

Forres Community Council

Thursday 20th July 2023 at 7.00 pm, Forres House Community Centre Secretary: Community Councillor Jo Lenihan | Email: info@forrescc.co.uk

Attendees - FCC		Attendees - Other
CC Steve Ferris (SF)	Chair	Anne Rossiter – Forres Sports Hub
CC David Parker (DP)	Vice	
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	
CC Fiona Graham (FG)		
CC John Innes (JI)		
CC Kev Skivington (KSk)		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Kenny Shand (KS)		Henrietta Grant-Peterkin
CC Ben Stewart (BS)		Sandra MacLennan (FAF)
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	Graham Reid
Apologies		Sue Lloyd
Garry McCartney (GM)		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies:	
	Apologies recorded as above.	
2.	Community Safety Report : The CSP report for west Moray for June 2023 had been circulated to all. The Chair summarised the report. There were no questions	
3.	 Public Session Anne Rossiter gave an update and background on the Forres Outdoor Gym. £71,000 had been raised and the gym will be placed on the grounds at Forres Academy with access through the Academy car park. Work will start in August and be finished by November. The facility will be covered under FCC insurance policy. Although on learning estate it belongs to the community and can be used by anyone at any time. Stipulations: in event of new school being built the gym will not be moved. Maintenance/Inspection will be the responsibility of MC. Anything over and above routine maintenance will be the responsibility of FCC and Sports Hub. Further details: The equipment comes with 25-year warranty and was purchased through MC to get better value for money. The supplier also gave a good discount on equipment. Developers fund money will transfer directly within Council. Berry Burn funding will go through Sports Hub. It is proposed to set up a GoFundMe page for regular users so that it becomes self-funding in future. Sports Hub has already raised £600 (£500 per annum will be needed for annual maintenance). Another proposal is to provide an honesty box for users. A social media page will be created to post times that the PE dept might be using it and times that it will be free. The Academy will have priority during school hours and holidays it will be fully open to the public. 	

	It was proposed to ask Garry to do articles focussing on each piece of equipment.	
	A question was asked about H&S and who will be responsible. It was explained that use of	
	the equipment is at a person's own risk but this needs to be clearly labelled on all	
	equipment. It is for ages 14 and over. If under this age, then the parent needs to take	
	responsibility.	
	Proposal: That the Chair sign the letter of approval (attached) on behalf of FCC. This was	
	unanimously approved.	<u> </u>
	Que llevel reject the jeave of graffition the Themason Memorial and the area of gradeland	SF
	Sue Lloyd raised the issue of graffiti on the Thomson Memorial and the area of grassland	
	from Brig Wynd to the memorial. It was appreciated how quickly the Council removed the	
	graffiti, but the main problem is leaving the grassland uncut as a wildlife area. People are hiding in the grass behind the memorial, lots of trees have self-seeded and litter is a major	
	problem. Residents are litter picking all sorts of rubbish and it is becoming an eyesore and	
	looks completely derelict. Residents feel it is not a suitable area to be left untended. It was	
	also noted that the gate is in a terrible state and needs work. If cut this would enable	
	residents to keep an eye on the area. Action: FCC to write a formal letter to Councillors	
	about this specific area.	SF/JL
	Henrietta Grant-Peterkin raised the issue of graffiti in public toilets which are in a mess.	
	She had also heard that Spar is selling cans of energy drinks to under 16's. It was advised	
	that this is a Trading Standards issue and should be reported which she will do. Vapes	
	were also an issue.	
	Sandra MacLennan reported that Cllr McBain had passed on contact details for Aimey who	
	will be cutting the roundabouts on 27/28 July and thanked FCC for assisting in this.	
	Grant Speed had looked at the stumps to find out who authorised cutting of the trees.	
	Just Transition Participatory Budgeting opened for applications on 26th June and will close	
	4 th September. This is year 2 of a 10-year programme so if not ready to apply this year	
	organisations should look at the application for next year.	
	Website for all information www.jtpb.scot or contact tsiMORAY	
	10 th August Beautiful Scotland judging day. Celebration lunch with judges and all FCC to	
	be invited.	
4.	Ratification of Minutes 15 June 2023	
	These were accepted as a true record	
	Proposed: Kenny Shand	
5	Seconded: John Innes	
5.	Matters Arising	
	All matters relating to police have been passed on.	JL
	• JL still to sort balance of FCG money.	JL
	 Flooding/Resilience – SF had intended to write to SEPA, but Scottish Water (SW) 	
	were currently surveying the drains so will await the outcome of this before writing.	
	FCC need to know the results of the survey and what is going to be done. JI had	
	emailed SW and identified that there are problems within drains near Orchard Road	
	car park and up St Leonards Road. Inside drains it can be seen that the manholes and hoppers are choked so the problems are known and we need to keep chasing	
	them and Moray Council (MC) for action. Main concern is sewage coming up in the	
	school grounds. Other areas of concern: Grant Park, Bogton Road,	
	JI/SF to follow up with SW on the outcome of survey and write to MC for action.	SF/JI
	 Water fountain has been vandalised and closed up. 	
6.	Valer rountain has been vandalised and closed up. Planning/Licences	
0.	a. <u>Planning</u>	
	Nothing major in planning of concern.	

