

Forres Community Council

Thursday 20th June 2022 at 7.00 pm Tolbooth

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

Attendees - FCC		Attendees - Other
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	Cllr Scott Lawrence
CC David Parker (DP)		Cllr Paul McBain
CC John Innes (JI)	CC John Innes (JI)	Garry McCartney (Forres Gazette)
CC Bob Hellyer	CC Bob Hellyer	
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	
Apologies		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Fiona Graham (FG)	Vice Chair	Graeme Reid
Kev Skivington (KSk)	Co-opted Member	Sandra Maclennan
Ben Stewart	Co-opted Member	
CC Kenny Shand (KSh)		
CC Colin Lipscomb (CL)		
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		
Cllr Kathleen Robertson pols		
Inspector Andy Meikleham		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies:	
	Apologies recorded as above.	
2.	Community Safety Report:	JL
	Circulated at beginning of month. JL to contact Moray Council for CSR for May.	
3.	Public Session	
	Graeme Reid asked for an update on any action regarding the temporary speed restriction on Grantown Road. He expressed his concern that an accident will happen unless it is made permanent, and the restriction started further out of town and not on a bend as it is now that an accident will happen. GM stated that the speeding group which was formed out of the Joint Community Councils (JCC) last year is starting again and looking for representation.	
	It was advised that the previous Moray councillors had raised this but had no feedback	
	before elections. Cllr Bain and Lawrence will see if they can find out more information.	
	JL to contact Insp Miekleham to discuss.	JL
4.	Ratification of Minutes 19th May 2022	
	Minutes were accepted as a true record	
	Proposed: Bob Hellyer Seconded: David Parker	
5.	Matters Arising	
	None	

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6.	Election of New Chair	
	Due to the small number of community councillors at the meeting it was proposed to move	
	the election to the next meeting on 21st July, alternatively it could be done through an EGM.	
	JL to contact community councillors for comments.	JL
7.	Planning Licences	
	Nothing of note for Forres in recent reports. SF to report back on situation with application	
	for purchase of land at Pilmuir.	
	Application for outdoor gym needs to be handed over to new Chair. Discussion took place	
	on the current state of the application. JL to ask Kathleen for an interim update on funding	
	and location.	JL
8.	Correspondence	
	All correspondence circulated.	
	Note of action regarding website – Debra requested information on all CC's websites.	
	Discussion needed to agree either to get rid of the website totally or arrange for it to be	
	updated.	
	Add to agenda for next meeting.	JL
9.	Treasurer's Report	
0.	Balance of account is £1875.69. 2 nd admin grant for £647.44 had been received on 10	
	June. £35 paid out for ICO Licence.	
10.	Community councillor reports	
10.	JL Paper comments to be inserted.	
	DP – Skate Park initiative. Circulated survey to complete	
	Film Club - Friday Goosebumps and Saturday Belfast.	
	Friends of Guides coffee morning Man's shad gaing well. Sentember helding an appropriate syent.	
	Men's shed going well. September holding an open doors event	
	BH – Asked whether accounts for Common Good had been received. JL to chase up.	JL
	GM –	
	A96 survey - Alan James and Mike Miller had responded on behalf of FCC. GM to forward	JL
	response to JL for distribution.	
	Skateboard initiative – stakeholders seemed mostly in favour. Approximately 100 people	
	had attended the public meeting. Shaun Moat had requested a letter of support from FCC	JL
	which was approved JL to prepare. Sandra asked why FCC were supporting community	
	asset transfer (CAT) of skatepark initiative but not Transition Town Forres (TTF). It was	
	pointed out that the skatepark initiative had not yet submitted an asset transfer request, so	
	the situation was different.	
	TTF CAT. GM raised concerns about whether the Social Return on Investment (SROI)	
	forecast report that TTF had presented at the last meeting was an accurate reflection of the	
	project. It was pointed out that if A96 was dualled at Forres the value of the land could	
	change considerably, and the land is an asset for the common good of people in the Royal	
	Burgh. Discussion took place on the report following which it was agreed that FCC should	
	respond to the consultation which had re-opened to reinforce its position following the new	
	information that had been presented.	
	Proposal - FCC should complete the official survey with a statement that it is still not in	
	favour of the TTF CAT.	
	Proposed: Graham Murdoch Seconded: Bob Hellyer In favour (5)	
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	JI gave an overview for the new councillors on the work he was doing with Scottish Water	
	(SW) and Moray Council (MC) around flash flooding. A meeting had been arranged with	
	residents of Tolbooth St, Bank Lane, Fleurs, Councillors Walk, Orchard Road, which was	
	attended by Lewis Dees (SW), Will Burnish (MC) and Gavin Steele (SW). The biggest	
	problem is sewerage and wastewater end up in the one drain which empties into the	
	Mosset. The resilience planning group (SF, KS, JI) are working on the plan. They were	

	arranging for sandbags in Forres as there are currently none. Applied to SSE for funding for equipment. It is suggested that the most at risk houses could store some sandbags on their property or alternatively possibly at Leanchoil or Community Centre. JI offered thanks to Kathleen, George and Sandra for all work for the Jubilee weekend which was a great success.	
11.	Moray councillor reports	
	Cllr Lawrence – Tense first 6 weeks. Need to balance holding council officers to account against getting things done. Committee on Tuesday next week to look at Forres Town Centre development plan and hospital funding.	
	Cllr McBain. Had received 4 weeks training. Still doing a lot of meetings via Teams. It has been an extremely steep learning curve. Working with Kathleen to share the load of community council and school meetings. Most important thing is knowing who to go to for queries.	
	MOP	
	Sandra mentioned that when responses for Spirit of Community come in these will be shared.	
	Moray for Money 10 of 12 Forres groups got funding.	
12.	Forthcoming Events Moray Firth Credit Union coffee morning Saturday 18 th June and 25 th June	
13.	AOCB None	
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14.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 21st July 2022 7.00pm Venue: Tolbooth	