

Forres Community Council

Thursday 19th May 2022 at 7.00 pm Tolbooth

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

Attendees - FCC		Attendees - Other
CC Fiona Graham (FG)	Vice Chair	Cllr Kathleen Robertson
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	Cllr Scott Lawrence
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		
CC David Parker (DP)		
Kev Skivington (KS)	Co-opted Member	
Ben Stewart	Co-opted Member	
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	
Apologies		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Kenny Shand (KS)		Terry Monaghan (Riverview Park, Mundole)
CC Colin Lipscomb (CL)		
CC John Innes (JI)		Margot Henderson (TTF)
CC Bob Hellyer		Rosie Tait (TTF)
Inspector Andy Meikleham		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies: Apologies recorded as above.	
2.	Community Safety Report: The latest CSP for April had been circulated. Inspector Andrew Miekleham is unable to attend but any issues can be fed back to him via Secretary.	
	Regarding illegal parking in Forres and parking enforcement, an update is requested for Forres.	
	Cyclists on pavements – KS has passed on but nothing back. KS to pass on to AM	KS
3.	Public Session Margot Henderson and Rosie Tait were in attendance to talk about consultation of the Transition Town Forres (TTF) community asset transfer (CAT) which had been paused for a social value assessment of the project. TTF want a genuine consultation about the CAT and is open to addressing concerns. For the last phase of the consultation there will be an article in the Gazette and TTF are organising a teas for people to attend and discuss. They are also engaging door to door with neighbours. The dates for the teas are: 28th May 2-4pm 11th June 11am-1pm	
	Discussion took place on the proposals. There were questions on why a lease was not being considered, to which TTF responded that they were advised to go down the CAT route. FCC is wholly supportive of the work that TTF does there are concerns about CAT of land which is Forres Common Good land and the impact this would have on future benefit for the whole community. Particular concern centres on the loss of land should a CAT be successful, but TTF failed in future as the land would then be offered to an organisation	

	with 'similar aims' but the beneficiaries of Forres Common Good would have no control over this so could end up losing out in the long term.	
	SF asked if original responses to the consultation before it was paused would still form part of the consultation and it was confirmed by TTF that these comments would still count.	
	The committee had further discussion on the proposal, and it was agreed that the original statement submitted by FCC was still pertinent, but FCC felt consideration should be given to a community lease.	
	The councillors present will follow up the question on Royal Burgh status of the land as it relates to the consultation.	
	The member of public in attendance was asked if he wanted to raise anything, however, he was asked to leave the meeting due to his aggressive behaviour and inappropriate language. KS escorted him from the building.	
4.	Ratification of Minutes 21st April 2022	
	Minutes were accepted as a true record Proposed: Steve Ferris Seconded: David Parker	
5.	Matters Arising	
	JL to complete actions from last meeting	
6.	Election of New Chair	
	As several committee members were not present the committee members were asked to consider the position of chair, and anyone interested in putting themselves forward should	
	contact the Vice Chair and Secretary. The election would take place at the next meeting.	FG/JL
7.	Planning Licences	
	The only contentious planning issue relates to a change of use application for vacant land of garden land at Pilmuir Road West. The land may be common good so if sold then the income should come to the Common Good Fund. SF to follow up with Emma at Moray	
	Council(MC)	SF
	It was noted that a new A96 consultation is open, and everyone is encouraged to complete.	
8.	Correspondence	
9.	All correspondence circulated. Of note is the bike repair scheme. Treasurer's Report	
9.	No change from last month but expecting claim for £40 for rent of Scout Hall for resilience planning.	
10.	Community councillor reports DP – Joint Community Council (JCC) meeting – presentation by police about tasers and where to be deployed. Shed going well. They won't be at the Toun Mercat but will have a stall at Highland Games. Still involved in Food pantry at Town Hall which is going well. KS – 8 and 15 June consultations on Skatepark. Stakeholders on 8 th 5-7pm. 15 th open to public 4-8pm. Invite 4G and Mountain bike group with stall. To be held in upstairs in Community Centre. Highland Games still going ahead and working with the Academy to elect a Junior Chieftain for Games. SF – Attended spirit of community to talk to people about resilience planning and collected names of people interested in volunteering. Looking at the possibility of using the Town Hall as a refuge. GM – JCC – topic of seagulls raised. Chair of JCC is trying to get hold of NatureScot. Major problem in coastal areas - Burghead and Findhorn are over run. It needs Scotland wide action. Speeding – MC are trying to address this, and Anne Skene (Findhorn) is keen to move this forward with Forres. The committee were asked if anyone had time to get	

	involved. It was suggested that Jerry Kessell who is championing St Leonard's Road action	
	could be co-opted. Cllr Robertson to pass on his details.	KR
	KS – JL updated the committee on work that KS is involved with. JL to contact Martin	
	Robertson (MC) re Sanguhar - contact thought to be Mike MacDonald.	JL
11.	Moray councillor reports Cllr Robertson. FCC's role in Jubilee events needed to be clarified following email from Joanna Taylor. It was confirmed that FCAA and AJ engineering would be responsible for the collection, transport, erection and dismantling of barriers. FCC would provide insurance cover for any damages. JL to reply to Joanna to clarify this. Moray Councillors will have completed first full cycle of committees by June break in July then back in August. Neil McLennan is Leader.	JL
	Handover of 2 projects to FCC. Jubilee outline programme Thursday - 9.30 pm pipers, cornet, youth choir, tolbooth lit and bells at St Lawrence. Beacons on coast to be lit. Friday – Toun Mercat. Shop windows dressed in royal theme Saturday - RBL event Sunday – midday. Pipe band, children's dressing up with royal theme. Scottish country dancing, displays of martial art, Morayvia, Coast Guard, tree planting, unveiling of sculpture Concert 3.30-6.30 FCAA organising.	
	Outdoor Gym Funding sitting at £27,000 target £70K. When new chair is elected this work will need to be passed on due to conflict of interest. KR to ask Cllr Mcbain to email Secretary due to issues getting any emails through to the address provided by MC.	KR
	Councillor Lawrence - All councillors currently going through training and induction.	
12.	Forthcoming Events	
	DP – Film club Inside Out next Friday.	
	Jubilee Weekend events 3-5 June.	
13.	AOCB SF – resilience plan – application submitted to SSEN for £4,500 for radios, jackets, pumps generator.	
14.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th June 2022 7.00pm Venue: Tolbooth	