



## The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

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### Meeting of the Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres held in the Tolbooth, Forres, on Thursday 17th December 2015

**Chair: S. Noble**

**1. Attendees:** E. Hayward, G. Murdoch, J. Guthrie, S. Rodger, H. Shaw

**Also Present :** Cllrs G. Alexander and L. Creswell, S. MacIennan (Minute Taker), Garry McCartney (Forres Gazette). & 1 Member of the Public (M.O.T.P.)

**Dyke Landward CC** members were welcomed by S. Noble: Carol Shaw, David Shaw and Alistair Sutherland.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence came from G. Hilditch, M. Walker, S. Ferris; Cllrs A. Skene and A. McLean and Police Scotland.

*(FCC – Forres Community Council : TMC - The Moray Council FAF – Forres Area Forum)*

**Resignation:** S. Noble read out a letter from J. Duncan who has decided to resign from FCC for health reasons. He wishes the council all success in the future. E. Hayward will send a card and a gift from FCC.

Topic	Discussion	Action		
2.	<p><b>Police Scotland Update:</b> J. Guthrie read the report. <b>Anti Social - Behaviour:</b> Two 12 year old boys were threatened with a knife by a 17 year old male who was charged and out to court where he was granted bail. Male,16, charged with using threatening and abusive language on High Street. He was reported to the Youth Justice Management Unit. Male,21, given a Fixed Penalty Notice for shouting, swearing and behaving in a disorderly manner on High Street. Male,25, given a Fixed Penalty Notice for conducting himself in a disorderly manner in licensed premises. Male,16,charged with using threatening and abusive behaviour towards Police and resisting arrest. A report has been submitted to the Youth Justice Management Unit. <b>Theft:</b> Male, 26, put to court and remanded in custody following theft of prescription medication and housebreaking. Male,16, charged with theft by shoplifting at a local supermarket. He was found to be in possession of a personal quantity on cannabis. A report will be sent to the Youth Justice Unit. <b>Local Priorities:</b> The division will be carrying out high visibility as well as pro-active patrols in hotspot areas tackling violent disorder and anti – social behaviour. To date a low number of incidents have been reported.</p> <p><b>Beat Doorstep Crime Initiative:</b> Leaflet drops and posters are being displayed offering advice. It is important that awareness is there and any such activity reported to Police.</p>			
3.	<b>Public Session:</b> No items raised.			
4.	<p><b>Ratification of Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b></p> <p>The Minutes were proposed by E. Hayward, seconded by C. Rodger and ratified by the Chair, S. Noble.</p>			
5.	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>Playpark Equipment:</b> E. Hayward reported that work will commence</td> </tr> </table>		<b>Playpark Equipment:</b> E. Hayward reported that work will commence	
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	<p>as soon as possible. She had received requests from residents about provision in other play areas. S. Noble suggested that the 20/ 20 Planning for Real exercise will provide an opportunity for ideas to be brought forward.</p>	
	<p><b>Lochyhill Water Issues:</b> E. Hayward has not had a response from Joanna Peebles. She will contact a more senior member of staff if there is still no response. G. Murdoch reported the concerns of landowners about the overflow from the SUDS pond which may flood in to the ditch. It is queried why the water is not fed in to the Forbeshill double system. Recently a spate had broken through the bank at Anton's Pool. E. Hayward asked if Moray Cllrs could raise the issue. Cllr Alexander replied that he has been given an assurance that there will not be a problem. G. Murdoch asked what will happen if there is a problem in years ahead when the contractor is no longer responsible for the site and landowners may incur costs.</p>	EH
	<p><b>Cobbles behind Co-op Disabled Parking:</b> Some of the cobbles have been removed by TMC and further work has to be done.</p>	
	<p><b>Traffic Issues:</b> E. Hayward reported that the proposals about HGV traffic will not be possible. Drivers are still going down the wrong way in Caroline Street. There has been no progress with setting up a traffic survey in Fleurs.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Moray Councillors' Reports:</b>  <b>Cllr Alexander</b> has had a meeting with Police Scotland Inspector McCrudden. A present focus is on complaints about <b>poor driving</b> and a yellow car in particular. An appointment has been made for the post of <b>Head of Schools and Curriculum Development</b>. <b>Syrian Refugees:</b> Forres has been designated as the Moray location for four families from Syria. The families have been in camps in Syria and proper procedures have been undertaken for their move to the UK. S. Noble asked what FCC can do to help. Cllr Alexander said that the Refugee Council and TMC are co-ordinating support from the appropriate agencies. It is suggested that time is needed to allow the families to settle. <b>Tolbooth Flagpole:</b> The pole has been taken down meantime. The wires had become stretched and it will be replaced as soon as possible.  <b>Cllr Creswell: Community Planning Issues:</b> The meeting in Forres had been well attended. <b>Health and Social Care:</b> The plans are now available for consultation. The next stage will be to form Locality Groups. Cllr Creswell has attended meetings of <b>The Health Alliance; Drug and Alcohol Forum; The Disability Forum; Forres Golf Course; Domestic Violence and the Rafford A96 pressure group</b>. A public meeting is to be held about the <b>shooting of geese</b> at Findhorn Bay. Although some residents are calling for a ban there is no legislation to enable this at present. A petition may be sent to TMC. TMC budget: The position for 2016 is worse than expected and will become clearer following the council meeting next week. <b>Forres Area Forum</b> is organising a meeting of local groups to share information about roles and responsibilities with a view to avoid duplication on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January in The Tolbooth from 2pm to 4pm.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Planning Issues: None</b></p>	
8.	<p><b>Chair's Report:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Vacancies:</b> There are three vacancies at present.</li> <li><b>Contact Sheets:</b> There are still some sheets to be handed in.</li> <li><b>20/20 Vision:</b> The maps will be finished in January.</li> <li>The <b>Chair thanked S. Ferris</b> for chairing meetings in his absence.</li> </ol>	

