

The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

Thursday 17th December 2020 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams

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

Attendees		Apologies	
CC Shaun Moat (SM)	Chair	CC Fiona Graham (FG)	
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	CC Kenny Shand (KS)	
CC Frank Byrne (FB)		CC Michael Walker (MW)	
CC Lesley Edwards (LE)			
CC Steve Ferris (SF)			
CC John Innes (JI)			
CC David Parker (DP)			
CC Alan Tissiman (AT)			
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary		
MC Cllr George Alexander			
MC Cllr Lorna Creswell			
MC Cllr Claire Feaver			
Garry McCartney	Forres Gazette		
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 44 was circulated. No representative was present. Question from Cllr Alexander re whether arrest made for mugging in Pilmuir? SM to email Inspector for update. Will also ask for update on graffiti daubed on house in Urquhart Street,	Also ask SM
3..	Ratification of Minutes 19 th November 2020: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as a true record. Proposed: John Innes Seconded: Steve Ferris	
4.	Matters arising/updates: No urgent updates to report.	
5.	Position of Vice Chair SM had a conversation with MW. He doesn't have facility to join virtual meetings but was keen to remain as Community Councillor. He will step down as Vice Chair so any nominations for position to SM or JL to formally vote on at January meeting.	ALL
6.	Joint speeding project with Findhorn & Kinloss CC Email received from FKCC – were aware FCC had concerns in this regard and wondered whether joint approach with other local CC's would be beneficial and set up small working group to move this forward. SM to reply to FKCC and confirm keen to work with them.	
7.	Community Councillor Group and Representatives Report: a) SM – planning application for Forres RBL has been rescinded for reasons unknown. b) AT – date of Jan meeting given to Roy Dennis and he will confirm in January.	

8.	Public session: No members of public present.	
9.	<p>Moray Councillor's Reports</p> <p>a) Cllr Creswell – Distributing shoebox hampers with other Credit Union volunteers on behalf of FACT and keeping members updated with Christmas arrangements for services. A directory was compiled with reps from MFCU, Moray Council, TSI and those on Poverty Action Group and circulated pre festive period with contacts for support agencies over the festive period. This continues to be used. Cllr Creswell asked if there was any news on Leancoil? GM confirmed project is moving ahead well. In process of appointing a Development Officer who should be in post 1st February. Also funding for admin officer to support. Despite coming a long way there's long way to go but optimistic on how things are going – all organisations involved being extremely helpful. NHS are keen for CAT to progress and use Leancoil as exemplar of process. Timescale has surprised everyone on how long it can take. Erskine are back in contact and keen to be involved.</p> <p>b) Cllr Alexander –Local Review Body to look at appeals for planning applications. DP4 in development plan aims to prevent houses being built in middle of fields all over Moray. Surprised at some of applications that had gone to appeal. Difficulties in forming budget development group which can put additional pressure on Council officers. Event in Forres to be live streamed on Forres Heritage Trust website.</p> <p>c) Cllr Feaver – Looking forward to break and wishes everyone a safe break and hope next year allows us all to meet up properly.</p> <p>Questions to Councillors:</p> <p>a) FB – noticed 2 workmen clearing walkway and wondered who funding. Cllr Alexander explained financial agreement reached between MC and BAM regarding walkway and tree trunks but no agreement on work at junction at Waterford Road. BAM completed this but had to be redone due to pooling water – this has now been resurfaced.</p> <p>b) Garry – what are FACT doing for Christmas? LC advised that they are distributing shoeboxes made up from items donated including toiletries, games, food and treats. Also making afternoon tea packs. Contact Debbie at FACT for details</p> <p>c) DP – Any more trouble at bottom of Market Street as result of roadworks? People were ignoring signs and accessed A96 from wrong side of road – extremely dangerous. This also part of work that BAM were doing at Waterford Road. Otherwise, no issues.</p>	
10.	Chair's report: Attended CU AGM. Forres Skatepark put out tenders for feasibility study and has awarded to Alan Jones Associates. Funding of £17,500 now needed to progress. Osprey Bus to hopefully be back up and running shortly.	
11.	Treasurer's report: Current balance £2606.42 – includes grant of £644.03 from MC. Still have SSEN grant of £1000 to disperse. SF – raised whether we should be using it soon as people may need money after Christmas or during next lockdown. Discussion took place and it was decided to approach organisations that work in community (FACT, CU) to help identify possible recipients. It was noted that it would need sensitive handling. GM to contact Sylvia Jamieson. JL to contact FACT (Debbie/Kirsty). Cllr Creswell and LE to look at CU and school bank.	GM JL LC/LE
12.	Secretary's report: Nothing further to report. Continue to promote services through social media and websites especially over Christmas.	
13.	Events: Possible coffee morning booked for 19 th January – LE to send JL details on confirmation.	LE
14.	AOCB: Cllr Creswell - Transition Town Forres have been successful in getting SLF grant so looking to appoint consultant to conduct a feasibility study to explore options for TTF activities. SM thanked Cllrs and also Garry for coverage in press.	
15.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 21 st January at 7.00 pm via MS Teams	