

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 15th Aug 2013.

Present:

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

Also Present :-

Moray Cllrs A McLean, L Creswell, G McCartney (Forres Gazette) Inspector McCruden (Police Scotland), David Haytack (Community Warden) & 3 M o P.

1. Apologies:-

Apologies for absence came from Moray Cllrs G Alexander, A Skene, Comm Cllrs S Ferris, D Maclean, J F Mackenzie, Mrs C Pitstra.

2. Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 18th July 2013

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

3. Public Session:

• The Chair welcomed Inspector McCruden to the meeting to brief us on Police actions in the last month. He said that three motorists had been dealt with for speeding offences and one for driving carelessly. One Nairn motorist was reported for parking his vehicle on a pedestrian crossing zig zag lines and having defective tyres on his vehicle. A 74 year old woman appeared from custody for 2 charges of driving whilst disqualified and a 43 year old man was reported for driving under the influence of alcohol.

A female was dealt with after causing a disturbance at a Kinloss licensed premises and further disturbance in the street after being ejected. In a separate incident in Kinloss a 50 year old man was charged with theft of a bicycle after cutting the lock.

Fixed penalty notices were issued to 3 males individually for abusive behaviour to the police in a public place, for urinating in the street and for failing to leave licensed premises when requested by the licensee.

Two males were reported for drugs offences, one was found in possession during a domestic incident and the other after offering drugs for sale on the High Street.

In response to a request from Cllr Hellyer last month re parking of private cars in the disabled parking bays in the Leys Road car park Sgt McPherson spoke to the manager of a premises about staff parking and reported back to the Comm Council by email.



The Community Warden, David Haytack, said that he had dealt with various reincidents but the period had been relatively quiet due to school holidays and the ladaily lunch trips to the town from the schools

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4. Secretary's Report:-

- The Secretary said that he had received details of a consultation paper from the Scottish Parliament on a strategy to tackle and prevent litter and fly tipping.
- A letter, from a resident of Burdshaugh, on the re appearance of a March 2008 planning application which had been altered considerably, but was not considered to be re notified to the statutory consultees, alerted the Community Council to draw the Planning Department's attention to the roll of the CC in the planning process.
- The Secretary told the meeting that he had been approached by residents of Bogton, who wish to organise a "Picnic" to raise fighting funds to protect the common good status of the Bogton fields, asking if the Community Council Public Liability Insurance could be extended to cover their meeting. After discussion, members voted unanimously to support the request.

5. Chair's Report:-

• The Chair reported that after two years the transfer of the Auchernack Trust Fund from the Moray Council to local trusteeship was almost complete.

6. External Groups Report:-.

- Cllr Hayward said there was a planning application for Chalets to be created at the Mundole Caravan Park. The Secretary pointed out that a similar application had been submitted some years ago and had been beset with problems caused by arrangements for sewage, electric and water to the site.
- Moray Cllr McLean told the meeting that Moray Council were looking to reduce their costs by asset transfer to the communities such facilities as Community Centres. Cllr Hellyer reminded the Cllr that the Centre had been successfully run before by a user group committee until Moray Council decided to take it over, as Moray Cllr Creswell would verify.

7. Treasurer's Report:-

- The Secretary confirmed that the account remained at £1309.37. This was broken down into CC Operating Account £421.92 and Special Projects £887.45.
- The Community Council has been approached by RAFA Lossiemouth Branch for funding to assist in the refurbishment of the model Nimrod, located at the War Veterans Cottages. After discussion members agreed that the sum of £400.00 be awarded from the Special Projects fund.

8. A.O.C.B:-

Nil raised

9. Date of Next Meeting:-

• Thursday 19th Sept 2013 at 7 30 pm

Colin T Lipscomb Secretary.

Ratified by Comm. Council 19/9/13

John S Bremner Chair.