



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 August 2017, 19:15

Chair: G. Hilditch

Attendees: E. Hayward, J. Guthrie, S. Fraser (minutes), M. Walker, G. Murdoch

Also Present: Cllr L. Creswell, Cllr, C. Feaver, MSP R. Lochhead, G. McCartney (Forres Gazette) 1 member of the public

Apologies: K. Shand, C. Rodger, Cllr G. Alexander, Cllr A. McLean

FCC - Forres Community Council JCC – Joint Community Council MC - Moray Council FAF - Forres Area Forum

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1.	Welcome: G. Hilditch opened the meeting, welcoming those present and MSP R. Lochhead.																									
2.	<p>Police & Community Warden Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E. Hayward had invited a Police representative to the meeting, no response was received. - During the reporting period for the August 2017 Moray Community Safety Partnership Report, 32 incidents were investigated by the Community Warden in the Forres area (including Alves and Upper Speyside) as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="140 887 1374 1003"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="8">Community Safety Report – Breakdown of Reported Incidents</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Abandoned Vehicles</th> <th>Dog Fouling</th> <th>Fly Tipping/Litter</th> <th>Neighbours</th> <th>Noise</th> <th>Other</th> <th>Rowdy Behaviour</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>11</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>32</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Warden David Haytack noted in the Community Safety Report that abandoned vehicles continue to be a problem in the area with 5 reported incidents in Forres. A £200 fixed penalty fine was issued in relation to fly-tipping on the outskirts of Forres. Reports of noise disturbing neighbours were prevalent this month and Mr Haytack advised neighbours take reasonable precautions to ensure noise is kept to a minimum. - Policing Team Report noted Police presence at summer events with no major incidents reported. Police continue to mount patrols aimed at improving road safety and reducing road crime and detected a number of crimes during the month. A number of instances of vandalism and shoplifting were recently dealt with. 2 incidents of distraction type fraud were detected as was the passing of counterfeit currency. A skimming device was found on an ATM in Forres, the offenders were apprehended in Inverness. Police continue to use stop and search powers to deter and disrupt drug use. <p>Garry McCartney expressed his dissatisfaction with the Police & Community Warden report, feeling that it now only provided an overview of activity and didn't give details of incidents. J. Guthrie responded to the comments stating that FCC was not happy with the changes made to the report but was content in receiving some information rather than nothing. E. Hayward continued, commenting that she had raised concerns about the report content at the JCC meeting and reported that other Community Councils felt the same. A general feeling of disappointment was expressed from FCC at the lack of presence at meetings from the Community Warden and Police. G. Murdoch felt that Police time was better spent fighting crime and suggested that a FCC representative met with the Police once a month instead of expecting an Officer to come to a meeting. This idea was supported by FCC members and G. Hilditch will contact Chief Inspector Grant McCutcheon to progress this possibility.</p>	Community Safety Report – Breakdown of Reported Incidents								Abandoned Vehicles	Dog Fouling	Fly Tipping/Litter	Neighbours	Noise	Other	Rowdy Behaviour	Total	10	2	3	3	11	1	2	32	G. Hilditch
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3.	Public Session: No business was discussed.																									
4.	Ratification of Minutes: Following circulation of the July minute, a few typo errors were corrected. The minute from the FCC meeting held on Thursday 20 th July was proposed by E. Hayward, seconded by M. Walker, and ratified by Chair G. Hilditch.																									

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Matters Arising

a. Remembrance Day: Concerns from members of the public had been raised about the Forres Remembrance Service date being scheduled for Sunday November 5th, a week ahead of national services. Following these concerns, E. Hayward wrote to the President of the Royal British Legion for Scotland, Lieutenant General Sir Alistair Irwin. Mr Irwin recognised that national services usually take place on the same day throughout the country and that local circumstances may mean an alternative day is selected which is acceptable if held as close to the national remembrance day as possible. Mr Irwin noted that it is for the local Royal British Legion Branch to judge which is the best day to hold remembrance on and confirmed with Eric Duguid, President of the Forres Branch, that an earlier parade, wreath laying ceremony and church service would take in place to ensure, amongst other matters, a significant turnout and support from the 39 Engineer Regiment from Kinloss. In addition to this, Mr Irwin noted that the Forres Royal British Legion Branch will also hold a wreath laying ceremony at the Forres War Memorial on Saturday 11th November and hold a Remembrance Service in St Leonard's Church on Sunday 12th November, totalling three events to be held in Forres. The letter from Mr Irwin confirmed that in the 2018, Remembrance Day in Forres would be observed on Sunday 11th November. G. Hilditch also met with Eric Duguid to discuss this matter and was suitably informed and satisfied with the reasoning behind the decision to hold this year's event on November 5th and the assurance given over the date of the 2018 event.

