM
6.	<p>Common Good Fund: SM showed the Fund account – there were no questions.</p>	
7.	<p>Town Centre Christmas Shopping: GM raised at JCC last week concerns regarding queueing outside shops and whose responsibility it is. Hopefully, guidance will come from Scottish Gov. Discussion took place on the problems that Christmas shopping might present. A lot of people will want to pick up produce on Christmas Eve but unsure how this will work. Has spoken to MC, CSO and Chamber who are interested but not sure what they can do to help. It was decided to create a small working group including FACT and Pearl Hamilton from Federation of Small Business to discuss way forward. SM will contact interested parties.</p>	SM
8.	<p>Book share: GM raised issue of difficulty for many people to access books and wondered if book share might be feasible working from village halls or other community spaces and tie in with other community councils. Could this also link to Moray Food Bank? SM to email JCC to see if interested.</p>	SM
9.	<p>A96 Litter Pick: An email had been received asking about litter picking on A96 west of Forres. Concerns were raised about safety of volunteers and it was confirmed it was a Bear Scotland responsibility that was devolved to MC who had shortage of personnel at present. It was concluded this was not something volunteers should do. Cllr Feaver had written to Steven Cooper and was awaiting further information from him which would be forwarded for information when received. JL to respond to email.</p>	JL
10.	<p>Community Councillor Group and Representatives Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SM– JCC included an update on strategies. Current consultation on bus revolution - all encouraged to complete. b) GM – High Street health check mentioned in last meeting appears to be only done every 2 years with a count of numbers on High Street and shops open/closed. SM will go back to FACT, and Emma Gordon to arrange a further meeting on this. c) KS – re path at Sanquhar. In contact with Dr Anna Griffin from SEPA, Dumfries who is helping to find the best contacts in northern Scotland and thinks having a path on the top of the bank making it fully accessible is a brilliant idea. KS to update – keep on agenda 	SM KS/JL
11.	<p>Public session: No members of public present.</p>	
12.	<p>Moray Councillor’s Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Alexander – Virtual meetings continue – most recent Audit and Scrutiny committee. Biggest issue on horizon is the budget with more savings to be made this year. Hope Market Cross will be attended to in November. Town Centre regeneration - announcement due shortly. Tolbooth – when pointing and replacing lead complete scaffolding will come down. Parapet design to be put forward to HES for approval and hope to be able to open for next tourist season which will hopefully be 2021! b) Cllr Maclean – Budget was not looking too bad prior to Covid and awaiting Scottish Government announcement on loss of income for councils. The money will probably be disbursed using the usual formula so Moray should get its fair share. Consultation on change of polling places. Planning applications – St Leonards road officers preparing traffic surveys for this. Town Centre regeneration - £425 K allocated and announcement due - some will come to Forres. Rise in cases of Covid locally - couple in Findhorn, Kinloss, and one in Forres – local data available via 	

	https://public.tableau.com/profile/phs.covid.19#!/vizhome/COVID-19DailyDashboard_15960160643010/Overview Recommend download NHS Scotland Test & Protect App. School estate consultation – encourage all to get involved. c) Cllr Feaver - Work on St Leonard’s Road – traffic survey ongoing and will keep us updated.	
13.	Chair’s report: Update on Forres Skate Park Initiative – recently gone out to tender for feasibility appraisal and hope to appoint in February. Once completed will be able to apply for funding	
14.	Treasurer’s report: Current balance £1962.39 – expenditure of £36 on wreath for Remembrance Sunday.	
15.	Secretary’s report: nothing to report	
16.	Events: 8th November - Remembrance Service at the War Memorial 1045 hrs – no parade. Also 11 November at 1045 hrs at War Memorial	
17.	AOCB: a) DP – asked all to promote Erskine survey. b) JL raised contents of email from Graham Hilditch about befriending services. Kirsty from FACT currently on holiday and LE had been unable to join meeting so unable to answer. However, Debbie Heron from FACT provided information that currently supporting 43 people through befriending service, had completed 48 shopping deliveries and 17 prescription runs. JL to forward email from GH. c) Cllr Maclean advised that swimming lessons and sports coaching would resume on 19 th October. d) Cllr Creswell advised that the next meeting of the Auchernach Trust would be in November and to forward any ideas for funding.	JL
18.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 19 th November 2020 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams	