

Forres Community Council

Thursday 18th May 2023 at 7.00 pm, Forres House Community Centre

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 Scott Lawrence
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		Cllr Paul McBain
CC John Innes (JI)		
CC Kev Skivington (KSk)		
CC Kenny Shand (KS)		
CC Ben Stewart (BS)		
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	
Apologies		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Fiona Graham (FG)	Vice Chair	Sandra MacLennan (FAF)
Cllr Kathleen Robertson		Michelle Gillibrand (FACT)
Graeme Reid		Henrietta Grant-Peterkin

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies: Apologies recorded as above. DP welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.	Community Safety Report: The CSP report for west Moray had been circulated to all. No questions or comments raised.	
3.	Election of Chair/Vice Chair DP had requested to stand down as Chair due to other commitments. SF had agreed to step up subject to agreement of the committee. FG had also agreed to step down as Vice Chair and DP was happy to become Vice accordingly. <i>A motion was put to the meeting for SF to be elected as Chair with immediate effect.</i> Proposed: GM Seconded: JI All community councillors present in agreement. <i>A motion was put to the meeting for DP to be elected as Vice Chair with immediate effect.</i> Proposed: SF Seconded: KSk All community councillors present in agreement. The Committee thanked FG for her previous work as Chair and Vice Chair. DP mentioned that as Chair SF would need represent FCC on the board of Auchernack Trust and the next meeting is 1 st June at 1.30 – 2.30 pm. Cllr Scott Lawrence will include SF in emails. DP to inform Moray Council of the changes. SF took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.	DP

4.	<p>Public Session</p> <p>Sandra raised a request by Martin Robertson for any photos of Forres that anyone may have for the Spirit of Community report.</p> <p>Michelle Gillibrand introduced herself as the new Development Manager for FACT and gave a short resume of her experience. Michelle has been working for FACT since August on the employability project. She will be handing this over in the coming weeks. She distributed a new directory of services for Forres that has been produced by FACT and which will be launched in the near future.</p> <p>Sandra informed the meeting that Just Transition Participatory Budgeting for 2023 is open with £333,000 available for Moray. She will forward information to JL for circulation.</p>	ALL JL
5.	<p>Ratification of Minutes 20 April 2023</p> <p>Amendments are required to the date at top of page 1 to 20 April and date of ratification of minutes to 16 March. Otherwise the minutes were accepted as a true record.</p> <p>Proposed: JI Seconded: KS</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Sandra had attended a meeting with Kirsty Conti which clarified that there had not been money awarded 5 years ago although an application for funding had been submitted. The application for the development phase for the Town Centre Improvement plan from National Lottery Heritage Fund and HES had been successful. This will support the appointment of a Development Officer to take the proposal forward with a view to submitting an application for £3.3 million. The full project timeline is a 5-year term. It is recommended to postpone the formation of the Town Centre Improvement group until the new development officer starts and they can then take this forward.</p>	
6.	<p>Planning/Licences</p> <p>a. <u>Planning</u></p> <p>Only 2 of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of use of Citroen garage – Mr Moto’s motorcycles. Change of use of tackle shop into child friendly cafe. • Army Surplus store moving into Macleans. <p>Although not seen through planning, the former cycle shop is being refurbished for a different use.</p>	
7.	<p>Action Plan Updates</p> <p>1. <u>Flooding/Resilience Plan.</u></p> <p>KSk/SF/BS doing emergency first aid and defib course on Monday 22nd May. Quotes are being sourced for equipment and then the plan will be launched. Investigating the possibility of Forres House Community Centre (FHCC) being the first safe space rather than Tolbooth as people will come to FHCC at some point as it will be the base for MC emergency coordination. Michelle offered the Town Hall as a supplementary space if needed.</p> <p>2. <u>Recruitment/promotion of FCC</u></p> <p>SF had met with other CC’s. He proposed inviting speakers to talk about a specific subject of interest eg council officers and this could form part of our action plan. If known in advance these could be promoted through paper, website, posters. Discussion took place on perhaps inviting someone from education or the Head Teacher of the Academy due to the poor numeracy results published recently. There was a question about whether there was anything FCC could do to support. Concern was voiced about this, and it was decided that inviting head into FCC was not appropriate. However, the idea of inviting others to speak on subjects of interest was accepted.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None to note</p>	

