

The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

Thursday 15TH July 2021 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams

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

Attendees		Apologies	
CC Fiona Graham (FG)	Chair	CC Steve Ferris (SF)	
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	CC Kenny Shand (KS)	
CC Lesley Edwards (LE)		CC Michael Walker (MW	
CC John Innes (JI)		CC Alan Tissiman (AT)	
CC David Parker (DP)		CC Frank Byrne (FB)	
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Vice Chair		
MC Cllr George Alexander	Secretary	Members of the Public in attendance	
MC Cllr Claire Feaver		Kathleen Robertson	
Insp Tony McCullie	Police Scotland		
Garry McCartney	Forres Gazette		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies:	
2.	Community Safety Report: Insp Mccullie outlined incidents from CSP Report No 52. Following the accident at Kinloss primary police have spoken to pupils regarding road safety. Community engagement has been carried out by Michelle MacDonald and Steph Gillies and set up a walking bus initiative in conjunction with Active Schools and hope this will continue after school holidays. Police have also been at Roseisle supporting SFRS and Forestry Land Scotland raising awareness on safe camping and fire use in gorse and wooded areas. Youth annoyance patrols continue and there has been a reduction in calls Youth workers and Michelle MacDonald have had lots of engagement with young people and received a good response. All in all, another positive month. FG asked if Police had noticed any increase in staycations and campervans and associated issues. Tony was not aware of any and said there had been a national campaign advising appropriate behaviour. No complaints of people being inconsiderate had been received. Garry asked if there were any results on what young people want in Forres. Tony will ask Michelle and feed back. LE mentioned a complaint about teenagers on Forbes Hill banging on windows and doors. Tony advised that any people experiencing such incidents should be encouraged to phone the police and they will attend asap and engage with youths and offer advice and guidance.	
3.	Public Session Kathleen Robertson was welcomed – Kathleen is considering joining community council.	
4.	Ratification of Minutes 17 th June 2021 The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as a true record. Proposed: Lesley Edwards Seconded: John Innes	

5.	Matters Arising	
0.	a. Speeding Group (FB) – meeting has been delayed to the end of month. Jane Martin will	
	be sending out a new date and time.	
	b. Resilience planning (FG) – As the elections are looming it is advised to leave this until	
	new term of office. A guide has been produced by Jim Patterson to help CCs with the	
	process.	
6.	Promotion of community council elections	
	Last elections a contribution £75 was requested from each CC. The sub-group	
	recommended doing a mail shot across whole of Moray. Jane Martin had circulated a	
	breakdown of the actual cost for each CC population. For FCC this amounts to £619.18.	
	Discussion took place on level of funding. GM stated that we currently have just over	
	£2,500 in the account which includes remaining SSEN money. The only thing out of this is	
	honorarium for Secretary so FCC could afford this. Other CCs with smaller populations	
	were putting in £400. It was also noted that a request had been put to CMT for additional	
	funding so this may bring cost down. It was decided to send an email to all community	
	councillors with full breakdown and ask for a response by Tuesday – decision will then be sent back to JCC.	
7.	Forres Health Centre complaints	JL
'	Many complaints have been received from community; an article on this had also been	
	done in the Gazette. FG as patient rep will email practice manager and GPs from both	
	practices and ask if they can attend next month's meeting where issues can be posed	
	direct to them and explore how services can be improved.	FG
	Examples of issues were given such as waiting for 2 weeks for telephone appointment or 4	
	weeks for a driving assessment.	
	It was noted that the health centre is caught between rock and hard place in some regards.	
	All community councillors asked to note the issues reported to them which will then be	
_	collated to take to the Health Centre so that they know what these are.	
8.	Chair's report	
	Nothing to report.	
9	Treasurer's report	
	Balance of £2498.90. DD for £35 for Data Protection. Admin grant £647.48 received.	
	Credit Union fund of £164.93. Still have £300 from SSEN to use. Moray Digital £20 for	
	website. GM has received an email from Cllr Creswell regarding someone that would greatly benefit from SSEN award. JL would follow this up with Lorna. There were no	
	objections. It was also suggested that some of SSEN could support teenagers over the	
	summer. JL to contact Gary Simpson and Sylvia for advice on this.	JL
10.	Secretary's report	J.
	Public Engagement Group for NHSG running consultation from June-August about	
	services for Dr Grays and what could be done by health centre. FG to email lain	
	MacDonald about Varis Court. Information on PEG on	
	www.nhsgrampian.org/strategy2022-2028	FG
	Cycling UK have appointed Louise Haggerty as Moray Development officer. Contact email	
	circulated for information.	JL
	KS is meeting with MC officers about more locations for dropped kerbs.	
	DP commented that Forres residents coming out of Dr Grays and needing support through	
	cottage hospitals for delayed discharge, etc currently must go to Buckie as no facilities in	EC
11.	Forres. FG to ask about delayed discharges and home first teams re this.	FG
' ' '	Community Councillor Group and Representatives' Reports JI – Supports idea for SSEN money for youths and other person. Apologies for not being	
	able to get in to last meeting.	

term and welcomed Kathleen and hope she comes on board. JL to submit claim form for honorarium to GM Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th August 2021 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams	JL
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GM – Cllr Creswell has asked which community councillors are intending to stand for next	
Wednesday 21 st July. Check their Facebook page for details.	
c. RAF Lossiemouth families' day flying display by Red Arrows, Typhoon and P8	
b. 28 th July in Grant Park 1-4pm Moray Wellbeing Hub hosting a conversation station.	
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_	Students review presentations and decide who gets money. LE – trying to meet with person she is befriending. Nelson's Tower will open Friday to Monday in August and September. 14 August – coffee morning. Picnic in park on 21 August. GM – Mosset Burn. Couple of meetings with riparians. Bob Laughton attended and has offered to help with application to SEPA for work on banks. Slowly making progress. TTF AGM – CAT proposed and wondered if the CC will be asked about consultation on this or just Moray Council. Cllr Alexander stated that if CAT goes ahead then consultation with all Forres residents is required before being put to the Sheriff. Moray Councillor's Reports a) Cllr Alexander – Council in recess so no meetings but inundated with complaints about gulls. The problem needs addressing but paying for removal is not sustainable. Also received complaints about Health Centre but it is difficult as they are obliged to safeguard staff and patients so may not see any changes. Varis court pilot was suspended some time ago. He had written to lain Macdonald for an update and received a response on 23 June. Cllr Alexander will forward email to JL for circulation. GM commented that the gull problem is so large it needs addressing nationally. GA agreed. It was noted that individuals can contact pest controller for action as not all gulls protected but would need to check this. Garry asked about the outcome of recent experiment to control numbers. George is waiting for a report on this. b) Cllr Feaver – Regarding gulls there is a question about anyone doing something themselves as might be against countryside act. Nature Scot removing nests and eggs is not sustainable as have to pay for this. One way to control is to stop gulls nesting through putting spikes on rooves and this up to owner of property. If council property MC should be pro-active so may be worth progressing this. Gulls are attracted by free food from litter and pig farms around towns which is main issue. Good news about free music tuition and hope Scot