

## Forres Community Council

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00 pm, Tolbooth

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

| Attendees - FCC        |                 | Attendees - Other   |
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| CC David Parker (DP)   | Chair           | Garry McCartney (GM)  |
| CC Graham Murdoch (GM) | Treasurer       | Cllr Kathleen Robertson   |
| CC Steve Ferris (SF)   |                 | Martin Robertson (MR) (Community Support Officer Moray Council)                 |
| CC John Innes (JI)     |                 | Debra Duke (DD) (Community Council Liaison Officer, Moray Council) minute taker |
| Kev Skivington (KSk)   | Co-opted Member |   |
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| Apologies              |                 | Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance                                       |
| CC Jo Lenihan          | Secretary       | 2 members of the public   |
| CC Kenny Shand         |                 | Sandra MacLennan (FAF)  |
| CC Fiona Graham        |                 |   |
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| Item | Discussion  | Action |
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| 1.   | <b>Welcome and apologies:</b><br>Apologies recorded as above.   |        |
| 2.   | <b>Community Safety Report:</b><br>All had received the report by email. PC Squair was unable to attend the meeting due to being on shift. The Forres reporting area is large. There had been newspaper reports that there had been theft of fuel from properties. KSk would feedback concerns about fuel theft.  |        |
| 3.   | <b>Public Session</b><br>A question was asked about minute 6b. 16 February. It was confirmed that Forres CC had agreed to not object to the proposals for the A940 speed restrictions consultation. The CC will publicise details about the public consultation once they were available. If members of the public had any views or objections on the proposals these could be submitted as part of the public consultation. The CC had submitted its view on the proposals. Community councillors could comment individually as a member of the public if they wished. |        |
| 4.   | <b>Ratification of Minutes 16 February 2023</b><br>Subject to minor corrections: date of minutes change and date of minutes approved in item 4, the minutes were accepted as a true record.   |        |
| 5.   | <b>Matters Arising</b><br>a. Town Centre Improvement Plan meeting<br>MR said that a list of groups had been shared with JL. There was lots happening within Forres including the Local Development Plan (LDP). Trying to make sure there was not any duplication. Date for the meeting would be sent out next week.   |        |

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|    | <p>It was reported that the LDP consultation event held on 4 March had been very good. It was confirmed that consultation would be undertaken to engage with all age ranges, including younger people through schools and the youth team. Community councillors said that the LDP needed to consider what would encourage those currently aged 16-26 years old to remain or return to the area. Now with the ability to work remotely digital infrastructure and housing was possibly more important than employment opportunities and housing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">b. King's Coronation Big Lunch</p> <p>Reference minute 8: It was suggested that the groups who had been involved in the Platinum Jubilee event last year. A public entertainment licence would be required to use Grant Park.</p> <p>Actions to undertake and ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KSk agreed to send an email to groups to see if there was interest.</li> <li>• SF agreed to chair meeting.</li> <li>• Contact a pipe band</li> <li>• Entertainment for younger people would be good. Speak to Wave Radio.</li> <li>• Treasure hunt to Nelsons Tower.</li> <li>• Games, races.</li> <li>• Contact Deputy Lord Lieutenant office.</li> </ul> <p>As the CC would take the lead on this group the CC insurance would cover the event. Any queries about the insurance Zurich should be contacted.</p> <p>RESOLVED:<br/>To organise a meeting with interested groups for week commencing 27 March.</p> | KSk/SF       |
| 6. | <p><b>Planning/Licences</b></p> <p>a. <u>Planning</u>. SF reviewed recent applications.<br/>There were applications for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• change of use from retail to coffee shop on Falconer Avenue.</li> <li>• Forres tennis courts change to LED lighting.</li> <li>• Top up taps in Grant Park</li> <li>• Solar panel array in Mundole area.</li> </ul> <p>No objections or comments.</p>  |              |
| 7. | <p><b>Action Plan Updates</b></p> <p>1. <u>Flooding/Resilience Plan</u>.<br/>The team were working on a home emergency plan which would be an A4 sheet with information on what to do in an emergency. The group would like a photo of Forres to put on the document. GM offered to provide a photo.</p> <p>SF said that resilience planning was also about educating residents. Resilience planning started with individuals and households, not the council or emergency services. The group would give presentations to local groups to explain. To deliver the household plans to each house required volunteers to be recruited. Maps from MR had been requested.</p> <p>A yellow weather warning had been received by the resilience group the other day. The group had agreed that they would not react unless it was an amber warning.</p>   | GM<br><br>MR |
| 8. | <p><b>Correspondence</b><br/>Circulated as required.</p>   |              |

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| 9.  | <p><b>Treasurer's Report</b><br/> Current balance was £7581.16<br/> Admin grant for October 2022 to March 2023 had been received.<br/> SSEN resilience funding grant was included within this figure.<br/> £20 paid for the renewal of the domain for <a href="mailto:info@forrescc.co.uk">info@forrescc.co.uk</a> email address</p>  |            |
| 10. | <p><b>Moray councillor reports</b><br/> <u>Cllr Robertson.</u><br/> Budget was set. Council tax had been increased by 5 percent. Green bin permits had been decreased to £36 per year. Avian flu area had been decreased to surveillance.</p> <p>The outdoor gym project was still progressing. Two blue badge spaces would be made on Forres High Street.</p> <p>Parking enforcement issues within Forres. Moray Council parking enforcement officers could only undertake enforcement within council car parks. The police could issue parking tickets for illegal street parking. KSk said that he would pass on this issue.</p>   | KSk        |
| 11. | <p><b>Forthcoming Events</b><br/> Wednesday 22 March – 10am to 12 noon – Conversation Café.<br/> Thursday 23 March – 7pm, Forres House – Green Spaces group<br/> 1 April – Nelson's Tower reopening.<br/> 8 July – Highland Games</p>   |            |
| 12. | <p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>a. Call for ideas for Local Development Plan deadline 30<sup>th</sup> June (email circulated)</p> <p>b. Falconer Museum<br/> The Chairman had met one of the Friends of Falconer Museum. The museum had been closed since 2019. One suggestion was that the CC facilitated a meeting between all groups and interested parties to discuss the issues. KSk would contact groups to organise a meeting. MR said that the Community Support Unit in Moray Council would be able to help with this.</p> <p>Noted that FACT had been awarded £300,000 for the town hall during the UK Government's budget.</p> <p>Community councillors approved the poster advertising Forres Community Council and encouraging new members. To advertise this.</p> | KSk/M<br>R |
| 14. | <p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Thursday 20 April 2023, 7.00pm. Venue: Tolbooth</p>   |            |