



The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

Chairperson: John S Bremner
90 Bogton Road
FORRES
IV36 1BJ
Telephone: 07929 846340

Secretary: Colin T Lipscomb
12 Hilltop Road
FORRES
IV36 1FW
Telephone/Fax: 01309 675177
e-mail: collie_forres@keme.co.uk

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres held in Forres House Community Centre, on Thursday 15th Oct 2009.

Present :-

Community Cllrs J S Bremner, R T Duncan, S Ferris, Mrs E Hayward, R J Hellyer, C T Lipscomb, J Mackenzie, D Maclean, J McDowell & P Smith.

Also Present :-

T Rae, CCLO, H Shaw, Community Support Officer, T McLaren, Forres Gazette, H Baillache, Press & Journal, 2 Police Representatives & 1 member of the public.

1. Reconstitution of the Community Council:-

Tracey Rae opened the meeting welcoming all members, both new and experienced to the Inaugural meeting of Forres Community Council.

Tracey congratulated members on their successful Awareness Campaign and original ideas. Although, in the first round of the Nomination Process, there has not been an election in the Forres area, heightened awareness of Community Councils and the new term of office is clear. Steve Ferris advised he had not seen any promotional flyers for the Community Council. Bob advised they were looking into that.

Tracey advised that the second round of Nominations will commence 13th November with a closing date of 18th December. There are no vacancies in the Forres CC area.

Tracey introduced the Community Council Member's Handbook 2009 – 2013 and directed members to the Contents and highlighted the inclusion of the Scheme and Code of Conduct within this document. Steve Ferris referred to the Minutes style and asked if this would be the manner which Minutes must be provided. Tracey confirmed their current presentation and content was excellent and no need to change.

Tracey advised members that the next meeting of The Joint Community Councils of Moray will take place on Thursday 12th November, 7pm in The Council Chambers, Elgin.

Office Bearers

Chair	John Bremner	Proposed – Bob Hellyer Seconded – Colin Lipscomb
Vice-Chair	Bob Hellyer	Proposed – Colin Lipscomb Seconded – Eleanor Hayward
Secretary	Colin Lipscomb	Proposed – Robert Duncan Seconded – John Bremner
Treasurer	Stewart Kennedy	Proposed – Bob Hellyer Seconded – Robert Duncan

Eleanor Hayward will continue to be the Planning contact for Forres Community Council.

Constitution

The Community Council are required to submit their Constitution to The Moray Council within 3 months of their Inaugural meeting. If there are any problems with this timescale, please advise.

Grant

Tracey will provide a proforma to the Secretary in early course in order to claim the administrative grant for the period October 2009 – March 2010.

Community Support Unit

Heather introduced the Community Support Unit. She is keen to meet with representatives of the Community Council to undertake a Needs Assessment. Findings from this Assessment will inform the support that CSU offers to groups.

Bob Hellyer asked if Heather could arrange for access to the old Rent office at The Tolbooth to allow Community Councillors to see what is currently stored there. Heather agreed to look into this.

Other issues

Members of the Community Council expressed concern at the period of time Community Councils were in abeyance. They did not feel Moray Council Officers or Elected Members were particularly helpful during this interim period. They requested a smoother and shorter transitional period at the end of this term (2013).

Tracey wished the Community Council every success in their term of office and stressed any member can contact her directly if there are any queries / concerns. Her telephone number is 01343 554316.

2. Apologies:-

Apologies for absence were received from Moray Cllrs I Ogilvie, & Cllrs S D R Kennedy & Mrs C M Pitstra

3. Minutes of Meeting of 17th Sep 2009:-

The minutes of the above meeting were proposed as accepted, seconded & ratified.

4. Secretary's Report:-

- The Secretary reported mail from Robertsons & the ASCC.
- The Robertsons mail referred to the proposed consultations on a planning application for Lochyhill.
- Correspondence from the ASCC pointed out that unless we renewed our membership the ASCC support services would not be available to us. Members agreed to renew the annual fee payment.

5. Treasurer's Report:-

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary understood the account was undergoing audit at this time. Members voted to fund a wreath for Remembrance Sunday from the Community Council.

6. A.O.C.B:-

- Cllr J Mackenzie said that items for discussion should be listed on the agenda for the following meeting. This would give members chance to read up on the topic. Anything for discussion should be advised to the Secretary. Discussion on the Constitution, Standing Orders & Code of Conduct was therefore deferred to the November meeting.
- Cllr Ferris requested that a restoration programme for the Market Cross be discussed in November as well as a campaign for 20 mph zones in Housing Estates.

7. Date of Next Meeting:-

- Thursday 19th Nov 2009

Colin T Lipscomb
Secretary.

Minutes to be ratified by
Comm. Council 19/11/09

John S Bremner
Chair.