



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 21st Jan 2010.

Present :-

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

Also Present :-

Moray Cllrs I Ogilvie, I Young, T McLaren, Forres Gazette, 1 members of the public.

1. Apologies:-

Apologies for absence were received from Moray Cllr Lee Bell, Comm Cllrs J Mackenzie & Mrs C M Pitstra.

2. Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 21 Jan.2010

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

3. Public Session:-

Feb 2010 : Action Moray Cllr Bell Update on November 09 Action Points re costs of the Tolbooth deferred to next meeting in February owing to absence of Cllr Bell. Cllr Bell was also to look into cycle scheme particularly arrangement between Moray Council and Halfords in Elgin for the provision of cycles. This was not suitable for Forres. Moray Council could have looked into this further by not selecting one outlet only. No input after two and a half months.

Feb 2010 : Action Cllr Ferris 20 MPH speed limits : Cllr Ferris advised this will require to be taken further as no one has returned his calls or emails. Leys Road is area under discussion. If community not interested he will facilitate if require and has suggested a mail drop to each house in that area. Public can contact Cllr Ferris.

Update on future use of Tolbooth : Cllr Mackenzie. All present referred to meeting at St Leonard's Hall the previous Monday. Cllr Bell sent an email re the costs incurred with respect to the Tolbooth. Passed to Alastair Campbell however the costs given were questionable. Cllr Mackenzie would be investigating funding for the Tolbooth similar to those sourced for the Merkat Cross.

Cllr Hellyer asked by Cliff Piper on behalf of personal interest in subject re Public Consultation by Moray Council with respect to financial cuts and in particular At Risk pupils which was one of the proposals. This has gone as far as notices to teachers involved in "At Risk Pupils" with redundancy. This decision could have long term problems for future causing disruption for pupils if teachers unavailable. Cllr Young advised it would have been useful if Cliff Piper had notified him of this as he did not have the details. Cllr Hellyer expressed concern that recommendation for Moray Council to consider giving Simpler the opportunity to assess finance as opposed to the report given by Serco, Simpler were prepared, at no cost, to meet with Moray Council but there has been no uptake to this suggestion. Simpler came highly recommended having carried out work at RAF Kinloss. Although put forward as a concern at the Consultation meeting the matter was never put on the Moray Council website. Cllr Ogilvie said that it was passed on.

Various complaints from lack of grit bins to lack of gritting pavements and roads. It was stated that if gritters had come out when bad weather began it would have been beneficial.

Secretary's Report:-

- Secretary welcomed Cllr Young back after illness.
- Secretary advised that Cllr Hayward would stand in as acting Secretary during his absence from Community Council.
- Letter received from Grant and Geoghegan, consultants re planning application for housing at site R3 Forres (Ferrylea). They have advised there will be an exhibition in Forres sometime between February and October 2010 when plans and information will be available for comment.
- Letter received from Mr Wilson of Mackenzie & Cruickshank regarding proposals for flood relief scheme at River Findhorn, Forres.

5. Chair's Report:-

- Nothing to report.

6. External Groups Report:-

- Castle Inn, Caroline Street Forres : Cllr Bell has advised Cllr Hayward that Mr Forbes will be attending the February Community Council meeting to discuss this issue.
- Cllr Hayward advised of difficulties with Planning Department when she requested copy plan of the Lochyhill site however this was eventually delivered in time for CC meeting on 21 January. Noted three access points to the site. It was noted that Phase 1 would be fundamentally dependent upon a roundabout access from A96.
- Cllr Duncan advised Mt Dora meeting would be held on Monday 25 January 2010.

7. Treasurer's Report:-

- Balance to end of December 2009 : £37.65
- Received letter with cheque for £355.17 to assist with running costs from December 2009 to March 2010. By calculation this falls short over a twelve months period. If complaint made it could result in payment being made on a monthly basis. Cllr Ogilvie would question why this is now six monthly and why this has changed.

8. A.O.C.B:-

- Cllr Hamilton has not seen fit to attend the Forres Community Council. Reason for non-attendance given as the Tolbooth not being disabled friendly. CC were advised by Cllrs Young and Ogilvie that they divided up the ward between the four councillors. They suggested we write to Cllr Hamilton to ask why he has never attended any of our meetings.
- The Moray Council Sports Coaching programme discussed particularly what was available in Moray for 3 – 16 year olds. Forres fell short on the programme and what programmes were allocated overlapped at same times.

9. Date of Next Meeting:-

- Thursday February 18 at 7 30 pm

Colin T Lipscomb
Secretary.

Minutes to be ratified by
Comm. Council 18/02/2010

John S Bremner
Chair.