9.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Current balance was £7607.64 (£5249 ringfenced for SSEN). £151.93 had been transferred from MFCU which had been set up for admin and was from a separate account to the main BOS account.</p> <p>JL raised the £500 award from Forres Common Good and thanked Councillors for this. All were requested to submit any expenses for the Coronation event. JL to speak to Amanda Kingham regarding any underspend on the award and will chase up invoices from FACT and Film Forres.</p> <p>GM reminded everyone that any money spent on FCC business should be submitted otherwise there is a danger of not being awarded the admin grant. Claims to be submitted on expense claim form available from JL.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>ALL</p>
10.	<p>Moray councillor reports</p> <p><u>Cllr Paul McBain</u> - Been going round CCs in the constituency and attended JCC. He asked whether FCC linked with any other CCs on common issues eg resilience as it would seem sensible to work with other CCs in Forres ASG. GM commented that this was the purpose of JCC which disseminates information on a wide range of items of interest across Moray. As a councillor the work is at the strategic level and not operational. Now been in post 12 months which has been enjoyable but challenging.</p> <p>SF raised an issue regarding someone in a rural area who is struggling to decommission their old oil tank. He asked if Cllrs could raise this with MC Environmental Health and ask for advice.</p> <p><u>Cllr Scott Lawrence</u> – Advised that there is money available to help people who are struggling. Had attended full council and Moray Integrated Joint Board (MIJB) where pressure on GPs had been highlighted. In Aberdeenshire 3 GPs have handed back their contracts. There is a changing model of primary care and who the right person to go to is. There is a need to get message this message out to the community. HSCM are planning a promotion event in the summer, and this is something that FCC could help with.</p>	
11.	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>20 May – Community Engagement & Planning Fair</p> <p>8 June – 12pm – 2pm TTF free lunch and launch of new site development plan.</p> <p>Film Club – Children's film Friday.</p> <p>St Leonard's Coffee Morning</p> <p>20 May - Town Hall coffee morning is for Guides.</p> <p>27 May - Town Hall coffee morning for town hall user groups (THUGS)</p>	
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>JL – Within next couple of weeks Scottish Water (SW) sending out people to photograph, test drains, put in rain gauges, etc, for Bank Lane area. Weeds on Bank Lane cleared by youngsters, but drains are still choked. JL to pass information on to SW but there is a need to meet the guys to make it clear what other areas are being affected. JL still has all photos and good to show these so people know what talking about. Need feedback from SW as to what doing before July/August. JL to contact for an update.</p> <p>GM – Cluny Hill. MC officers spent a lot of time with the group, but they haven't followed through with ideas, so this has been terminated. On the back of this if there's problems with kids on Cluny Hill using it as a mountain bike track they should be stopped as they had opportunity to do something positive, but they haven't followed through with this. DP mentioned that there were some posts on Cluny Hill damaged. GM to raise at next Greenspaces meeting.</p> <p>BS – will ask around at school to see if there would be anyone interested in joining FCC.</p> <p>KS – path up to the doors at the library has cracks in which wheelchairs can get stuck. Cllrs will raise this issue. KS had passed a diagram of Sanquhar Bridge works which JL will forward to the volunteer group.</p> <p>Discussion to place on the road works on Grantown Road which are causing real issue. Mention was made of the plan for the A96 dualling to build the road north of the town bringing all the traffic from south, including the new build areas, through town to access it</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>GM</p> <p>BS</p> <p>JL</p>

	<p>and how the road works reflect how one small thing can cause a big delay for road users in the town and this should be fed into any new consultation.</p> <p>KSk – Location for meetings. He felt FHCC was a better venue for FCC as it has better accessibility. It was decided to try this for the next few meetings. SF will request a regular booking for the Garden room and inform George Alexander of the change. JL to amend posters to reflect this.</p> <p>T-shirts, polos - getting prices.</p> <p>Highland Games 8th July. Upwards of 50 stalls.</p> <p>Osprey Bus – still looking for a home for it.</p> <p>Developer obligation PB for Forres. Stuart Finlayson is coordinating several groups to put in a joint application.</p> <p>DP – passing of John Mackenzie who was a Community Councillor. Colin Lipscomb wake today. FHCC – DP to put minutes on FHCC notice board.</p> <p>JL – details of PB closing dates advised.</p>	<p>SF JL</p> <p>DP</p>
14.	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 15 June 2023, 7.00pm. Venue: Forres House Community Centre, Garden Room.</p>	