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Attendees – FCC		Attendees – Other
CC Steve Ferris (SF)	Chair	Cllr Paul McBain (PM)
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)		Cllr Kathleen Robertson (KR)
CC Fiona Dunsmuir (FG)	Secretary	Cllr Scott Lawrence (SL)
CC John Innes (JI)		
CC Michael Walker (MW)		
CC Derek Hallas (DH)		Garry McCartney (GMc) (Press)
CC Christina MacFarqhar (CM)	Treasurer	
CC Travis Bremner (TB)		
CC Imogen Symon (IS)		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Gary Gunn (GG)		Gill Bird
		Stephen Kelly
		Henrietta Peterkin-Grant
Apologies		
CC Kev Skivington (KSk)		
Cllr Draeyk Van Der Horn (DVH)		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome, and apologies: Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received were recorded.	
2.	Public Session <u>Community Energy Presentation</u> – Gill and Stephen spoke about the Community Energy Project, which is by Share Energy, they were commissioned to identify areas in the UK that were suitable for District Community Heating and Forres was an ideal location. Gill and Stephen covered what this would mean, FCC councillors wanted to go and gather a better understanding of the District Community Heating as well as how it would impact the households of Forres before we could advise Share Energy that we would support the proposal. <u>Speed Limit Signs in Forres</u> – DH mention that a lot of people had not heard about the signage for the 20mph, Derek also advised that residents had contacted him with concerns of the new limits in town. DH mentioned to all he spoke to, wa for them to go to the Councils Engage website. KR explained why the limits were brought in and how it should work across the region. We were also advised that these signs will be in place for 18 months, when they will be reviewed. Moray Engage Website - https://engage.moray.gov.uk/	GB/SK DH

	<u>Forres Culture & Heritage Scheme –</u> Public Realm Consultation - This consultation ended (17/05/26). GG gave an update, advising the consultation is being reverred with the architects and to determine which proposed position taking forward the ones that fall within budget. Information will be released in in due course. Currently they are looking to procure the building health checks and hope to have a contractor in place before the end of Jeune.	SF/GG
3.	Ratification of Minutes 16th of April 2026. The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Gary Gunn Seconded: Michael Walker Fiona queried about obtaining a Voice recorder / dictamen for any future instances when she is unable to attend. CM advised she has one so there would be no need to procure one.	
4.	Matters arising There were no matters arising.	
4.	Planning/Licences There were no planning issues that needed any action on. SF mentioned that the Court of Session had approved the school, and now the Council has put out the programme for the first phase which is due to start at the end of June (during the school holidays). The first phase includes the fencing off all the necessary and required areas, but this is subject to contract signing.	KV
5.	FCC Topics <u>Format of future meetings</u> – SF asked for Gary to expand on his thoughts for the future meetings. GG mentioned we should have subgroups for items such as the subject tonight. It was suggested to have a group such as social media and communications. FG suggested to speak to other Forres Groups and see what they are worried about, would like to see/do etc. SF advised that Forres Area Forum liaise with Active Travel, Spirit of the Community.	ALL
6.	Correspondence SF has been contacted by the Forres Mount Dora Twinning as representative from Mount Dora are in town this week. Councillors were asked if anyone would like to meet them at the meet and greet in the Tolbooth.	SF/FD
7.	Treasurers Report	

	CM advised the current bank balance is £5,076.92. Of this 62% is our admin grant, 3% is independent funds & donation, and 35% is resilience funds that we have left. CN wanted to have added to the expenses policy to have childcare so that we can be more inclusive. SF advised that for him to claim when using his car to attend meetings and he is required to have valid MOT, tax and insurance, so would we be requiring childcare to be provided by a registered childminder?	CM
8.	Moray councillor reports Cllr Robertson – KR advised that things are slowly returning after the elections. She advised that their biodiversity strategy has been adopted. KR also confirmed that Court of Session was not to do with planning, but it was for the Common Good Land for the contractor's use and the bus lane for the new Academy. Cllr Paul McBain – Cllr Scott Lawrence -	
9.	Forthcoming Events There were no known forthcoming events.	
10.	AOCB SF mentioned that Karen Greaves (BEM) who is Moray Councils CEO, who will be attending our next month.	
11.	Date of next meeting: All members of the public are welcome to join the next Forres Community Council meeting that is on Thursday 18th of June 2026. It is going to be in The Green Room, Forres House Community Centre, High Street, Forres.	