

## Forres Community Council

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 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	Garry McCartney (Forres Gazette)
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		Cllr Kathleen Robertson (KR)
CC John Innes (JI)		
CC David Parker (DP)		
Kev Skivington (KSk)	Co-opted Member	
Ben Stewart (BS)	Co-opted Member	
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	
Apologies		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Fiona Graham (FG)	Vice Chair	Nick Molnar, Forres Friends of Woods & Fields (FFWF)
CC Bob Hellyer (BH)		
CC Kenny Shand (KSh)		
CC Colin Lipscomb (CL)		
Cllr Paul McBain		
Cllr Scott Lawrence		
Cllr Draeyk Van Der Horn		
Inspector Andy Meikleham		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and apologies:</b> Apologies recorded as above.	
2.	<b>Community Safety Report:</b> Garry McCartney asked if anyone had any additional information on the sexual offence reported in May's CSP. KSk will investigate and get updated CSP reports.	KS
3.	<b>Public Session</b> Nick Molnar gave background to the FFWF project at Chapleton. FFWF have received funding for a polytunnel from Berry Burn and hope to erect a tool shed, compost toilet and rest facilities. FFWF were told the fee for the planning application would be in the region of £5000 due to changes in planning rules. FFWF had met a planning consultation who had since met with Moray Council (MC) senior planners and progressed to a resolution. A change of use would not be required and FFWF only need to apply for planning for the structures. This reduces the cost to around £500 however if FCC submit the application this will reduce the cost by 50%. Nick asked for support from FCC to do this.  Questions on neighbours and access were put to Nick and answered.  Proposal: GM proposed that FCC support the project by being the named applicant. Seconded: David Parker All agreed.  Nick informed the meeting they had appointed Kerry McInnes to run public engagement, a survey and to have an open day on the land with an Awards for All grant. FCC agreed to	



	<p>BS – nothing</p> <p>SF – need to re-energise resilience planning. SF to resubmit application form. Meeting arranged for resilience team - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7.30pm</p> <p>JL – nothing</p> <p>Jl proposed organising a meeting for locals in scout hut to update on flooding issues. Should an approach to OFWAT be considered (check if OFWAT regulatory body in Scotland for water and drainage). If so a log of every phone call, with name and date of who reported to will need to be maintained.</p> <p>Plan of action: Arrange public meeting. CC to log all calls and action. Ask for photos, evidence, and create spreadsheet to record. To be discussion at resilience team meeting.</p> <p>Of note, new path by Applegrove where gravel rain gardens have been installed didn't flood.</p>	SF/JI/K Sk
11.	<p><b>Moray councillor reports</b></p> <p>Cllr Robertson (KR) – Catching up on ward work eg drains, access, traffic lights. Speaking to residents about issues. Has seen new CCTV in Elgin which is very impressive and excellent quality. This should be coming to Forres by October and is a joint initiative between police and MC. KR sits on the following committees: Chair of Education, Vice of Corporate and member of economic development and licencing. She will collate responses relating to flooding and attend the public meeting.</p> <p>KR suggested FCC have a campaign to recruit new councillors to fill vacancies and should raise profile through Facebook to inform about meetings, etc.</p> <p>Garry asked if anything had been done since last year's flood? Check with Lewis Deys about what has been done.</p> <p>JL asked if BS would be prepared to manage social media for FCC. He agreed and DP will make him an admin. JL to forward policies and information to be put on Facebook.</p>	BS/DP/ JL
12.	<p><b>Forthcoming Events</b></p> <p>None notified.</p>	
13.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>KSk – Osprey Bus is applying for funding for electric vehicles and needs to get groups within town and catchment involved. Want to create an email list to support funding applications and asked for FCC support this initiative. It was noted that the Osprey bus could be included in the resilience plans.</p> <p>He had been asked by residents around Fleurs how to get extra bins and was advised - need to apply to MC. Further discussion to place on litter and what school does to help. BS could only recall one occasion when students have been spoken to. Needs education.</p> <p>JL raised the issue of bulky uplift of waste in rural locations as items must be taken to kerbside collection point which for some may be a considerable distance from the house so how are they to be taken there? KR will ask MC.</p> <p>KR updated on the outdoor gym. The project had received the highest amount ever awarded from Berry Burn Community Fund which it was most grateful for and allowed the fund to reach its target. Next stage is to go through procurement, but equipment must be in place by March 2023 otherwise some funding might be lost. FCC liability insurance will be used to cover the facility. Regular maintenance will be done by MC, but community will need to fund replacements. It will be one big unit with 12 stations, a shelter, and some individual units. FCC need to ensure it remains a community asset for all in the future.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 7.00pm Venue: Tolbooth</p>	