7.	Action Plan Undates	[]
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	Nothing to report other than FACT has confirmed that Town Hall can be used as safe	
	space. KS to update Rhona. SSEN money from last year needs to be spent asap. SF to	
	contact MC re radios. SSEN grant open again. Report back next meeting.	KS/SF
8.	Correspondence	110,01
•	GM asked about Business Association letter asking to be kept up to date on the Town	
	Centre Improvement plan. JL had received an update from Moray Council that recruitment	
	for a Project Officer is live and when in post will be bringing the community together. JL to	
	pass on any information received.	JL
9.	Treasurer's Report	
	Balance of account is £8045.54. Paid out £90 to Forres Heritage Truste for rent of Tolbooth	
	and £35 for ICO. MC paid in £500 for Coronation weekend. MFCU account closed and	
	£151.93 transferred to FCC account. SSGN money still ringfenced.	
10.	Moray councillor reports	
	No Clirs present as summer leave.	
11.	Forthcoming Events	
	Friday 21 st July – Film - First Minnow	
	Saturday 22 nd July – Opening of Moray Pre-loved and power wash at Nicholson building.	
	Monday 24 th July – Our planet our Future event in Town Hall	
12.	AOCB	
	JL - All the information to start building the website had been received and will be emailed	/
	to Ben and Steve who will work on these over next few months.	BS/SF
	KS highlighted issues with paths and access and agreed to take this forward with MC.	
	Councillors Walk hedge growing right across path.	
	War Memorial to Scotties Brig tree roots making path uneven	
	Path from post office to roundabout very uneven.	KS
	KSk – Highland Games was hugely successful and would be held on 6 th July next year.	NO
	GM Moray Growth Deal (MGD) – concern about the amount of funding for Elgin. £9 million	
	to do up Elgin town hall and £5 million on Grant Lodge with little funding coming to other	
	areas. Discussion took place on raising this with JCC to ask for their opinion and whether	
	this is the correct place to raise concerns about MGD money not being shared around. The next JCC meeting is 10 th August. Ask for update on MGD in relation to West Moray to be	
	added to agenda. Contact to Dyke, Rafford and Findhorn/Kinloss to see if supportive.	
	SF will phone Debra and other west Moray CCs about this.	SF
	FG – M-Connect service and issues with service. Fiona to email MC about problems with	
	the system.	FG
	KSk – prices of polo shirts etc for next meeting.	KS
	DP – Falconer Museum – vegetation in guttering and on front of building. MC has	
	contracted a local stonemason to clear and repoint the building and this is being paid for by	
	MC.	
14.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 17 th August 2023, 7.00pm. Venue: Forres House	
	Community Centre, Garden Room.	
	JL gave apologies in advance and will ask DD if she can do minutes in August.	