b. Elections Update: E. Hayward informed the meeting that a press release will be circulated for local newspapers promoting the upcoming elections. A stand at Tesco entrance to encourage nominations has been arranged for Saturday 19th and Wednesday 23rd August 10:30 – 2:30pm. G. Hilditch noted that S. Fraser and J. Guthrie would not be standing in the forthcoming FCC election.

c. A96 Report: The assessment of the A96 crossing to Forres Rail Station was recently completed by Transport Scotland and the results indicated that the current provision was appropriate; therefore no new pedestrian crossing provision would be put in place. FCC did not agree with this assessment and felt that the lack of pedestrian crossing provision would endanger pedestrians. Through conversation it felt that a speed restriction and/or traffic lights would help reduce the risks to pedestrians. MSP R. Lochhead offered to look into this issue on behalf of FCC. E. Hayward will forward correspondence to Mr Lochhead for his action.

d. Dental Practice at Ferryhill: G. Hilditch questioned the benefit to Moray Council from the dental practice at Ferryhill given the developer receives a rental income for the building. Cllr L. Creswell confirmed that the practice lay within the NHS remit, not Moray Council. MSP R. Lochhead explained the background of the dental practice and its purpose to help cut NHS dental waiting lists which it has done so successfully and confirmed that the practice rent the building from the developer. G. Hilditch praised the success of the practice though questioned what the contribution to the community was given a financial return was being received by the developer.

e. Health & Social Care Follow-Up Meeting: G. Hilditch provided an update about the recent Health & Social Care meeting. At the meeting, a presentation about Varis Court was given and group feedback was sought. The topic about Leancoil was also raised at the meeting and G. Hilditch reported a strong undercurrent from the public wanting to keep Leancoil as a care facility. The possibility of a Community Asset Transfer of Leancoil was not ruled out and it is hoped that a future visit to the hospital will take place. G. Hilditch informed the meeting of a new policy being put in place at Forres Health Centre to train reception staff to become the first point of contact to signpost patients to other services in a bid to help ease the pressure on GPs. E. Hayward felt that the meetings should be held in Forres Town Hall to help attract more attendees.

Other: MSP R. Lochhead updated the meeting about the current challenge to attract GPs to

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	<p>Moray. He told the meeting about the Caledonia Programme which has successfully attracted GPs to Inverness and the Moray Firth area but not to Moray. It is hoped that a special rural training centre can be established in Moray to provide training and incentives to attract professionals to the area. This will be combined with a home grown approach to encourage school leavers in Moray to study medicine. Cllr C. Feaver emphasised that a rota system of training experience could also benefit the area and asked MSP R. Lochhead to take this matter forward.</p>	
7.	<p>Moray Councillor Reports#</p> <p>Cllr C. Feaver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reported good news as planning for a large scale solar farm was granted in Moray - Emphasised the importance of the Local Development Plan and the role local people have in the planning process - Continues to Chair the Integrated Joint Board and attended the recent Health & Social Care meeting <p>Cllr L. Creswell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As Chair of the Communities Committee, Cllr L. Creswell attends The Hub meetings on Tuesdays - Raised concerns about the full effects of Universal Credit coming into effect in April 2018 and hoped that the Credit Union could work in partnership with Welfare Reform staff to support members of the public - Will visit Applegrove Primary on September 1st for its official opening following refurbishment - Attended briefings working to address the criticisms of Children's Services - Involved in briefings to look at child care facilities at Pilmuir and at the Enterprise Park - Attended a meeting at Edenkillie, where local people are looking to form a new Community Development Trust and expressed disappointment at hearing this news - Involved in the FAWN network and will attend the next meeting on September 20th at Forres Golf Club 	
9.	<p>Chair's Report:</p> <p>Moray Growth Deal: G. Hilditch and G. Murdoch attended the Moray Growth Deal presentation in Elgin. Key points raised from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The process is in the very early stages of looking to find a public/private partnership - A strategic partnership with objectives for achievement across Moray - Visions: Outward facing ambitious community; thriving well connected commercial base; an environment that gives a valued quality of life; make Moray a destination of choice - Long term plan looking at hundreds of millions of pounds of investment - Find out more on www.mymoray.co.uk <p>Hill of Glaschyle Community Benefit Fund: G. Hilditch attended a meeting at Edinkillie Village Hall led by Finnerne Community Council regarding to the Hill of Glaschyle Windfarm developed in partnership between Muirden Energy and Logie Estate. Finnerne Community Councillors Brian Higgs, Chris Piper and Bob Laughton made the presentation which outlined a proposal for the £138k community benefit fund to be used to establish a Development Trust, or equivalent, using up to £125k and for the remaining £13k to be made available as a community benefit fund with applications of up to £1.5k accepted. G. Hilditch felt that the Berry Burn Community Fund could be used to administer this fund which would also incur much lower administration costs.</p>	
10.	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>Steps from Leys Road Car park to Tolbooth Street: E. Hayward received a letter in response from Paul Barron regarding to this matter which confirmed that the steps had been opened ahead of completion to be used during Piping at Forres. Mr Barron confirmed that the handrails put in place for Piping at Forres were a temporary solution and subcontractors</p>	

