

Forres Community Council

Thursday 21st April 2022 at 7.00 pm Tolbooth

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 Creswell
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		MC Cllr Aaron Maclean
CC John Innes (JI)		
CC David Parker (DP)		
Kev Skivington (KS)	Co-opted Member	
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	
Ben Stewart		
Apologies		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Kenny Shand (KS)		Shaun Moat
CC Colin Lipscomb (CL)		Garry McCartney
CC Fiona Graham (FG)	Vice Chair	
CC Bob Hellyer		
MC Cllr Claire Feaver		
Inspector Andy Meikleham		

Item	Discussion	
1.	Welcome and apologies: Apologies recorded as above. Welcome estended to Shaun Moat	
2.	Community Safety Report: The latest CSP for March had been circulated. Inspector Andrew Miekleham sent apologies and will be attending next meeting.	
3.	Public Session None	
4.	Ratification of Minutes 17 th March 2022 Minutes were accepted as a true record Proposed: John Innes Seconded: Kev Skivington	
5.	Matters Arising None	

6.	Chairs Report Outdoor gym and youth project – progressing slowly. MC is doing a scoping document and the grant application will then be resubmitted to Berry Burn. As this will fall under new MC procurement framework it's unlikely be done by spring. Funding has already been received from Arnold Clarke, developer obligation, learning estate review and a benefactor. Berry Burn will be used to top up funding gap.	
	Volunteer market event in Town Hall on 2 nd April was well attended and received. Lots of people signed up to help. Next event is Spirit of Community on 27 th April.	
	Public Lability Insurance was renewed on 31st March which covers events.	
	Jubilee – plans progressing. Thursday piper, bells, choir, bugler and lights. Friday night FCAA organising Toun Merket, Sunday. Event involving music, Scottish dancers and pipe band in the park. Draft plan is for royal-themed dressing up competition for primary children. Winners to help dig in ceremonial trees. 39 Engr still to confirm involvement for gun run. Morayvia promising cockpit simulator. To be compered by Wave Radio who have waived fee. If get permission from MC there will be chainsaw carving. FCAA will sponsor if in Grant Park. Carving to be a memento in the park for jubilee which will tie into planned trails. Forres Business Area meeting – FCC Facebook is the best way to promote Jubilee events and Claire Doughty will do this – to be made temporary admin.	KR
	KR to pass contacts for first aid to George Alexander.	
	Lord Lieutenants office co-ordinating all plans for Jubilee. Send event details to them.	
	Next planning meeting 10 th May at 7.30pm	
7.	Planning Licences SF – ran through local applications. Only thing of note was change of land use at Riverview to change vacant land to holiday lodges with 12-month occupation. SF to check on this.	SF
8.	Correspondence Bank closure – discussion took place on the anticipated closure. Comment was made on the way banks record users as only those who go to teller count - those helped via iPad by roaming staff are not recorded so doesn't give a true picture of numbers physically using the bank. Felt this is used by banks to show numbers are very low. Older people are the ones who will suffer through closure, and they are also more susceptible to phone fraud. Charities and charity shops don't accept cards so more money on premises which is security issue.	
	Cllr Creswell stated that she is awaiting a response from the bank on MFCU and will be getting in touch with Richard Lochhead. Customers can request things between now and July to re-assess. Working with customers (commercial) to work through new systems.	
	Dunblane CC had sent copies of letters on the same issue in their community. Discussion took place and it was decided that these should be used but also put to JCC for support. JL will contact Dunblane and confirm we would like to use their templates, and these would then be forwarded to JCC Motion use templates to represent people of Forres and put to JCC Proposed: David Parker Seconded: Steve Ferris	JL
9.	Treasurer's Report £1263.25 in bank. The dispute regarding cost of election promotion £619.81 for JCC was unresolved and FCC had paid the most out of all cc's towards this. This needs to be	

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	addressed by JCC and should be added to JCC agenda again. A formal letter regarding this will be sent to JCC before 12 th May.	
	SF noted that 3 meetings of resilience group had been held at the Scout Hut which is usually rented out for £10/hour. Requested a claim be submitted to FCC to cover the cost. Proposed: Steve Ferris Seconded: John Innes JL to send a copy of claim form to SF	SF JL
0.	Community Councillor Group and Representatives Reports	
10.	DP – Shed open day went well but clashed with other events. 2 Film Forres events coming up. If over 75, spring booster for Covid soon available. SF – Resilience meeting with Rhonna and Martin Robertson who have recommended putting in an application to SSEN resilience fund. JI has collected quotes for equipment. Paperwork needs to be in by 2 nd May. Kit storage to be decided. MC only provide sandbags for their properties. Attending SoC to promote this - people will be the limiting factor so engaging with groups that have members that might get involved. Ties in with the scout's proposition. Letter of support for scouts. Community gardens going well. Still to find out about TTF CAT – whole plot is subject of the CAT. JI – as per SF report. Thanks to KS for helping. Water situation – thanks to Garry for coverage of flooding and drainage in south street. No reply from waterboard but keeping in contact with neighbours. Bank Lane - since water flooded the area the road has deteriorated - meeting with Paul Baron to discuss. Road not strong enough for heavy vehicles. Scout group has concerns as the road is unadopted which may lead to claims. and worried about the amount of money needed to put it right. If MC using, they should offer percentage to pay for upkeep. KR – record thanks to SF/JI/KS for work on resilience. KS – Nothing	
	BS – Husting. Felt it went well and was most impressed that each attendee had their own opinion on who they would vote for. First political event most have been involved with. GM – Greenspaces. James Hunter and Sustrans not in attendance. FIB - all flowers arrived, and oak tree has been sourced. Chapleton – wild garlic is not wild garlic but few flower leek. Bird boxes in Sanquhar vandalised. Highland Games on this year. Lease being prepared for equipment store. Dava way group have planted 300 trees. 10 cherries planted on council ground on St Leonards Road.	
11.	Moray Councillors' Reports Cllr Alexander. New councillors will be taking on problem of gulls but not in favour of spending any more money on this. Appalling the way SG and NatureScot have acted on this, deciding wellbeing of gulls is more important than people of Forres. Issue needs addressing at a national level. TTF – concerned about who asset would be transferred to if TTF fails - would have to be a charity with similar aims. MC planning should be on top of earth removal by developers. Hustings – disappointed young people didn't know how to get in touch with councillors.	

try and use common good money to do repairs so be aware especially as MC lorries are causing the issues.

Cllr Creswell – Big blue bus – Moray food plus' mobile shop which sells surplus from supermarkets. Pay £2.50 for 10 items. Rafford this week and Garmouth next week. Anyone who turns up can buy. Mostly tins but toiletries and frozen goods too.

Pantry in FACT - 30 April during coffee morning same idea as above.

Tying up loose ends especially leases.

	The streets in the new housing scheme are named after birds. Housing for young families and those that have been homeless. The Chair wanted to record the thanks of all the community councillors to all the Forres Moray Councillors for their support and guidance during their long service. The MC Councillors responded with thanks and wished prospective councillors luck with their campaign.	
12.	Forthcoming Events Spirit of Community consultation event – 27 th April RBL – Saturday 4 th June organising an event 27 nd – 2 nd May Spirit of Speyside whisky festival	
13.	AOCB Ben Stewart to officially be co-opted onto FCC. Proposed: Jo Lenihan. Seconded: David Parker. All approved. KS – FACT looking for Trustees. Skate Park – public consolation in June and ongoing discussions with other groups. If FCC want a stall at Highland Games let KS know. Closing date for stalls 2 nd May.	
14.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th May 2022 7.00pm Venue: Tolbooth	