

Forres Community Council

Thursday 20th of Augst 2026 at 7.00 pm, Green Room, Forres House Community Centre

Secretary: Fiona Dunsmuir | **Email:** info.forrescc@gmail.com

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

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome, and apologies: Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received were recorded.	SF
2.	Public Session Findhorn Bridge at Broom of Moy – Becky, Lesley and James came to advise that the original bridge needs repair. They have done a FOI request to find out who owns the Bridge before they get into too much. The original part of the Bridge was installed for the Royal Engineers Corp. An extension to the bridge was added when the flood alleviation works were carried out. Their next steps all rely on the outcome of the FOI request. A query is why during the flood alleviation was the bridge not updated in full. <u>New Forres Academy Progress Report</u> – Unfortunately representative did not attend.	FD
3.	<u>Community Safety Report</u>	

	We received the Safety Road, and it was brought up that it is not the best and the Officer named on the report is based in Aberdeen. It has been requested that Donna Jameson who is the Community warden attend our next month's meeting.	KS
4.	Ratification of Minutes on 18th of June 2026. The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Derek Hallas Seconded: John Innes	
5.	Matters arising/updates <u>Forres Academy/Veterans Cottages</u> – SF advised last month's meeting was tough to hear for some members, from other meetings that have been held with residents, Moray Council as well as other organisations, the residents have had reassurances of the work that will be done and they have a direct point of contact within the Council. CM mentioned that mitigations were not in place before their meeting, but they have had reassurances made. <u>FCC Drop-in</u> - The first intended session did not go ahead.	SF DH
6.	Planning/Licences There were no plans that required any attention.	KS
7.	Correspondence SF advised that FACT and FAF are preparing consultations to update their Spirit of the Community book. SF advised that we received an email from someone who is looking for a temporary space to display her artwork.	SF/FD
8.	Treasurers Report CM advised that the current balance in the bank is £5,017.17 and we are awaiting our Admin Grant. SF asked how much of the funds were ring-fenced for Resilience, as we and others would need to know what resilience is, especially after the wildfire that was in the Nethy6 Bridge Area.	CM/SF
9.	<u>Community Councillors Conflict of Interest</u> – Derek Hallas Derek advised about a conflict of interest and he stated that if we are voting on any issue, it should be made known to others. It was suggested that it should be added to the agenda to be followed at the start of the meeting. Moray Councillors suggested to contact our CCLO.	DH
10.	<u>Falconer Moseman – FCC Involvement</u> – Christina MacFarquhar CM advised that of the Trustee on their Board. There is no one representing FCC.	CM

	CM advised she is thinking about joining the Board but wondered if anyone else would be interested in joining. SF asked if would get an update on what is happening with the opening of the museum.	
11.	<u>Community Councillors Top 3 Topics</u> – Christina MacFarquhar CM advised what she was meaning about out top 3 topics that we as councillors are interested in looking into. KS advised that it would be good if the recycling Centre would be good for it to be up at the land next to where Moray Waste Busters is now located.	CM
12	Moray councillor reports Cllr Kathleen Robertson – Kathleen has been very busy and the first couple of weeks was with discussions with NHS. She had to meet with a vast variety of Stakeholders. One meeting was with all other councils and the Scottish deputy leader. Cllr Scott Lawrence – Scott advised that July had a few things to do and as of out meeting he had attended 13 meetings. He advised that a community safety report and that with the numbers of community wardens has brought down the number of violence etc and anti-social behaviour are showing a downward trend. The community planning board has several organisations attend and it covers a variety of subjects on how to improve employment, the environment, how to upcycle training and skills. Cllr Paul McBain – Paul advised they were just back, but he has attended an environment meeting, the fire service are closing 6 stations, one is Nethy Bridge. Cllr Draeyk Van Der Horn - Draeyk has been contacted about the abundance of hog weed and how it is being disposed of. He was invited up to the Glasgow School of Art at the Altyre Estate.	
13	Forthcoming Events NEOS is coming to town so there will be visitors going around. Findhorn Bay Arts is going to be on between our meetings.	ALL
14.	AOCB Sport and Leisure meeting is on the 26/10 @ 7pm. Town Hall is looking for more people to use the facility. There are positives and money saving exercise for the Town Hall. Moray Waste Busters and the Recycling Centre are not accepting any wood.	ALL

15.	Date of next meeting: All members of the public are welcome to join the next Forres Community Council meeting that is on Thursday 17th September 2026. It is going to be in The Green Room, Forres House Community Centre, High Street, Forres.	
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