	<p>would return week commencing August 14th to complete the outstanding work.</p> <p>20mph Speed Limit: E. Hayward contacted Forres Area Community Trust and Forres Area Forum to seek letters of support for Forres to be part of the 20mph speed limit initiative, both organisations will respond in due course. E. Hayward has prepared a statement in application to be considered for the initiative and will forward to Living Streets with letters of support once received. E. Hayward has invited Nicola Moss from the Moray Council Transport Department to attend the September meeting in relation to this matter.</p> <p>Ferrylea Development Feedback: E. Hayward submitted comments to the planning department in relation to this matter including the suggestion made by Cllr A. McLean at a previous meeting to consider having childcare facilities built in the area.</p> <p>Developer Contributions: Comments can be submitted regarding to the developer obligations proposal until 13th October by emailing localdevelopmentplan@moray.gov.uk</p>	E. Hayward
11.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>G. Murdoch updated the meeting that the change of bank signatories is still ongoing. The bank balance is £1,907.27 with almost this entire amount due to be paid out in outstanding bills.</p>	
12.	<p>Community Council Members Reports</p> <p>S. Fraser: In addition to a written report, S. Fraser handed out copies of the second edition of the Forres Area Older Person's Directory and invited those in attendance to a launch event on Wednesday 6th September.</p> <p>M. Walker: M. Walker has received several complaints regarding to seagull nuisance.</p> <p>J. Guthrie: J. Guthrie had received questions from a few members of the public about Town Hall prices in the context of Forres Area Community Trusts proposed community asset transfer proposal; he reassured them it was too early to be considering such matters. Following an article in Forres Gazette J. Guthrie asked for clarity on the position of the European Pipe Band Championships future in Forres. It was confirmed, the organising committee, Forres Events Ltd, have chosen not to bid for a further contract to host the competition.</p> <p>G. Murdoch: Mosset Burn Survey - G. Murdoch informed the meeting that he is waiting to hear back from Bob Laughton of the Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie Fisheries Trust regarding to the Mosset Burn survey. The Angling Association has also agreed to be part of this piece of work. Forres 2020 Vision Planning for Real - This piece of work has been delayed due to Moray Council staff illness and will reconvene shortly.</p>	
13.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>E. Hayward is preparing letters of thanks on behalf of FCC to send to people/departments at Moray Council thanking them for their help over the past few years.</p>	
14.	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>Youth Drop In at Costa Coffee Shop, Friday August 25th 7-9pm</p> <p>Forres Heritage Trust Photo Exhibition at The Tolbooth, Wednesday August 30th to Saturday September 2nd 10-4pm each day</p> <p>Online Family History Workshops, every Wednesday evening in September</p> <p>FACT Directory of Services Launch Event, Wednesday September 6th FACT Office, 2pm</p> <p>Highland Military Tattoo Fort George, 8th to 10th September</p> <p>Moray Council Planning Meeting, Elgin Town Hall Thursday 14th September 7pm</p> <p>Doors Open Day at The Tolbooth & Nelson Tower, Saturday 23rd September 10-4pm</p> <p>Rocket Post at Forres Town Hall, Saturday 30th September 3pm & 6:30pm</p> <p>Remembrance Parade, Church Service and Wreath Laying, Sunday 5th November</p> <p>Wreath Laying Service, Forres War Memorial, Saturday 11th November</p>	
15.	<p>Date of next Meeting: Thursday 21st August, 7:15pm</p>	

Meeting ended: 21:20