



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 15th September 2016

Chair: S. Noble

Attendees: E. Hayward, G. Murdoch, J. Guthrie, H. Shaw (Minute Keeper), K Hardie, C Rodger, K Shand, S Moat

Also Present : Cllr L. Creswell, Cllr G. Alexander, G McCartney (Forres Gazette);
Members of the Public (M.O.T.P.) – 4

Apologies: M. Walker, G. Hilditch, S Fraser, Cllr A. McLean, Cllr Skene,
(FCC – Forres Community Council : TMC - The Moray Council FAF – Forres Area Forum

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	Chair S Noble opened the meeting and apologies were noted. He welcomed the two newly co-opted members Cllr Shaun Moat and Cllr Kenny Shand.	
2.	Police Scotland Update: There was no Police presence or report submitted	
3.	<p>Public Session:</p> <p>I. The Chair welcomed Sandra MacLennan of Forres in Bloom. Mrs MacLennan proudly showed the trophy and certificates won by Forres in the “Keep Scotland Beautiful” awards. The town scooped a gold medal and was also named the overall winner in the “Medium Town Category. The committee applauded the group’s achievements.</p> <p>II. Joe Pirnie and Adrian Hutchins spoke to the meeting about their wish to employ a Community Warden in Forres. In addition to vandalism there was a continuous problem with litter and the two thought that having a Community Warden could go some way to eradicate the problem. The current Community Warden covers a large area in Moray and cannot dedicate time to one area alone. It was recognised that such a position would need to work alongside the Police and that there could be difficulties given the current situation with Police Scotland. There would also need to be an employer in place. The meeting wished the two well in their efforts but could not support the proposed scheme in its current format. It was agreed that Eleanor would write a letter to Community Wardens asking for a more visible presence in Forres</p> <p>III. David Sim, President, Forres Rotary Club gave an insight into the work of Rotary Clubs. The ethos of Rotary clubs and members was to serve the local community by extending the hand of friendship and by pooling resources, skills and talents for the benefit of the community. There are currently around 40 members who get involved with the more well - known activities of the Rotary Club - The bonfire night, Santa’s sleigh at Christmas and the Children in Need quiz. They coordinated responses to disasters and work with Shelter to deliver much needed boxes to affected areas. He spoke also of other areas where the Rotary</p>	EH

	are involved and new initiatives that they are currently working on like the promotion of a newsletter. To find out further information Google Rotary and click on newsletter. The Rotary group are looking to do more partnership working in the future and welcomed the opportunity to talk to the meeting. The Chair thanked Mr Sim for his interesting and comprehensive insight into the work of the Rotary Club.	
4.	<p>Ratification of Minutes of 18th August</p> <p>I. The minutes for the meeting had come in very late for which S Fraser had apologised. The Chair said that ideally there would be a timescale for the minutes to be produced and he reiterated that timescale. S Fraser had indicated that she would have difficulty finding time to do minutes until after October meeting. Chair to enquire S Fraser's availability for minute taking or to find another minute taker until her return.</p> <p>II. Minute of July meeting proposed by H Shaw and seconded by E Hayward. Ratified by S Noble</p> <p>III. K Hardie has agreed to update notice boards</p> <p>IV. K Shand made the point that wheelchair users found that some of the notice boards were too high. K Hardie will look at how they can be lowered</p>	<p>SN</p> <p>KH</p> <p>KH</p>
5.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>I. Police Report Letter: This issue is to be discussed at a Joint Community Council meeting on 13th October where several police officers will be in attendance. S Noble, E Hayward and K Hardie will attend – others may join this group. Anyone with questions they would like asked to please communicate with E Hayward prior to the meeting</p> <p>II. Tytlar Street: The developers had agreed to keep the façade of the existing building. Work is expected to start this month</p> <p>III. Town Hall Wifi: S Fraser still gathering information</p> <p>IV. Name Cards: In progress</p> <p>V. Contact with schools: Carried forward to next meeting</p> <p>VI. Common Good issues: Agreed that E Hayward invites an administrator (D Brands or Margaret Wilson) to an EGM. Chair was of opinion that this was to be an educational meeting for the Cllrs. This same issue was in the files of 10 years ago in the Gazette. Cllrs will forward any questions that they (or members of the public may have) regarding the governance and administration of the fund and these will be collated by the Secretary and forwarded to the appropriate official at Moray Council. The Trustees will also be invited to the meeting.</p> <p>VII. Castlehill Church: S Fraser had notified the meeting by letter that the prospective purchaser of the building had not been able to raise the finance. She has again been in contact with the vendor and will keep us updated</p> <p>VIII. Ophthalmology Dept Dr Grays Hospital: Carried forward to next meeting as G Hilditch not present</p> <p>IX. FCC Publicity Event: Postponed til next year,</p> <p>X. Moray Transport Seminar: S Fraser had attended this and spoke of new initiatives like the new bus route between Forres and Dufftown; a Highlands and Islands patient travel scheme; support for communities who wanted their own travel schemes. There are other exciting initiatives coming soon</p> <p>XI. Audited Accounts: H Shaw asked Cllrs to submit expenses for next</p>	<p>SN</p> <p>KH</p> <p>EH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>SF</p> <p>SN</p> <p>SN</p> <p>EH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>SF</p> <p>GH</p> <p>HS</p>

