

Forres Community Council

Thursday 20th April 2023 at 7.00 pm, Tolbooth

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

Attendees - FCC		Attendees - Other
CC David Parker (DP)	Chair	Garry McCartney (GM)
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	Cllr Kathleen Robertson
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		Cllr Paul McBain
CC John Innes (JI)		
CC Kev Skivington (KSk)		
CC Fiona Graham (FG)	Vice Chair	
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	
Apologies		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
Kenny Shand		
Ben Stewart		Sandra MacLennan (FAF)
Graeme Reid		
Scott Lawrence		
Martin Robertson		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies: Apologies recorded as above.	
2.	Community Safety Report: The CSP report for west Moray had been circulated to all. There were no questions. SF raised an incident that occurred on Friday 7 th April 0102 am when he heard shots. He called 101 but it was only after making a second call that he got a call back from control room. His main concern is that despite having a call back has not received any further contact concerning the issue. Also concern about the use of a rifle in the vicinity of houses. KSk will pass this on.	KSk
3.	Public Session CCTV in the High Street is up and running. Mannachie Play Equipment – another meeting has been held to and look at what students have voted for. Sarah Campbell, Open Spaces, has prepared a scope plan to go through procurement. Funding for extra play equipment will be need which could be sourced from landfill fund or Berry Burn. Developers' contribution Participatory budgeting is running, and applications forms will be circulated soon. Martin Robertson is working on group for the Town Centre improvement plan (TCIP) and hoping to call meeting soon. SF raised a question about the outdoor gym and shelter to be installed on the Academy estate. It was noted this is a community asset and FCC insurance covers use so although the school will have access it is a community asset so will not always have priority.	

4.	<p>Ratification of Minutes 16 March 2023 Amend to include apologies from Kenny Shand and Fiona Graham. Para 10 change Forres to Elgin Proposed: Steve Ferris Seconded: John Innes</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a. Meeting with MR about TCIP group. Need to establish TORs and expected outcomes from the meetings. Primary purpose is for groups to be able to discuss their plans (aspirations) and to improve communication between groups to make sure funding is not missed. Outcomes could be measured through increased funding into town. First meeting week beginning 15th May – probably 16th May. Groups with vested interest in town centre to be invited so any not currently on list should be notified to SF. As FCC doesn't have specific plans for town improvements as per other groups and therefore independent, they could facilitate the meetings in future. MR will facilitate first meeting and then once up and running FCC could take over if acceptable to other members of the group. The groups need to be kept in the loop regarding funding. JL to email Kirsty Conti (Moray Council) for an update.</p> <p>b. Kings Coronation. SF had been advised of a fund from The National Lottery for supporting events. Steve Gasgarth is the contact, but it is probably too late to apply. Ashers are donating, but they need to know numbers. It was hoped for 200 and this would be passed to Ashers. Tesco will also donate refreshments. <u>Plans</u> Need to decide the layout of tables. Suggested that small tables are put in the middle of the hall with larger tables around the outside for people to help themselves to refreshments. Discussion took place on allowing alcohol. It was agreed this would be allowed but not be advertised. KSk is donating bunting. Children – colouring sheets for children and pencils to be provided. Bags for waste – might need to use Osprey to move rubbish. Osprey – KSk happy to drive. Scouts to help with event. SF to sort photo for Monday – SF to contact Ruth at Film Forres. Volunteers available - SF/SK/JI/DP/JL. Ideally need more David Hammond – ask FACT to circulate to user groups. Send to primary schools and nurseries.</p>	<p>ALL JL</p> <p>SF KSk JL</p>
6.	<p>Planning/Licences</p> <p>a. <u>Planning</u>. Nothing to note from the last month apart from a Springfield application notified today. They have applied to change the designation of some of the houses. SF to investigate this further. If it appears untoward, he will put in a request to review.</p>	<p>SF</p>
7.	<p>Action Plan Updates</p> <p>1. <u>Flooding/Resilience Plan</u>. SF showed the printed household resilience plan which lists what to do in an emergency and information relating to this. The community safe space in Forres is Tolbooth. Moray Council (MC) have printed one for every house paid for by SSEN. A leaflet on community resilience has also been produced. JCC have produced a booklet on resilience planning. MC will arrange for the letters to be delivered across Moray and the plan is for our leaflets to go out with this otherwise cost is prohibitive.</p>	

