

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.	<p>Public Session</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Stipulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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 as part of the funding bid was to create an outdoor classroom. Out of school hours and holidays it will be fully open to the public.</p>	

	<p>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.</p> <p>Proposal: That the Chair sign the letter of approval (attached) on behalf of FCC. This was unanimously approved.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 4th 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.</p> <p>Website for all information www.itpb.scot or contact tsiMORAY</p> <p>10th August Beautiful Scotland judging day. Celebration lunch with judges and all FCC to be invited.</p>	<p>SF</p> <p>SF/JL</p>
4.	<p>Ratification of Minutes 15 June 2023 These were accepted as a true record Proposed: Kenny Shand Seconded: John Innes</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All matters relating to police have been passed on. • JL still to sort balance of FCG money. • 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. • Water fountain has been vandalised and closed up. 	<p>JL</p> <p>SF/JI</p>
6.	<p>Planning/Licences a. <u>Planning</u> Nothing major in planning of concern.</p>	

