

Forres Community Council

Thursday 15th June 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)	Vice	Garry McCartney (GM)
CC John Innes (JI)		Cllr Paul McBain
CC Kev Skivington (KSk)		
CC Kenny Shand (KS)		
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	
Apologies		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		Lorna Creswell
CC Ben Stewart (BS)		Henrietta Grant-Peterkin
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	Sandra MacLennan (FAF)
CC Fiona Graham (FG)		
Cllr Kathleen Robertson		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies: Apologies recorded as above. DP welcomed all to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Community Safety Report: The CSP report for west Moray had been circulated to all.</p> <p>Questions What window was broken in the High Street? KSk to follow up on his return to work. Garry asked about the ASB to a Nurse which had been reported several times to police. KSk to follow up. Bus trouble – police dealing with this but KSk thinks they have been unable to identify anyone. KSk will also ask about police attendance at the meetings as this had dropped off again. Disabled parking space – one specific car parks in one of the spaces all the time. It has a blue badge but seems to be using it as a personal parking space. Not sure if there is anything that can be done about this but KSk to pass this on to local police too.</p>	KSk
3.	<p>Public Session Nikki Howard (Assistant Event Director) Scottish 6 Days orienteering event briefed the meeting. The event will be from 30 July to 4 August. Day 1 29th July event centre will be in Town Hall with a 5-hour window to collect badges. Events will also be held in Lossiemouth, Darnaway, Roseisle (Burghead) and Culbin. A small urban event will be held on Wed 2nd Aug at Forres Academy. Residents have been advised. In total 2400 entered. Any questions can be emailed to Nikki. 150 campervans are booked and struggling to find parking, but these will be based at the Academy and campers will be bused to Roseisle and Culbin. Finish will be on Roysvale. Website Scottish6days.com There will also bike orienteering Sanquhar, Altyre and Quarrywood. Turfing will also be taking place. Local businesses will be reminded of the events nearer the time.</p>	

	<p>Discussion took place on the issue of the roadworks and lights causing congestion on Grantown Road. Blocking some of the lights has helped. SGN have said more staff would be provided, if necessary, but the work is on schedule at present.</p> <p>Sandra McLennan advised that Forres in Bloom judging would be the second week of August and requested help with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Condition of roundabouts on A96. Could council contact Amey about this? 2. Mature trees cut down at the Market Green beds and wondered why this happened. 3. Auchernack – something seems to have happened with purchase of the building and the grounds have not been maintained. Could the grounds be tidied up. <p>Cllr McBain will follow up 1 and 2 above. Just Transition participatory budgeting will launch on 26th June in Elgin Town Hall. Information event to be held in Forres House Community Centre on Wednesday 12th July from 3-8pm. Max £50,000 per application.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding a Moray Council employee with a measuring clicker near Grant Park. The meeting was told that they are looking at a proposal to widen the pavement in front of Catholic Church to create cycling path. KSk advised that Active Travel Forres are exploring options to connect all the primary schools including a route through town centre. Cllr McBain stated that options would consider how school children can travel to school in a safe manner, and nothing is on or off the table. Discussion followed but it was noted that any concerns need to be taken to the Active Travel group not FCC as the meeting doesn't have sufficient information to comment. Judith Binney is the point of contact.</p>	
4.	<p>Ratification of Minutes 18 May 2023 Proposed: KSk Seconded: JI</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising Forres Osprey Bus – Still in discussion with MC regarding parking, e-chargers and rent rebate on the existing garage - no solution has yet been found. King's Coronation - Cost of hall and expenses £320 so JL will arrange for unspent balance to be returned to Forres Common Good.</p>	JL
6.	<p>Planning/Licences a. <u>Planning</u> No contentious applications for Forres.</p>	
7.	<p>Action Plan Updates 1. <u>Flooding/Resilience Plan</u> JI stated that we seem to be back to square one following recent heavy rainfall. He has been in talks with Scottish Water (SW) over the last 3 to 4 weeks and contacted various householders. SW will be doing surveys and put cameras through all drains. All the information gathered, along with photos have been sent to SW. Bogton and Sanquhar Road have experienced problems over the last 2 years which appears to be a new area affected. Applegrove playground was covered in sewage. SF is acting on this with SEPA and Cllr Robertson is working on this as well.</p> <p>2. Resilience leaflet is delayed until safe space is identified. The Community Centre is MC's safe place so not appropriate. Alternatives could be the Tolbooth, but access is not great, so the Town Hall proposed as temporary first safe space. MC is producing a Moray wide resilience leaflet.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence None to note</p>	
9.	<p>Treasurer's Report There was no treasurers report.</p>	

10.	<p>Moray councillor reports</p> <p>Cllr McBain – gave a brief on what a fortnight looks like for a Councillor and all the meetings that are involved. Briefing on way forward - £20 million in red to find in 2 years. Looking to see where savings could be made within the council but not in services. He has asked for a report to go back to council on the Forres Academy inspection before the date of the next inspection to see what the challenges are. There will be a paper in December/January to check progress. No more information on new school from Scottish Govt. Applied to get lead funding for Forres and Buckie and awaiting the outcome. Earliest for the new school will be late 2026/27.</p> <p>Attends parents’ meetings when invited. Had been to Kinloss but not invited to Forres Academy. KSk will ensure an invite is sent to Paul for future parents’ meetings at Academy.</p> <p>Airbnb – not a lot of applications for the new registration system have been received to date.</p> <p>July is a break for 5 week for councillors.</p>	
11.	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>20th June Leancoil open event Friday Film Club – Ferdinand Bowling Green – 2-5pm to get new members Coffee morning – MFCU 22-24th Grease at Town Hall 1st July – Adults film 8th July – Highland Games</p>	
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Garden room planning application. Lorna Creswell (LC) presented a proposal to install access to the walled area adjacent to the Garden Room. The building is 50 years old at end of December and was built from Common Good assets. Group of staff and volunteers are raising money for access to courtyard. Regulations have changed to require 2 points of access, so they are looking at other funding opportunities. FCC were asked to front an application to the Newbold Trust (23rd June deadline) and Forres Common Good. Estimate for 2 doors is £5500 but this doesn’t include the ramps. It is hoped that MC will waiver the warrant which has now expired.</p> <p>KSk proposed that we accept LC’s proposal to front the application. DP seconded. All 5 CCs voted for the proposal. JL to be the contact. LC pulling together a group to look at how to celebrate 50th anniversary.</p> <p>Website – JL asked CCs to submit suggestions for pages and information needed for new website.</p> <p>DP – M96 bus service – fast service between Inverness and Aberdeen. Timetable circulated.</p> <p>KS – flooding at Tolbooth. KS had a proposal for flooding. JI mentioned that similar suggestions had been put to SW for consideration. Playpark across from the health centre – zip slide posts had been cut down leaving metal bars sticking out. Cllr McBain will follow this up with MC. Pavement outside the community centre has been discussed but no feedback received.</p> <p>KSk – Active Travel – looking at various options to make visibility better on access to Grant Park possibly removing barriers to ease this. Discussion took place on active travel ideas and again referred back to Active Travel group as per 3 above.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>ALL</p>
14.	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 20th July 2023, 7.00pm. Venue: Forres House Community Centre, Garden Room.</p>	