

The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

Thursday 19th August 2021 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams

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

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

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies: No apologies	
2.	Community Safety Report: Insp Mccullie outlined incidents from CSP Report No 53 Michelle MacDonald has had a lot of youths participating in Re-connect and it is hoped the programme will continue. Schools are back so may see drop in incidents. Police will continue to monitor hotspots and darker nights be deterrent. Frank asked where speeds are currently being monitored. Grantown Road is being monitored after complaint. When just over limit police use education and advice rather than penalty. Tony will try and find out the number of motorists given education and advice. Cllr Feaver also noted the issue at Grantown Road near the Coop especially with new housing development. Cllr Alexander asked if Rafford road at north end of St Leonards and Kinloss road could be monitored if resources available.	
3.	Public Session None	
4.	Ratification of Minutes 15th July 2021 The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as a true record. Proposed: David Parker Seconded: John Innes	
5.	Matters Arising Fiona had approached the Forres Health Centre (FHC) to invite GPs to tonight's meeting but no-one available. Complaints were raised at a FHC meeting, FHC have to follow government guidelines so limited number of staff in at a time. Currently wait for an appointment is 2-3 weeks, longer if you want to see specific doctor. Moray Public Empowerment Group (PEG) meeting cancelled so Fiona will ask Anna to A meeting after elections.	FG

6.	Promotion of community council elections Information being published on Monday 23 rd August. It was decided not to hold another meeting before election.	
7.	Support for Petition of Moray Youth Pipes and Bands An email from Moray Pipes and Drums had been received requesting support of a petition to MC for pipes/drums to be included in curriculum. Discussion took place on this provision, and all agreed to support the petition. Secretary to respond to email.	JL
8.	All weather pitches Cllr Mclean updated. A feasibility study is being done with funding from Berry Burn. This report will go to Education Committee in October. The study will look at location and what's needed. Money was put aside in capital budget in February for a pitch in Forres. Discussion took place on cost, environmental impacts of pitches and making sure any pitch is for multi-sports not just football. Cllr Feaver commented that Scot Gov is reviewing the feasibility of 3g pitches. Artificial pitches for Forres have been spoken about for years but for some reason is the only town in Moray without one despite having the second largest population. This means local children do not have the same opportunities as others in Moray. Cllr Mclean stated that the long term aim for MC was for every secondary school to have one. Frank suggested looking at Lossiemouth feasibility study if it can be accessed. Cllr Alexander stated that Scottish Gov only finance artificial pitches when a new school is built. Forres Academy may only be refurbished so may not qualify. Regarding Forres Academy, Cllr Alexander is waiting for information on why the newly refurbished is leaking.	
9.	Chair's report Nothing to report.	
9..	Treasurer's report Bank 1779.09 after paying 619.81 for election promotion. SSEN grant - £100 to MFCU for disbursement to £800 of SSEN spent so £200 remaining which will be used for activities for young people. JL to claim secretarial expenses. Garry asked for information on recipients of SSEN grants as a good news story. Cllr Creswell will pass on details if recipients happy. Gary Simpson (youth worker) is contact for young people's activities.	JL
10.	Secretary's report Email received from MOP about spraying of pavements and verges in Forres. Cllr Alexander will ask Colin Bell if this is still done. Disabled parking space consultation had been circulated. Forres developers' obligation funding – email circulated. Ownership of Bridge of Moy – Cllr Alexander had asked MC estates and roads who is the owner and awaiting response. It's assumed the new part is MC but unsure about older part.	
11.	Community Councillor Group and Representatives' Reports <u>Lesley</u> – volunteering at Nelsons Town. Further complaints about FHC and rude attitude of the receptionist. Telephone befriending has finished as person now in residential care. <u>David</u> – Men's shed first meeting is on Friday. Asked about re-opening of Moray Resource Centre. Cllr Creswell said it will open for covid cases only. Regarding new site at Waterford, it was confirmed this is not common good land and AJ Engineering, who were tenants, have now purchased the land. <u>John</u> – thanked Garry for piece on flooding in Forres. As a CC we should investigate drainage issues as recent heavy rain caused severe problems. <u>Frank</u> – Dog bin on the carvings path is not being used as much as expected so a smaller bin will be installed and the larger one relocated to another test location. Frank is pulling out of the speeding group as feels it is not going anywhere. He will let Garry know who the chair of group is.	FB

