



The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres held in the Tolbooth, Forres, on Thursday 21 May 2009.

Present :-

Community Cllrs J S Bremner, Mrs L Dingwall, R T Duncan, Mrs E Hayward, R J Hellyer, S D R Kennedy, C T Lipscomb, Mrs K Rosie, S Ferris, A Sinclair, J Mackenzie

Also Present :-

Moray Cllr I Ogilvie, I Young, K Smith, Forres Gazette, & a member of the public.

1. Apologies:-

Apologies for absence were received from Moray Cllrs J Hamilton, L Bell & Cllr Mrs C M Pitstra.

2. Minutes of Meeting of 16th Apr 2009:-

The minutes of the above meeting after amendment, were proposed, seconded & ratified.

3. Public Session:-

No Topic was raised.

4. Secretary's Report:-

Chairman J Bremner welcomed back the Secretary after absence through illness. He then thanked Cllr Hayward for assisting with Minutes during Cllr Lipscomb's absence.

Reference was made to a letter received from Mr Mackay in Jan/Feb, by the Secretary, which listed a number of points, in particular the flooding at the bus stop in the High Street near to the Tolbooth. After reporting this to Auchernack a letter was received from Roads Maintenance who have stated the drains will be cleaned out and it is hoped that this will alleviate the problem at this point.

The Secretary said that a new flag is to be erected at the Council Offices Auchernack following complaints, raised by him, as to its condition during Homecoming Year.

CDC Yearbook: request made to Treasurer to fund for advertisement for coach drivers' manual for the year 2010.

In a letter from the Vice Chair of the Forres Christmas Lights Committee the Community Council's support is sought in making an application to the Climate Challenge Fund for financial support in changing lights from filament to LED lights.

The Secretary noted that the Community Council subscription to the Friends of the Falconer Museum was due & referred the item to the Treasurer.

Moray Primary Care Trust invited the Secretary to attend a meeting to discuss Pharmacy provision at the new Hospital/Health Centre on 5 June 2009.

In an email received from Andy Wightman, with regard to seminar being given by Environmental Law Centre on the topic of Common Good to be held in Llanbryde Community Centre on June 13th three members of the Community Council expressed a desire to attend Colin Lipscomb, Secretary, John Bremner, Chairman and Cllr E Hayward. The Secretary agreed to make arrangements & to pass details to all Cllrs who might wish to attend.

An email was received by the Secretary from a member of the public regarding the Lidl banner on the eastern end of town & asking if it could be removed. Attendees advised that this has now been removed. It was also noted that there were two at the other end of the town. Cllr Hellyer advised that two other businesses were advertising their premises in Greshop by way of banners. Cllr Kennedy stated that the caravan used by Wave Radio could not have its logo facing the A96. To do so this would have to be approved by BEAR. The Secretary agreed to seek advice on the legality of the signs & to contact the businesses concerned.

5. Chair's Report:-

Advised of letter from NHS – Forres Hospital and Health Centre Open Day. The Centre would now be built on the football ground. Moray Council could control right of access to the premises. The question was raised as to how they obtained the land at this site and why was the Forres Community Council not consulted.

The problem with the farm site was that it was near existing housing, road and trees which does not allow for widening the existing roadway. Cllr Young said that a year ago at the insistence of Health Board they would address all issues.

Mr Fowlie advised the Community Council over a year ago that a free standing NHS Dental facility in Forres would be sought however there would appear to be no intention of siting NHS dental facilities in Forres. The production of a waiting list for NHS dental requirement in Forres to ascertain the need for such a facility be placed for discussion on the June Agenda.

Chmn Bremner advised his visit to RAF Kinloss was most enjoyable and informative.

6. External Group Reports :-.

- Cllr Hayward : Planning – Nothing to report.
- Cllr Duncan : Mount Dora : Two American visitors will arrive in June
- Cllr Dingwall, Forres in Bloom : All containers will be painted. Moray Council will commence work on the gardens in the Grant Park. Entente Florale judges will be arriving in Edinburgh and going to the Pitlochry Theatre prior to arriving in Forres.

7. Treasurer's Report:-

- The Treasurer advised that he had passed on the Audited Accounts and can now obtain the half-year sum for the Community Council.

The account currently earned 4p interest. £126.73 transferred to the Special Projects Fund.

Secy Lipscomb attended JCC meeting the previous week. Discussion on left over funding in Community Council funds and what would happen if money was left from the previous year. The Vice Convener would send official approval on what we would do with same.

Members voted funds for the Friends of Falconer Museum - £25 Annual subscription to HUB was agreed (£50). Proposed by C Lipscomb and seconded by Cllr Kennedy.

8. A.O.C.B:-

- Cllr Sinclair proposed a youth café for Forres in the ground floor of the Tolbooth. Volunteers, Food hygiene, furnishings, were some of the topics discussed. .
- Reference was made of reporting the JCC meeting and the reports of comments made at the JCC having been misquoted. These had been read out at the Kinloss Community Council meeting then quoted in Findhorn being picked up by the Spotlight magazine then to the Forres Gazette. JCC might reconsider draft minutes being made to the public for comment and quotation. At present, the new scheme submitted unratified minutes & published them. The Secretary pointed out that Moray Council minutes were not published until after ratification & neither should the Comm Councils minutes. Cllr Hellyer proposed the latter with Cllr Kennedy seconding.
- The bus situation as mentioned in previous minutes was brought to Council's notice by Cllr Kennedy and Cllr Sinclair as so far nothing has been heard. Notice has been taken that buses do travel round Forbeshill very fast.
- Memorial for Still born babies : Cllr Hayward advised that a cheque for £1,600 was to be received for the erection of the cairn, benches, chippings and linings for same at Clovenside Cemetery. Work would commence in middle of June.

9. Date of Next Meeting:-

- The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th June 2009

Colin T Lipscomb
Secretary.

Minutes to be ratified by
Comm. Council 18/06/09

John S Bremner
Chair.