



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 17 June 2010.

Present :-

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

Also Present :-

Moray Cllr Ian Young Tanya McLaren , Forres Gazette; Representative from Grampian Police Constable Dornan

1. Apologies:-

Apologies for absence were received from Moray Cllrs Lee Bell, Irene Ogilvie; Comm Cllrs J McDowall, Colin Lipscomb

2. Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 20 May 2010

The minutes of the above meeting were proposed, accepted, seconded & ratified after email received from CC McLean wishing it noted that his comment from the previous meeting insert his opposition to the demolition of The Castle Inn. .

3. Police Report:-

- Forres area beat figures are included within a wider area however there was nothing to report. CC McKenzie raised the issue of traffic speeds in St Leonards Road by young speedsters and asked Constable Dornan if something could be done by way of speed cameras. It was also noted that the speed sign in Leys Road was positioned in the wrong place. This would require to be addressed by Moray Council as they were the responsible parties for the erection of these signs. CC McDowall commented on the elderly and those with zimmers who require crossing this section of road and suggested there should be a 20 MPH limit.

4. Public Session:-

- Mr McEwan of Forres Taxis raised the issue again of road situation at Waterford. Cllr Bell had advised at previous meeting he would get back to him on this issue. He also asked of the long term future for Waterford Circle. It was believed that Chief Executive of Moray Council – Mr Alastair Keddie had advised that it was uneconomical. Two Reports from 2006 referred to contamination and that it would be dangerous. Moray Council had intimated to two prospective businesses they would have to clean up the contaminated land prior to use.
- Forres in Bloom representative advised they are busy planting and window boxes and tubs are now being installed
- CC Smith asked what the situation was with respect to the new Health Centre and was it getting down sized. Cllr Bell was on the \Health Board but could not answer this query as he was not present. CC Hellyer stated that Leachcoil was being run down and not fully in use. CC Hayward to request Andrew Fowlie of Grampian NHS to attend with Community Council to give an update on situation.
- The issue of the Under 13s having to pay to use the football pitch was unacceptable and where was the alternative. CC Hellyer said that the Roysvale ground was Common Good land and wanted to see a football pitch there but Moray Council had disputed that it was Common Good land.

5. Secretary's Report:-

- CC Hellyer referred to letter received from Moray Council Chief Executive dated 24 May 2010 in response to his letter from CC dated 4 April 2010 re Community Support Unit and that he had been misinformed as the meeting which took place with Helen Shaw was in his shop in Forres. Our administration is through Tracy Rae who reports to the Chief Executive. A letter would be sent by Chairman John Bremner to Mr Keddie.
- Late opening of Tesco re the selling of hot food only and for an interpretation of the license with regard to 'catering'. Moray Council had refused the Matrix Garage on Nairn Road to sell food on late opening hours owing to its residential situation.

6. Chair's Report:-

- Chmn John Bremner referred to letter on Consultation re funding of Community Councils. He referred to OP2 Appendix B which was to be answered with the same options as before and that Appendix A was not acceptable.

7. External Groups Report:-

- Mount Dora – CC Duncan advised two American students would be arriving Saturday lunchtime on an exchange visit to Forres and staying with local families.
- CC Mackenzie advised heritage fee for Heritage Trust Limited would be £7 to open Nelson's Tower and The Tolbooth and hoped that Moray Council would pull out all the stops for this to go ahead. He also advised he had received a letter from the Rector of Forres Academy for pupils to enter the Tolbooth. He would invite Mr Campbell to move items from the downstairs part of the Tolbooth asap for the setting up of a Youth Cafe.

8. Treasurer's Report:-

- Balance = £653.15. Cheques made to Forres in Bloom, Association of Community Councils, The Falconer Museum, Lunch Club and Special Projects. Balance therefore at half year mark = £337.45.

9. A.O.C.B:-

- Cllr Young had spoken with Dr Anderson regarding the football issue for youngsters and agreed that finance was a problem and it was hard times for all. It would be suitable for the Summer League to take place at Roysvale. Cllr Bell to address this matter.
- The issue of travellers at King's meadow was again raised. CC Hellyer advised that the Crown Estates said 'no' to leasing ground therefore why can't we have the same courtesy to refuse travellers on Common Good Land. Council was advised Cllr Ogilvie did not know where the travellers sites were yet to be.

10. Date of Next Meeting:-

- Thursday July 15 July 2010 at 7 30 pm

Colin T Lipscomb
Secretary.

Minutes to be ratified by
Comm. Council

John S Bremner
Chair.