	<p><u>Steve</u> – reported on a meeting between TTF and the gardeners at Bogton Road. He highlighted the good work that TTF does - Repair café, Let's Eat and wellbeing projects. 50 or 60 people attend the gardens from age 80 to families with small children in an intergenerational environment. Asked for FCC to wave the flag for TTF as they come up to crunch time for the lease and rent which MC have increased significantly. Garry to contact Steve re an article.</p> <p><u>Graham</u> – Flooding of Mosset Burn. Scottish Water (SW) have been in contact and will engage to take forward. MC – no response from Debbie Halliday. Surface water management plan for Forres doesn't cover the area between A96 and bay. Little headway being made with MC how to address flooding in this area. Comment was made that MC's flood alleviation is to protect Forres town not agricultural land. Recent rain had caused sewage water to flood parts of the town including Councillors Walk where 2 manholes and popped. Cllr Feaver commented this was being discussed with MC and SW. SW should be approached to get 'fat berg' machine to clear all drains in town which might help. SW happy to meet with residents in September but must keep pressure on and get date for meeting.</p> <p>Mountain Bikes – group progressing and has 160 followers on Facebook. Local people need to appreciate that Cluny Hill is for everyone and is big enough to cope with all users. A planning application is to be submitted.</p> <p>Gulls – there needs to be a national strategy to deal with this.</p> <p><u>Alan</u> – next meeting of Findhorn Bay Nature is in September. Alan announced that he wouldn't be standing for re-election so could someone else consider joining this group?</p>	
12.	<p>Moray Councillor's Reports</p> <p>a) Cllr Mclean. Chasing up flooding with MC officers. Planning – the old Tesco site didn't pass. Highlighted developer obligations for community facilities. Last Education committee until back to normal cycle after next full council and no longer chair. ASN plan has passed. There's been further work on the modernisation programme.</p> <p>b) Cllr Feaver – Sanquhar Woods - complaints about shelter use leading to ASB and broken glass which volunteers clear every weekend. Originally built as shelter for mountain bikers but as not used by them could the shelter be removed? Incidents to be reported to police. Mannachie park - important to have a masterplan for a properly designed park as it's a large area and some of developer obligation could be used for this. Still receiving complaints about the Health Centre and concerned the situation is potentially discriminating against our older people?</p> <p>c) Cllr Alexander – Carvings on Walkies are being overgrown so Colin Bell has arranged growth to be cut back and sculptures treated to stop rot. Iain Macdonald has invited the 4 councillors to an update about Varis Court. Cllr Alexander encouraged continued engagement with speeding group and flooding issues as action will only happen if protest continues. Orchard Street traffic lights are due to start in October.</p> <p>d) Cllr Creswell – issues raised include neighbourhood disputes but there's no access to mediation services; housing; and travelling for care in Dufftown and Buckie. Wild meadow – MC to clear litter. Encouraging to see people offering support to help with resettlement of refugees if required.</p>	
13.	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>a. Find the Facts event in Grant Park 21 August 12-4 pm.</p>	
14.	<p>AOCB:</p> <p>Cllr Alexander said that if considering face to face meetings Forres Heritage Trust can do hybrid meetings through zoom.</p> <p>Kathleen Robertson raised the issue of parking on Tolbooth street and emergency vehicles not being able to get through. Cllr Alexander stated that the street had been resprayed which obliterated double yellow lines. The line machine is currently broken but will be done as they are a priority. Cllr Mclean commented that pavement parking and double parking is an offence, and this will be implemented in mid-2022 by Scot Gov. Local authorities will</p>	

	hen have authority act. Kathleen also mentioned FCC communications – need to increase presence on FB to encourage public. Fiona will update.	FG
15.	Date of next meeting: 21 st October 2021. Venue TBC	