



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 19th Sept 2013.

Present :

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

Also Present :-

Moray Cllrs A McLean, L Creswell, A Skene, G McCartney (Forres Gazette) Police Constable Dormand (Police Scotland), David Haytack (Community Warden) & 5 M o P.

1. Apologies:-

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

2. Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 15th Aug 2013

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

3. Public Session:

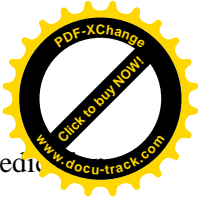
The Chair welcomed PC Dormand who briefed the meeting on the months figures. Three drivers were dealt with for speeding in the town, 2 for careless driving, 1 for dangerous driving & 1 for driving under the influence of alcohol. Fixed penalty notices were issued to 2 males, one for disorderly conduct and one for consumption of alcohol in public. A male was arrested for theft of a motor vehicle and 2 further males, 1 for persistent public nuisances and 1 for reckless behaviour from a first floor window.

A man and a woman were reported for cannabis production, another man for being in possession of cannabis and a female in possession of valium when being dealt with for shoplifting. The Chair thanked the Constable for his report.

- The Community Warden, David Haytack, said that he had no reports of fly tipping or new cases of dog fouling and only 2 anti social behaviour incidents. There have been no further noise complaints. He said that the trial Junior Warden Scheme had been judged a success & he could hopefully see it being extended to Forres next year. The Chair thanked him for his report to members as well.
- A member of the public, Mrs J Barrere, thanked the Community Council, on behalf of the Bogton Residents, for their support against the Redco Milne proposed redevelopment of the Bogton Common Good land and hoped that the incoming Community Council would continue to press for the Public Meeting on the issue, and the release of the Knight Frank report which recommended the sale as being good for the common good, as promised by Moray Cllr Alexander at a previous meeting. Moray Cllr Skene said that a public meeting was still planned for at an opportune time, and the Head of Planning was looking at a drop in session to discuss the sale of common good land. Mr B McDonald pointed out that the decision had already been made by residents of the old common good boundaries and their decision still stands.

4. Secretary's Report:-

- The Secretary said that he had only three letters to notify the meeting of
- Firstly one from Development Plans, to notify us that a Wind Turbine Training event to be held on 12 Sept has been cancelled until after the elections.
- An email notice of the Sustainable Education Review, giving us four days notice of a Community Briefing Evening was not acceptable notice
- A letter from Audit Scotland, acknowledging our letter reference Common Good Fund complaints which they will consider and respond later.



5. Chair's Report:-

The Chair said he had nothing to report but thanked members of the Community Council for their dedication during this term of office.

6. External Groups Report:-

- Cllr Hayward said that she had been informed by Kevin Price, Moray Council that they were now drawing up the disabled parking Traffic Order. She pointed out that the next CC would have to be aware of the Planning Application for the Hanover Housing in Leask Road and the old Mart which is a listed building.
- Moray Cllr Skene apologised for the short notice for the Sustainable Education Review, which was being carried out by Caledonian Economics. She said that the Culture Day was a success and she was looking forward to the upcoming FACT workshops on the Town Centre and on Tourism.
- Cllr Creswell read a list of prepared answers to questions on the Common Good before telling us that the Auchernack Fund would be seeking answers to how it should be spent next month.
- Cllr McLean said that he had supported the Spirit of Moray Book Festival, and the local groups who were fighting the closure of the libraries. At the end of term for the Community Council he thanked all those not standing again, and wished good luck to those seeking re-election.

7. Treasurer's Report:-

- The Treasurer 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 unanimously made the following decisions to its finances. Secretarial expenses of £70.00 were to be paid to the outgoing Secretary, the sum of £300.00 would be transferred to the Special Project fund from the CC account, leaving a balance of £51.92 in the expenses fund.
- Voted from the Special Projects the following dispensations were awarded, the sum of £400.00 to Film Forres, £150.00 to Friends of the Falconer Museum and £150.00 to Forres Groups Action. This leaves a balance of £87.45 in Special Projects and bringing the total account holding to £139.37.

8. A.O.C.B:-

- Cllr Hellyer addressed the meeting and said that he would not be seeking re-election. He said that for fifty years he had been handling discussions and banging his head against a brick wall but in the last six months or so he had been getting personal insults, from Cllrs and LA officers, and he wasn't prepared to tolerate such treatment
- The Secretary too said that after 12 years service he was finishing as well because he objected to writing letters that were not even replied to. I hope the new secretary has better responses to his efforts.

9. Date of Next Meeting:-

- The CCLO has suggested that, if the Forres Community Council is returned uncontested the inaugural meeting will be held on Thursday 17th October 2013.

Colin T Lipscomb
Secretary.

Ratified by
Comm. Council 17/10/13

John S Bremner
Chair.