

## Forres Community Council

Thursday 16 December 2021 at 7.00 pm Tolbooth, Forres

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

Attendees - FCC		Attendees - Other
CC Kathleen Robertson	Chair	MC Cllr George Alexander
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	MC Cllr Lorna Cresswell
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		
CC Bob Hellyer (BH)		Insp Tony McCullie (TM)
CC John Innes (JI)		Garry McCartney
CC David Parker (DP)		
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	Debra Duke CCLO
Apologies		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Kenny Shand (KS)		Sandra Maclennan
CC Fiona Graham (FG)	Vice Chair	Kev Skivington
CC Lesley Edwards (LE)		Shaun Moat
CC Colin Lipscomb (CL)		
Marc Hindley	Forres Local	

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome and apologies:</b> Chair welcomed everyone. Apologies were recorded as above and the Chair welcomed the members of the public and Shaun Moat who had been invited to give an update on the Skate park</p>	
2.	<p><b>Community Safety Report:</b> Insp McCullie summarised CSP 56.</p> <p>Community engagement in Forres and by the regional team had been gearing up for festive season, but it is likely that the latest covid restrictions will reduce the impact.</p> <p>Youth annoyance is still a feature. In response to a question raised at last month's meeting only one report of criminality was recorded but the average rate of calls was 16/month. However, this figure should be treated with caution as there might be multiple calls relating to the same incident.</p> <p>FCC had received an email from the office of Ariane Burgess, MSP regarding a Forres resident experiencing issues with youth annoyance. This is the same issue that had been reported directly to Cllr Alexander and FCC by the person. FCC does not have the resources to support installation of CCTV which is a MC responsibility. Insp McCullie thinks that police have had an involvement and JL will forward details of previous correspondence to confirm.</p>	JL
3.	<p><b>Public Session</b> <b>Update on Skate Park Initiative – Shaun Moat</b></p> <p>A feasibility study was completed in May. There were 702 online survey responses. Four locations were identified as possible sites for the skate park: Bogton Road, Roys Road Mannachie and Grant Park. 92 % of respondents were in favour of the park. Cllr Alexander, Cllr Cresswell, Chief Inspector Stevenson and Douglas Ross have all supported the</p>	



	<p>probably won't go ahead but a decision will be made by 23<sup>rd</sup> December dependent on the issue of guidance. If no further guidance the final deadline for a decision will be 29<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>Questions/comment Garry commented that it would be useful to see minutes from the Green Spaces Group. GM stated that some groups felt uncomfortable if the press were involved. Any points of interest are brought to FCC meeting. It was acknowledged that Garry did not report items he was asked not to.</p> <p>Debra Duke, new CCLO gave a short introduction to her role.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Claire Filer on behalf of Ariane Burgess MSP regarding ASB and CCTV</li> <li>2. Letter of support for Nick Molnar's Berry Burn Application for Forres Friends of Woods and Fields</li> </ol>	
8.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Balance in the bank is £915.77 and a payment for E21.92 had been made for Hogmanay licence.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Community Councillor Group and Representatives Reports</b></p> <p>SF: Had researched resilience committee but couldn't find anything of significance on MC website apart from a report/booklet from 2016 on how resilience works in a small community. Debra commented that draft documents were presented to JCC in November, and she would send on this information. Jim Patterson is happy to brief CC's on the process and an invite will be sent to Jim in the new year.</p> <p>DP: had been attending various groups that had restarted. Local items of note: TSB has closed so Bank of Scotland the only branch in the High Street. Royal Bank of Scotland mobile is in Forres on Tues mornings and Thursday afternoons. DP asked councillors about Orchard Road traffic lights and if MC are supporting pop up shops in Forres. The Old Pedigree garage has been bought and will offer start up units for rent. Cllr Alexander responded re Orchard Road traffic lights. Work will start before end of financial year. Garry asked if there had been any take up with any empty shops in High Street. Cllr Creswell thought this was unlikely as the one month allowed by MC was not long enough for projects to get up and running.</p> <p>BH: Passed on Colin's apologies as he is unwell but is improving.</p> <p>Jl: Had received a call to supply generators and heaters to Cathay Nursing Home during the storm. He managed to supply a big generator and organised heaters. It was 2 or 3 days before the home was reconnected and surprising there is no back up on site considering it's for older folk. Keeping an eye on flooding - Applegrove field continually floods. Suggested a meeting in the new year to discuss town drainage. The Scottish Water had delayed the November meeting to the new year.</p> <p>GM: Green spaces meeting. Mountain bike group's plans for several tracks on the far side of Cluny are progressing well. Pre-application request sent to MC planning for comment. MC Officers and sports hub (Anne Rossiter) have been very supportive. Sports Hub will sit above the bike group. Paths on Cluny Hill still need to be completed but this should be done by start of the year. If not completed by the end of February then contract will be terminated.</p> <p>Martin Robertson is the new Forres CSO replacing Sylvia Jamieson</p>	JL

	<p>JL – reported on Kenny’s update on dropped kerbs. Grantown Park crossing is now level on both side with thanks to Moray council workmen. Some going in at Mannachie Rise. Bear Scotland have never done anything with the Lidl roundabout drop curbs or the junction at the Mundole road, the path goes all the way out there but there’s a huge curb to get over.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Moray Councillors’ Reports</b></p> <p>Cllr Creswell – Dyke CC had declared results and will convene soon. Dealing with a few homeless cases which is difficult due to availability of premises. Still supporting people with form filling. There will be some money available in January for people to apply for. Some will be issued automatically, some will be for groups to distribute to those in hardship. A few people are struggling with zero hours contracts. Attended a brief on illegal money lending. Film nights will continue this week with guidance from FACT. Interested in sports hub being an administrator for the bike group as this model could be used by other groups who need help.</p> <p>Cllr Alexander – Attended several briefings including on code of conduct which initiated discussion on whether addresses should be available to the public. Busy with Christmas lights and the Tolbooth. Entering period of budget setting. Pushing to get some school crossing patrollers re-instated, particularly in Kinloss, and investment in CCTV throughout Moray which is so dated it can’t be repaired and needs replacing. Also requested people should make their Councillor the first point for issues such as CCTV rather than going to the press.</p> <p>SF: wondered if there was chance of getting traffic wardens back in Moray. Highland have a mobile team that cover an area rather than just one town and could this model be used in Moray? This could be suggested but priorities determine budget spend.</p> <p>Chair – from recent Parents Association the large water ingress, boiler breakdown and recruitment of maths teachers were causing concern. First online parents evening was successful.</p> <p>Cllr Alexander has written to MC following the huge expenditure on the Academy roof to find out why it’s been leaking. Part of the issue is gull nesting material washing off into downpipes and blocking them. The staff issue is being exacerbated by positive covid tests and staff having to isolate and there not being enough supply teachers to cover.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Forthcoming Events</b></p> <p>Hogmanay</p>	
12.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Chair has updated the FCC Facebook page and put in links and information on community councillors.</p> <p>The Chair closed the meeting and wished everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm Venue to be confirmed</p>	