



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 18th April 2013.

Present :

Community Cllrs J S Bremner, R Duncan, Mrs E Hayward, R J Hellyer, C Lipscomb.

Also Present :-

T McLaren (Forres Gazette), Dave Haytack (Community Warden) & 2 MOP's.

1. Apologies:-

Apologies for absence came from Moray Cllr G Alexander, A Skene, L Creswell, A McLean, Comm Cllrs S Ferris, S Kennedy, J McDowell, J F Mackenzie, D McLean, Mrs C Pitstra & Youth Rep K McGrath.

2. Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 21st Mar 2013

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

3. Public Session:

- The Chair welcomed Police Constables Gorman & Bentley asking them to update the members with the latest Police Report. During the last month there had been a number of drug stop searches which led to six individuals being dealt with for possession of cannabis. A drugs search warrant was executed in the Morlich Square area of Forres. Three individuals were dealt with for being concerned with the supply of controlled drugs and a male was reported for Police assault and subsequently being found in possession of controlled substance.
A motorist was dealt with for driving under the influence of alcohol and seven others for speeding whilst two were reported for careless driving, one of them after an accident. Roads policing officers dealt with two road users for having defective or faulty equipment as part of an agricultural vehicle and another was seized after the driver was found to be driving without insurance.
4 Fixed penalty notices were issued, one for consuming alcohol in a public place, contrary to local bylaws, one for a minor street disturbance and two for urinating in the street.
A road accident at the East end of the bypass led to a vehicle damaging the pedestrian barrier with no injuries and on the 13th of April a skimming device was found on the ATM at Tesco, enquiries are ongoing. The Chair thanked the officers for their report.
- The Community Warden, Dave Haytack, told the meeting that following the letter passed on from the Comm Council about dog fouling near the Academy he had identified the culprit and a report, with a name, had been issued, the litter problem had been clamped down on as well.
- A member of the public, Mr Jeronim, said that he was disappointed to see no Moray Cllrs at the meeting with answers to his questions. He said that a letter, from Cllr Alexander, was factually incorrect as agricultural vehicles use the back road, making it unsafe for children to cycle on it with no verge available for them to leave the road in many places. He said that the petition of support for the cycle way to be reinstated was gathering pace and signatures of support were flooding in. At a time when fitness and a healthy lifestyle was being actively encouraged by government agencies cycle paths would be a priority.

- Mrs Hayward gave us an update on her personal complaint against Cll. Alexander. MC have admitted that the mediation procedure they conducted was flawed and have issued an apology. Mrs Hayward has accepted that apology. Having said that, they also said that a proper mediation procedure was unlikely to get the result she wanted and suggested that she take her case directly to the Public Standards Commissioner. This she intends to do.

4. Secretary's Report:-

- The Secretary said that he had received mail from the Chair of the Friends of the Falconer Museum inviting us to attend the AGM on 30th April
- A letter, thank us for our support for a funding application to replace the flat roof area of the Forres Squash & Fitness Club.
- The Secretary said that he had received information from NHS Grampian on the launch of their Older Peoples Strategy on the 1st of May and an invitation to an information Fair in Elgin Town Hall between 10am and 4pm.
- The Secretary told members of a public meeting, in the Forres Town Hall, on Thursday 9th May on the Forres Conservation Area Appraisal, Management, Action and Interpretation Plans
- On Tuesday 21st May at 1.30 pm a meeting of the Urban Freedom Forres Working Group will be held in the Community Centre.

5. Chair's Report:-

- The Chair told members that he had received a letter from Moray Licensing Board on a Licensing Policy Consultation, to be completed by 31st May

6. External Groups Report:-

- Cllr Duncan said that he had nothing to report on the Mount Dora Twinning
- Cllr Hayward said there had been an application to demolish the old mart in Tytler Street. Planning and Heritage Scotland had been notified that this was a listed building and therefore demolition was not an option. She also drew attention to the lack of movement in the application concerning Hanover Court where there had been no further action after boarding up the windows. All that did was draw attention to the building.

7. Treasurer's Report:-

- The Secretary, in the absence of the Treasurer confirmed that the account remained at £1713.45 This was broken down into CC Operating Account £487.22 and Special Projects £1226.23
- **A.O.C.B:-**

9. Date of Next Meeting:-

- Thursday 16th May 2013 at 7 30 pm



Colin T Lipscomb
Secretary.

Ratified by
Comm. Council 16/5/13



John S Bremner
Chair.