

Forres Community Council

Thursday 19th October 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	Garry McCartney (GM)
CC David Parker (DP)	Vice	Cllr Kathleen Robertson
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	
CC Kev Skivington (KSk)		
CC John Innes (JI)		
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	
Apologies		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Fiona Graham (FG)		Henrietta Grant-Peterkin
CC Kenny Shand (KS)		Lorna Creswell
		Graeme Reid
		Sandra MacIennan

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies: The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were recorded as above.	
2.	Community Safety Report: The CSP for September has been circulated.	
3.	Public Session Sandra MacIennan thanked Cllr Robertson and FCC for their congratulations on Forres in Bloom's success and has passed these on. Lorna Creswell has applied to Forres Common Good for funding for the 50 th Anniversary of Forres House Community Centre. Looking for people who were around when it opened to tell their story. Tree donated by Forres in Bloom will be planted on 21 st December in the sunken garden. Anna is making refreshments and mince pies. Garry McCartney showed the meeting a local town map of Cullen and wondered if this was something Forres should do. This has been spoken about in the past and could be considered under one of the town centre improvement plans. Mention was also made of Grant Park boards which mist up. It was suggested that list of items such as this be drawn up and taken to either Town Centre Task Force or Conservation & Heritage Scheme projects coming online.	
4.	Ratification of Minutes 21st September These were accepted as a true record. Proposed: David Parker Seconded: Kev Skivington	
5.	Matters Arising a. TTF – letters of support have all been done. A meeting is being held with the Chair of Corporate Finance, local Councillors and FCC on 2 nd November. SF and DP will attend. Allotments – the number of people applying for allotments is 15. SF had received an email from Moray Council (MC) stating that TTF manage allotments in Forres and not MC. Cllr Robertson pointed out that it needs clarifying that MC have not quadrupled the	

	<p>rent for TTF as being reported rather it is no longer being subsidised by Forres Common Good fund.</p> <p>b. Draft TORs for the resilience group still to be done. JI is to start buying the equipment. SF to sort OFFCOM licence.</p> <p>c. Rooms for future meetings. The Town Hall is not available until next year. Café is a possibility. SF to talk to staff to see if this is feasible.</p> <p>d. SF spoke to Gazette about and advert and was quoted £1400 for a month for full page ad. Discussion took place on the need to find a replacement secretary/minute secretary asap and these posts do not have to be resident in Forres. Ideally the 2 posts would be the same person. It was suggested using the tsiMORAY volunteers bulletin and to put up posters around town. KSk knows someone who might be interested. SF to speak to Debra Duke. All CC's to ask any contacts. Garry will write a story to highlight this. Consider using Spotlight although there is a cost for this.</p>	<p>JI/SF</p> <p>SF</p> <p>SF</p>
6.	<p>Planning/Licences</p> <p>a. <u>Planning</u> Nothing noted of concern.</p>	
7.	<p>Action Plan Updates</p> <p><u>Resilience</u></p> <p>An email has been received from Rhona McNicol regarding leaflets. It is not possible to produce one specific to Forres as it's too expensive. The Moray leaflet will go out early November to each household. Any further leaflets would be at FCC cost. Suggested that the purchase of equipment is tied in with the Gazette story and leaflet drop so all is coordinated. Next step is to identify volunteers to be on call list for resilience. KSk pointed out that FCC plan shouldn't duplicate what the emergency services would provide. It was agreed key volunteers were admin people to manage the safe places. Discussion took place on establishing a relationship with Findhorn for exchange of contacts and equipment. A list of people and their skill sets is needed.</p> <p>Forres Conservation & Heritage Scheme – 1 year development programme to work up application for funding for a 5-year delivery programme of upgrades to the conservation area.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Email from Erskine regarding licencing for fund raising was passed to MC for action.</p>	
9.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Balance 18th September - £7720.30. Accounts ready to go to Debra Duke. Honorarium July/Aug/Sept still outstanding. £310.00 expenses to be paid out.</p>	
10.	<p>Moray councillor reports</p> <p>Cllr Robertson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members briefing on winter readiness. • Written an article for World Menopause Day. • Moray is rated No 1 for recycling out of all authorities. • The number of road works in town are causing delays as they are all being carried out at the same time. She has been assured they will be gone from War Memorial by Remembrance Day. • Special council to discuss budget in light of Scot Gov announcement. • Moray Flag event on 28th October, 2pm at the Tolbooth with a Piper in attendance. • Schools - consultation dates in forthcoming events below. There will be an update on contingency plans but it's possible students will be bused to UHI. • In light of Elgin towns fund award of £20m there's a possibility of changing the existing funding plot. • Remembrance Sunday 12th November and a wreath laying on Saturday 11th at 11am. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Star awards for MC employees. Children services got 2 awards and Library got the top award for adapting to recent changes with redesign of services. <p>GM – The roadworks highlights the chaos if a new dualled A96 road goes north. Should the Council look at this and reconsider taking the route south. North doesn't make sense in any way.</p>	
11.	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesday 24 October – Learning Estates Consultation on Forres Academy. 11am-8pm drop-in. Forres Library.</p> <p>Thursday 26 October – Moray Children's Services Plan Drop in 12.30-6.00pm St Giles Elgin</p> <p>Saturday 28 October – 50th Celebration of Community Councils. 1pm to 4pm at the Gallery, Elgin Library. Please sign up via Eventbrite</p> <p>Wednesday 8th November – Outfit Moray AGM 6.45pm at Moray Sports Centre and zoom.</p> <p>Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday. SF to lay wreath.</p> <p>Saturday 4 November Fireworks. 18.30pm. Guys competition looking for young people to bring guys at 10.45 hrs.</p> <p>Brodie Castle Illuminated – 2nd – end of November.</p> <p>Film Club Friday – Lucca</p> <p>11th November – Greatest Showman sing along.</p> <p>10th November FACT AGM</p> <p>21st October - Octoberfest in town hall. Tickets on sale.</p> <p>Coffee morning for Pensioners club.</p> <p>GAFF youth group is still going. Last few at TTF – 20 attendees at the last couple of events.</p>	
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>December meeting on 21st December. A lot of CC don't meet December what do CC's. Consider doing something else. No meeting in December.</p> <p>Just Transition Participatory Budgeting votes have been counted.</p>	
14.	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th November 2023, 7.00pm. Venue: Garden Room or Café.</p>	