

## The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams

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

Attendees		Apologies	
CC Fiona Graham	Acting Chair	CC Kenny Shand (KS)	
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	CC Michael Walker (MW)	
CC Lesley Edwards (LE)		CC Frank Byrne (FB)	
CC Steve Ferris (SF)			
CC John Innes (JI)			
CC David Parker (DP)			
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary		
CC Alan Tissiman (AT)			
MC Cllr George Alexander			
MC Cllr Lorna Creswell			
MC Cllr Claire Feaver			
MC Cllr Aaron Mclean			
Insp Tony McCullie			
Garry McCartney			
Members of the Public	Gisela MacFarquhar		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and apologies:</b> Jane Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were recorded.	
2.	<p><b>Community Safety Report:</b> Insp Mccullie outlined incidents from CSP Report No 50. There had been fewer incidents of road crime. Youth annoyance was raised and the police and been to different locations identified. Both high visibility and plain clothes patrols had been carried out at weekends and had engaged with youths where possible. At Broom of Moy youths from Forres and from outside were identified and steps taken to identify trains coming into town – no issues reported here for the last couple of weekends. Had a good meeting with Drumduan and only one call here in last month. Those youths that have been spoken to have been receptive to police. Patrols and engagement will continue to hopefully reduce incidents.</p> <p>Questions Gisela MacFarquhar - Trustee of Forres Woodland Community Trust. There have been almost weekly complaints of youths in woods, broken glass, drinking, etc. which is becoming a nuisance for residents. Discussion took place on best approach as engagement with youngsters seemed more productive. Insp McCullie highlighted the benefit of plain clothes approach with youths. Police are building knowledge of those involved and are keen to engage and build relationships with youngsters. Police would like to be involved before ASB starts so asks people to phone them early.</p> <p>Cllr Alexander raised the issue of the back road from Mundole becoming a rat run in west of Forres with cars travelling at alarming speed.</p>	



	Team gave a talk on new department. Suggested that we invite CLD to talk to FCC meeting. JL to contact CLD team.	JL
11.	<p><b>Treasurer's report</b>  £1906.42 following grants money being taken out. Credit Union fund of £164.93. No payments this month. Still have £300 from SSEN to use. Discussion took place about whether this could be used for supporting youngsters' activities. Concern was raised about the lack of activities and the demise of the youth club in the town. Cllr Creswell advised that Scot Gov are releasing money for holiday clubs, etc and would send more details when they are available. Cllr McLean added that it is proposed to offer a week's free active schools for as many children as possible and will confirm details.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Secretary's report</b>  All covered under other items.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Community Councillor Group and Representatives' Reports</b>  DP – Hoping things will start opening next month.  JI – Encouraged by police report that getting grip on youth problems, especially for youth work.  SF – Drumduan meeting – very positive with community police officer in attendance. Discussed PRW through Drumduan field and access road - some residents will have private right of access as they have walked it for many years. Education piece needed on safe-guarding and health and safety issues created by residents and dog walkers walking through school during school hours; school is making own signage to encourage people to walk around rather than through school. Vandalism has been bad. Constable distributed flyers to contact 101 if anything noticed to discourage vandalism. School is looking for funding for an engagement worker for afterschool clubs to include local area children these.  GM – Mosset Burn Survey – emailed riparian owners from railway bridge to Findhorn Bay to come back with what needs to be done in this area. James Hunter has copy of report. Bob Laughton feels this should be restarted. Progress being made with Cluny Hill mountain bikers. Encouraged to see involvement of police Inspector who had been out and keen to work with youngsters. Vandalism not unique to Forres as many towns have same issues.  Garry – very frustrated and shocked to hear the youth club is shut as a lot of time and money had been invested in this. Discussion took place on whether what was on offer at youth club is still relevant for youngsters today. Many youth groups have been unable to meet since lockdown last year and are only just getting going again. Youth provision was now part of CLD team and Kevin McDermott should invited to talk about this at next month's FCC. A sense of perspective regarding young people should be retained as only a tiny minority get involved in mischief and it's nothing new!</p>	JL
14.	<p><b>Moray Councillor's Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Alexander – The new Head of Housing and Property at MC has been employed from East Dunbartonshire and is starting in July. CC's and MC's need to keep up pressure on road safety especially with Kinloss incident and Mundole road speed. Castle Hill church has been fenced because the cross had a lean; building standards have inspected and fenced on safety grounds. The church has a new owner and Garry will pass details to Cllr Alexander when he has them. Sea gull pilot – information in P&amp;J but not a long-term solution.</li> <li>Cllr Creswell – attended Forres In Bloom AGM and they talked about Queens Canopy. Asked if anyone had been invited to Friends of Falconer AGM? Drumduan meeting very positive.</li> <li>Cllr Feaver – Education committee next week with huge agenda. Moray offers 48 national 5's across the schools but this doesn't fit with parents saying their children can't take 3 sciences in S4 due to timetable restrictions. Good news of investment at Forres enterprise park. Local place plans - CC going to have more formal position in this. Tenure – important for recovery that there is right amount of land for house building and industrial. The land is there but some developers not bringing it forward.</li> </ol>	

	<p>Lots of constituents requesting that we go back to pre-covid bin collections as current regime is not adequate and encourages fly tipping. Booking of recycling sites should be stopped. Cllr McLean commented that there is a H&amp;S issues with 3 weekly collections so hasn't been changed back yet.</p> <p>d) Cllr McLean – Full council modernisation programme - £3.2 m on education projects for raising attainment. Other projects include health and wellbeing, digital health devices, climate change, reducing inequalities through poverty.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Public Session</b> No public present.</p>	
16.	<p><b>Forthcoming Events</b> None notified.</p>	
17.	<p><b>AOCB:</b> Cllr Alexander asked whether public session should be moved up agenda to encourage people to join? Agreed to move to after CSP.</p>	
18.	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams</p>	