

Forres Community Council

Thursday 16th of April 2026 at 7.00 pm, Green Room, Forres House Community Centre

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

Attendees – FCC		Attendees – Other
CC Kev Skivington (KSk)	Vice Chair	Cllr Paul McBain (PM)
CC Michael Walker (MW)		Cllr Kathleen Robertson (KR)
CC Christina MacFarquhar (CM)	Treasurer	
CC Travis Bremner (TB)		
CC Imogen Symon (IS)		
CC Gary Gunn (GG)		Garry McCartney (GMC) (Press)
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		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
		Ann Rossiter
Apologies		
CC Fiona Dunsmuir		
Cllr Draeyk Van Der Horn (DH)		
Cllr Scott Lawrence (SL)		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome, and apologies: Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received were recorded.	
2.	Matters arising There were no matters arising.	
3.	Ratification of Minutes 19th of March 2026. The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Michael Walker Seconded: John Innes	
4.	Planning/Licences There were no planning issues that needed any action on.	
5.	Police Safety Report	

	Steve read out the areas of the report that concerned Forres, the following were noted – No robberies, there were several ASBs, a fire at Summer House, which is in the grounds of the former Leancoil Hospital. serious assaults, and seven drivers arrested, and a rider referred for remedial course.	SF
6.	Action Plans <u>Forres Culture and Heritage Scheme</u> – there is no updates. <u>Forres Sport and Leisure</u> – No updates received. <u>Local Place Plan</u> – Updates received from GG and TB, grow fund for Ray's Restrooms – flyer was handed out to all. FACT and Moray Council are seeking people to come forward as there is an interim chair in place now. <u>Spirit of the Community</u> – update was given. <u>Resilience</u> – Date to be confirmed when all equipment can be tried and tested. Website – Imogen has made progress with two separate pages; she noted that some personal profiles are still to be received. Imogen is seeking advice on what can be put on page 2, discussions and ideas took place. <u>Flyers</u> – no update was given. <u>PR products</u> – no updates given.	
7.	Correspondence Community Safety Report was the only notable correspondence received.	SF/FD
8.	Treasurers Report Christina confirmed that the current bank balance was £4987.42. CM advised that we have received the first instalment of this year's admin grant (£636.13). CM confirmed that the backlog of expenses will be paid out, she recommended that FCC members think about what priorities should be covered by the admin grant, as well as agreeing on a budget for the year. Expenses policy – CM provided a list from the Community Council Handbook 2025-2029, section 1.10 detailing the items covered by the Admin Grant received from Moray Council. All members in attendance agreed to look at the list in the period between Community Council meetings to establish clarity on what, when and where funds can be spent.	CM ALL
9.	Moray councillor reports Cllr Robertson – KR confirmed not much was happening. Cllr Paul McBain – PM mentioned the surveys and public feedback on Moray Engage on Mora Council website on the low levels of responses. All future feedback through this source. In 18 months', time, feedback on Engage will become permanent. DH mentioned the speed signs erected without full explanation as to why and where. Negative feedback. DH also bought up about 'boy racer' in front of him coming to the meeting and ignored speed limits. No speed cameras anywhere to	KR PM

	enforce. Others explained how the speed limits have been designed, how they function, and the feedback process.	
10.	Forthcoming Events Saturday 5 th September – Door Open Day Friday Evening – inaugurate Concert at St Laurence Church with the Kinloss Military Wives Choir.	
11.	AOCB Gary advised further progress on Community Energy Scotland – Community Renewable Project ALL agreed to exploring this more as shared energy scheme. More to follow and presentation at next FCC meeting.	
12.	Date of next meeting: The date of our next Forres Community Council meeting is on Thursday 21 st of May 2026. It is going to be in The Green Room, Forres House Community Centre, High Street, Forres. All are welcome to attend.	