	meeting. She will prepare accounts for audit	
6.	<p>Moray Councillors' Reports:</p> <p>Cllr L Creswell:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Armistice Day in Forres only will be on 6th November due to an Army event on the 13th. This date applies to Forres only and not the rest of Moray II. NHS taking over the Joint Integration Board III. She is to attend a WASPIE meeting (women against state pension inequalities) IV. She will attending the Patients' Participation group with D Heron of FACT V. Councillors Corner in Gazette is no longer in existence <p>Cllr Alexander:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Contrary to public knowledge, people do have the right to destroy herring gulls' eggs. They need to notify SNH how many destroyed at end of year II. He will be present at a gathering of stakeholders at an Economic Development and Infrastructure meeting to agree bye laws with regard to wildfowling in area III. He attended three large Council meetings recently and remarked on the level of reading presented to each Councillor, often at short notice, prior to each meeting. Elections are in May for anyone considering a role as a Moray Councillor IV. The Tolbooth will be lit up throughout Findhorn Bay Arts Week <p>- The Forres Councillors may consider surgeries again in the absence of a Councillor's Corner in the Gazette</p>	
7.	<p>Chair's Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The Chair remarked that there had been a good turnout (390 people so far) at the 20/20 Vision project with a broad range of ideas being suggested. More consultation days are planned. II. There was a recent interest in a CAT (Community Asset Transfer). Explanation of CAT to be discussed at October meeting 	SN / EH
8.	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Moray Council were currently undergoing a budget consultation and pleased with the responses on Facebook II. Cassiford flooding concerns were to be addressed at a meeting with the Flood Team next month III. The Hanover Court complex is a state of the art building. Robin Paterson leads a multi-disciplinary Health and Social work team and would be happy to talk to Community Council at a future meeting. 	GM EH
9.	<p>Treasurer's Report: £1677.82 in bank account with £307.48 in Credit Union account. H Shaw urged people to come forward with expenses prior to accounts being audited</p>	
10.	<p>Co-options and Representatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. G Hilditch was elected as our new sport representative II. K Shand elected as representative for Health, Veterans and Disability. III. Shaun Moat elected as Education Rep inc. Twinning Links. 	

11.	FCC Promotion and Publicity Event: Cancelled	
12.	Group and Representatives' Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E Hayward: Nothing for planning; To keep St Catherine's Road junction on agenda; Dial M for Moray introducing new service - S Moat: spoke of the new Moray Sports Hub that still has some way to go to raise the £9m needed. £1.7m already raised. - G Murdoch; very impressed by a speaker at a meeting held in Museum and the efforts of the community to regenerate their area. Ticket sales are going well for "Colours of Cluny". - K Hardie: will attend a litter summit with Joe and Adrian - J Guthrie: Had attended two presentations by Network Rail. He appreciated B – Nutall for their community contributions; Enable Scotland are holding 'Moray Cuppa' events; Attended two church events 	<p style="text-align: right;">EH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">KH</p>
13.	Forthcoming events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Findhorn Bay Arts Week – 21 – 26 September II. Soccer Sevens will be at Mosset Park on 25th September 	
14.	Any other Competent Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. G Murdoch asked who was responsible for the overgrown hedge at TTF Keir Hardie will enquire. II. Concern as to whether there will be a safe road access and footpath in place for the new Forres Railway Station. EH to write to David Stewart to broker a meeting with Network Rail, Bear Scotland. Copy to D Ross III. Bins at Sueno's Stone? 	<p style="text-align: right;">KH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EH</p>
15.	Date of next Meeting: Thursday 20 th October 2016	

Meeting ended: 9.35pm