

Forres Community Council

Thursday 18th August 2022 at 7.00 pm Tolbooth

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

Attendees - FCC		Attendees - Other
CC David Parker (DP)	Chair	Cllr Paul Mcbain
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	Garry McCartney (Forres Gazette)(GMc)
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		Cllr Kathleen Robertson (KR)
CC John Innes (JI)		
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	
CC Bob Hellyer (BH)		
CC Kenny Shand (KSh)		
Cllr Scott Lawrence		
Cllr Draeyk Van Der Horn		
Inspector Andy Meikleham		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies: Apologies recorded as above.	
2.	Community Safety Report: The CSP for July had been circulated. SF commented on the recent police survey that had been circulated for completion and had concerns about the wording of the section collecting personal data. SF would like to make a complaint to Police Scotland and would prepare a response for JL to forward to Insp Mickleham. Garry McCartney asked whether any response had been received about the sexual attack raised at the last meeting. KSk will follow up. He also asked wither the increased number of break ins in the report was unusual and if it was linked to increased drug incidents.	SF/JL KSk
3.	Public Session None	
4.	Ratification of Minutes 21 July 2022 Minutes were accepted as a true record Proposed: Steve Ferris Seconded: John Innes	
5.	Matters Arising JL gave an update on the Forres Friends of Woods and Fields application which was still to be submitted as awaiting guidance on the completion of some of the sections. All other matters dealt with under other agenda items.	
6.	Planning/Licences Thistle Bar – extension of hours and creation of outdoor seating area on Castlehill Road. Hours 11am-12.30 am 11am – 1.30 am Fri/Sat. Further extension for Christmas and New Year period. There were no objections.	

	Royal Hotel – retro planning was submitted for change of use to student accommodation. No issues with other applications in FCC’s area.	
7.	<p>Correspondence Cllr Van der Horn had emailed re-iterating offer to tour the town with CC’s to discuss issues. KSk will try and do this when he has time.</p> <p>Email from Chris Hart re TTF. Sec forwarded formal response submitted by FCC with explanation. This answered his queries. Unable to attend meeting as away.</p> <p>Email from Spina Bifida re emergency white goods for young family. Need about £500 for undercounter fridge/freezer. Discussion took place on whether to use the £200 SSEN money which was lodged with MFCU. As a decision had been made at a previous meeting that MFCU should manage this money it was felt this shouldn’t be used. Cllr McBain could possibly help. JL to forward email to Cllr McBain.</p> <p>Email from Kresanna Aigner (Findhorn Bay Arts) re market stalls and possible community use after festival (for investment). To be discussed in October.</p> <p>SSEN Clash Gour – offer for Q&A session on recent planning submission (28 July 2022) Invite to October meeting and send to Finderne for information.</p>	<p>KSk</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>
8.	<p>Treasurer’s Report Balance of account is £1875.69. No change from last month. Still to receive claim for use of Scout Hut.</p> <p>FCC had been awarded £5249.00 by SSEN for purchase of resilience equipment. GM to sign forms and provide bank account details. Photocopy of completed forms to be retained. SF will apply for OFCOM licence.</p> <p>GM asked if CC’s knew of anyone who had received an election leaflet so he could confirm this with Chair of JCC who has investigated the issue. It is possible we will get some money back.</p>	
9.	<p>Community Councillor Reports BS – info is going out on social media but there’s little interaction. In the past the most shared posts had a picture attached. A promotion and publicity campaign are needed - look at this as part of planning meeting SF – The resilience team are organising a meeting on 5th September in the Scout Hut to discuss flooding. Those most affected (St Leonards, Bank Lane, Orchard Road) will be invited to find out what steps they have taken, what they expect from other organisations and how to move forward. The feedback will be used to as a guide to asking other areas. Feedback will be taken to Moray Council (MC) and Scottish Water (SW). Silt traps in areas prone to flooded need to be cleared in July and April and November. JI has checked his area and all silt traps are full. SF asked if there was a record of any actions from the meeting with SW in November. He will ask George Alexander and Lorna Creswell how far SW and MC had progressed this. GM noted that there is no Ombudsman for water, so complaints go directly to Scottish Govt. GM – Cluny Hill - Management Plan is almost complete. Need a process in place for people facing flooding. JCC news – Dr Gray’s. Keep Mum group continue to campaign for return of maternity services. Scot Gov have instructed NHSG to reinstate maternity unit but unlikely for 10 years as all back up services need to be installed first. It was noted that services are</p>	<p>SF</p>

	<p>becoming less accessible. Surprising that £5million investment for Digital Health but none for basic services.</p> <p>Pilot of equipment to tackle gulls has been tested in Elgin and seems to be effective reducing number of nests from 200 to 19. If it works is MC going will roll out. Cost was £22,00 which came from Elgin common good.</p> <p>DP – Men’s Shed is going well.</p>	
10.	<p>Moray councillor reports</p> <p>Cllr Mcbain – Trying to manage the grassed area next to PO around the needle. Orchard Road traffic lights are behind schedule and now due to finish 9th September. Wall next to Logies looks a bit perilous. MC do not have responsibility so will try and find the owner. Cllr Lawrence is following up the 30-mph speed limit for Grantown Road.</p> <p>Town Centre Development Fund - looking at improvements in Forres town centre.</p> <p>Moray Growth Deal – funding for space element will go into Horizon business park.</p> <p>Cllr Robertson – Working on potholes, social care case, education committee coming up. Forres Academy received quite good exam results. Corporate committee should include TTF CAT. Met social care assistants who are unsung heroes. Really stretched and undervalued and get a lot of abuse but their teamwork is incredible.</p> <p>Tour of Moray leisure centre.</p> <p>Budget - large deficit to fill so there will be serious budget cuts. COSLA pay deals are failing as there’s no money.</p> <p>Question: It’s reported that the number of children in temporary accommodation in Moray is increasing. Cllr Mcbain will make inquiries. There are 4200 houses empty in Moray and ownership of these needs to be established.</p> <p>Royal Hotel – now for students only. Where a those requiring emergency accommodation now being housed?</p>	
11.	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>17th September - Our Leancoil celebration in Leancoil Hospital grounds (12-4pm)</p> <p>Ride the North Saturday 27th September. Will go through Elgin at 8.00am and through Forres.</p> <p>24th September - Open Doors.</p> <p>31st August - FHT Photo event</p> <p>2nd September - Film Club</p>	
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>SF – we need new councillors and currently not representative of population of Forres. SF proposed that a poster campaign to attract people from ethnic minorities.</p> <p>Discussion took place on this, and it was suggested that having a representative from each area might be better. JL/Garry to mention this to Stuart Finlayson.</p> <p>JL – Proposed that FCC should develop an action plan and set priorities so that the work of FCC is more focussed, eg, flooding, resilience, recruitment. Knowing what FCC are working on might help attract more people to become involved. It could be promoted through social media and could form the basis of a monthly piece in the Gazette – hot topics?</p> <p>It was decided that Septembers’ meeting would be used as a planning meeting and would be closed to the public.</p> <p>JL will check resources available on MC website to support this.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>
14.	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 15th September 2022 7.00pm. Venue: Tolbooth</p> <p>Closed meeting for planning.</p>	