	<p>Next steps – community resilience planning with Rhona McNicol (MC) which will aim to volunteers prepared to offer transport for flooding for example.</p> <p>Cllr Robertson mentioned that Finderne CC are considering communication between the Forres ASG community councils so we should engage to avoid duplication.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence As per agenda. Discussion took place on the 3-road layout plans out for consultation. It was felt that better lane markings on Victoria roundabout would be better than spending thousands on re-engineering. It was decided that FCC would not put in a response, but all members should complete as individuals. The roundabout at St Leonards Road should be noted for future consultation.</p>	
9.	<p>Treasurer's Report Current balance was £7518.61 (5249 ringfenced for SSEN)</p>	
10.	<p>Moray councillor reports <u>Cllr Robertson</u>. There is a Thanksgiving service on 14 May. 3 disabled bays have been marked up on the High Street. Architects for the housing project at Dallas Dhu have been appointed. Forres Library is an MC information hub with free phone (replaces access point from Auchernack). There will be a test of the national alarm on Sunday 23rd April at 3pm and all are asked to spread the word about this. Had been a Judge for Moray Flag competition. DP raised the issue of danger posed by derelict sites such as the old auction house, Tesco site and old slaughterhouse and who is responsible if any accidents occur. All are privately owned so it would be owners' responsibility. Cllr McBain will follow up on this. <u>Cllr McBain</u>. Had attended the education committee and the Active Travel meeting. He noted that there are over 100 groups in Forres and not sure how we capture them all to ensure included in TCIP. CCTV - has requested a visit to understand what is covered and what's not and noted that the quality of the new system in Elgin is superb. He will contact Kirsty Conti for timescales on funding.</p>	
11.	<p>Forthcoming Events St Johns Poverty conversation St Johns Church 27th April Service of Celebration St Laurence Church, 60m Sunday 14th May. RSVP by 9th May.</p>	
12.	<p>AOCB Jl – There had been a burst pipe near Applegrove next to Orchard Rd car park; fortunately, schools were on holiday, so the impact was reduced. KSk – Judith Binney has formed a group to improve active travel around Forres and will contact FCC when constituted which will enable them to raise funds. Monday 24th April at 11am meeting arranged on bicycles. KSk to attend initially and will keep informed. Should be invited to TCIP. Agreed that FAF and FCC will work together to assist the Mannachie Play Park Steering Group. There had been a meeting with Martin Robertson and Falconer which is still WIP KSk had found an old directory for visitor and residents' information and wondered if FCC could do something similar in the future. It was noted that there are already similar directories in circulation (FACT, tsiMORAY, etc) and the issue is keeping them current. SF – Duke of Edinburgh youngsters have been clearing leaves in Grant Park and should be congratulated for this. Recruitment – the poster needs to be circulated which JL will do. Also consider inviting representatives from other groups to FCC meetings. DP – Sad passing of Colin Lipscomb recently who had done a huge amount for the community. There is a private family funeral then possibly a wake. FCC don't have contact details of the family but thanks for all Colin's service to Forres are noted.</p>	

	<p>JL – relayed email from KS. Drivers hurrying on amber/red lights at Orchard Road lights. New bridge at Sanquhar pond – could old bridge material be used for bank work. Need clarification of which bridge Kenny is referring to. JL to contact Martin Robertson to connect to Mike Macdonald.</p> <p>Planning permission for top up taps in Grant Park has been approved.</p> <p>Osprey Bus – relayed the issues relating to getting response from MC on this issue. Despite sending 2 emails still awaiting a response. Cllr Robertson asked why a dedicated space was needed. JL explained that there was no guarantee of being able to access a charger during the day if needed which could affect service. Cllr McBain mentioned it might be worth approaching the owners of the Pedigree complex.</p> <p>Website – JL waiting further contact from the developers.</p> <p>Question was raised about the whether the area outside Forres House café can be used? This had been investigated previously and discounted due only having one route in/out and no disabled access.</p> <p>Sandra mentioned that the Spirit of Community report will be finished next week and will go to MC graphics in May.</p>	JL
14.	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 18 May 2023, 7.00pm. Venue: Garden Room, Forres House Community Centre.</p>	