	He is now back to full fitness.	
9.	<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b></p> <p>a) Rob Grant will attend the February meeting to give information about R3 housing plans. He has asked for feedback and any questions or concerns should be passed to the Secretary.</p> <p>b) Jane Martin the new Community Council Support will attend the January meeting.</p> <p>c) Kresanna Aiger, Findhorn Bay Arts will attend the March meeting</p> <p>d) Fiona MacPherson will give a Health presentation in April.</p> <p>e) Trees: Some trees have been cut to improve visibility at Nelson Tower. It will make a big difference for visitors.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>EH/SN</p> <p>EH/SN</p> <p>EH/SN</p>
10.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <p>a) The present balance is £1466.36. £25.00 has been paid for the Friends of the Falconer Museum subscription and £70.00 for hospitality. C. Rodger will source an Invoice from the Hub for admin.charges.</p> <p>b) S. Noble and C. Rodger will attend a presentation at Holyrood in January about the Community Empowerment Bill.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>SN/CR</p>
11.	<p><b>Group and Representatives' Reports:</b></p> <p>a) <b>H. Shaw:</b> Forres Heritage Trust will be involved in The Spirit of Speyside event in May 2016. Their contribution will be Tunes, Tales and Tipples: music, talks and whisky on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. She asked FCC to nominate the Trust for the Civic Trust Awards.</p> <p>b) <b>J. Guthrie:</b> Not much happening at the moment but keeping in touch. The exchange students who visited Mount Dora had a most enjoyable time.</p> <p>c) <b>G. Murdoch:</b> Forres Business Association organised a dinner. The group continues to strengthen.</p> <p>d) <b>C. Rodger:</b> Transition Town Forres has a new Board of four Trustees. There are 2 pods available in the Community Garden.</p>	<p>EH/SN</p>
	<p><b>Any other Competent Business:</b></p> <p>a) Christmas Lights: Cllr Alexander reported that the issue has been resolved. E. Hayward reminded members that the issue is not within the remit of FCC.</p> <p>b) H Shaw asked if is possible to have lanes marked at the <b>Victoria roundabout</b> having witnessed a near collision. E.Hayward will write to Kevin Price. S. Noble suggested that the issue be raised at the 20 / 20 PFR consultations.</p> <p>c) Cllr Creswell informed the meeting that a Family Support Worker, Dawn Alderson, has been appointed by the Church of Scotland and she will be based at St Leonard's Church.</p> <p>d) Concerns were raised about road safety: Poor visibility at Waterford and A96 at LIDL. Pedestrians are difficult for drivers to see on dark days and in bad weather. E. Hayward will contact Kevin Price.</p>	<p>EH</p> <p>EH</p>
13.	<p><b>Forthcoming Events:</b></p> <p>e) FACT Coffee Morning: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January Forres Town Hall.</p> <p>a) Forres Pipe Band Coffee Morning 19<sup>th</sup> December, Forres Town Hall.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Date of next Meeting:</b> Thursday January 21st 2016 in The Tolbooth at 7.15pm.</p>	

Meeting ended: 8.45 pm