

Forres Community Council

Thursday 18 June 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 Michael Walker (MW())		
CC Derek Hallas (DH)		Garry McCartney (GMC) (Press)
CC Christina MacFarghaur (CM)	Treasurer	
CC Travis Bremner (TB)		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Imogen Symon (IS)		Henrietta Peterkin-Grant
CC Gary Gunn (GG)		
Apologies		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome, and apologies: Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received were recorded. Steve mentioned that he wanted to offer his and the rest of the community Councils condolences to the family of Rev. Donald Prentice who passed away at the weekend. He worked in various parishes and served with the armed forces. Steve then went on to introduce Karen Greaves (BEM) who is the CEO of MORAY Council. Karen told us a bit about herself.	SF
2.	Public Session <u>Grant Park</u> – Kevin advised, that on the 20th May, a meeting was held for the Users of Grant Park, where it was outlined by Alan James for Forres Events Limited what they were proposing to do with the funds that remained from their previous events. It is proposed to set up a charitable trust to have a central point of contact for events and for people to contact. KR advised that the Council want to be able to work easily <u>with each other</u>. <u>Forres Cultural & Heritage Scheme</u> – Gary advised the Conservation Scheme there is a couple of streams on the go and one is the shop fronts on the high street. A planning application for some of the architectural work is currently progressing through the application process. GG also mentioned that a photographic exhibition is going to be held later in the summer showing the town through the years.	KS GG

	<u>Roysvale/Applegrove Concerns Group</u> - Christina gave a thank you to YF and Si for attending. Yvonne read out a statement Stating they have not heard back from the Council about the impact the building of the school behind the veterans' cottages, she motioned that mitigations could help reduce the noise the veterans could hear causing PTSD returning. YF said they have quite a few meetings and it has become obvious that the mitigations would not be carried out. SF asked YF what was it that she would like Forres Community Council to do? As he personally has served for 46 yrs in both regulars and reservists, so can appreciate the support needs. YF advised she would like all those present to listen, respect, support. KG responded to Yvonne advising she will get a full response from the Council. Si gave a statement about some of his health issues after some of the war zones where he served. <u>FCC Website</u> – Imogen has advised that the website is all completely done but there is an issue with URL, but she is working on it.	CM
3.	Ratification of Minutes on 21st of May 2026. The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Michael Walker Seconded: John Innes	
4.	Matters arising Continuation of the Community District Heating that was presented by Gill Bird and Stephen Killy. Email of thanks sent it and awaiting follow up to the next stage in the process. Forres/Mount Dora Twinning group representatives were seen by Steve in the Mosset Tavern playing pool. Derek queried if everyone is happy with the Community Drop in which he would like to hold them in K's café. It was agreed to a trial of the summer recess but hold them in the Community Centre. FCC Business Cards – FD asked everyone if they were happy with the mock up for the business cards, everyone agreed with the card design.	
4.	Planning/Licences There were no plans that required any attention.	
5.	FCC Topics	

6.	Correspondence There was no correspondence to be dealt with.	SF/FD
7.	Treasurers Report The Treasurer reported that £9.00 in bank fees, £47.00 on the Information Officers fees for our data protection. Our next annual statement of account is due in September. CM asked if we were happy to use the same Roger Lander, retired accountant to be our independent examiner. It was Proposed by Michael Walker And seconded by Derek Hallas	CM
8.	Moray councillor reports Cllr Robertson – Helped hand out awards to Health and Social Care staff as well as long service awards. In Sanquhar there are two bridges one is owned by the Council, which is currently being repaired, the other bridge is owned by the Sanquhar Group as has been boarded up. KR also mentioned that when attending FAF group it was mentioned that FACT maybe in a serious condition. Cllr Paul McBain – Mentioned that there have been a lot of people adhering to the 20 MPH. PM was invited to speak to 4 th year pupils to talk about his role as a Councillor. He mentioned that it was discussed at Committee that the Falconer Museum is reopening soon and Leancoil got the go ahead to start their redevelopment. Cllr Draeyk Van Der Horn - Mentioned that residents had raised about use of spraying illegal sprays in public areas. The other issue was the use of EV charging and people using the chargers and have the cable laying across pavements.	
9.	Forthcoming Events 19/06/202+ - he Princess Bride, Film Forres, Forres Town Hall 25/06/2026 – Extraordinary General Meeting, North Room, Forres Town Hall, 5.30pm 26/06/2026 - Slay resents Queens on the Dancefloor, Forres Town Hall 04/07/2026 – Forres Highland Games, Grant Park 11/07/2026 - Vintage Explosion, Forres Town Hall 18/07/2026 - FACT Hoolie in the Hall, Forres Town Hall 29/07/2026 - Jonny Lee Memphis is Elvis, Forres Town Hall 05/09/2026 - Over 30s Club Night, Forres Town Hall	

	20/09/2026 – Peace Concert being held in St Lawrence Church	
10.	AOCB Christina mentioned that she has been told that there was no FCC representative on the Falconer Museum SCIO. Derek advised that he has submitted that there is a conflict of interest and there is due to be responded to on Friday . Steve read out parts of the Terms of Reference for the Forres Academy Community Information Group. These meetings will be Attended by Fiona Dunsmuir and Christina MacFarquhar for the Community Council. Film Forres do not have any screenings for the 18+ and there were 150 people attended.	ALL
11.	Date of next meeting: All members of the public are welcome to join the next Forres Community Council meeting that is on Thursday 20th August 2026. It is going to be in The Green Room, Forres House Community Centre, High Street, Forres.	