



## The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

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**Minutes of the Forres Community Council Meeting held in  
The Tolbooth, Forres on Thursday 17 January 2019 at 7.15 pm**

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><b>Chair</b> Michael Walker  <b>Attendees:</b> CC Lesley Edwards, CC David Parker, CC Graham Murdoch, CC Kenny Shand, CC Alan Tissiman, Cllr George Alexander, JCC Alistair Kennedy, CCLO Jane Martin</p> <p>Two members of the public and representative from the Forres Gazette</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> CC Graham Hilditch, CC Chas Rodger, CC Gordon Thornton, Cllr Aaron Maclean, Cllr Lorna Creswell, Cllr Claire Feaver</p> <p><i>FCC- Forres Community Council; JCC – Joint Community Council; MC - Moray council</i></p>	
2.	<p>The meeting was not digitally recorded due to the recorder being faulty, minutes were noted by CC Lesley Edwards and CC David Parker</p> <p><b>Welcome:</b> The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present</p> <p>The Chair stated that Eleanor Haywards had tendered her resignation in the presences of several members and this had been accepted.  The Community Council recognise and wish to pass on the sincere thanks of members past and present and the broader population of Forres for her huge contribution to civic society over many years.</p> <p>Graham Murdoch introduced Shaun Moat for Co-option to FCC, all members present agreed. Proposed by Graham Murdoch; Seconded by Lesley Edwards</p>	
3.	<p><b>Chair welcomed Sam Sweeney of Bracewell Stirling Architects re Site R2 Knockomie:</b></p> <p>A presentation with showed 4 large slides of the development for the building of 112 properties, mostly bungalows (50%). MW expressed concern about the adequacy of the sewage being able to cope with this large development. SS explained that rain water would be contained.  GM also stated that the sewage system, he believed was at maximum capacity. SS this problem would be addressed by SEPA &amp; Moray Council.  Gary McCartney (FG) mentioned the junction on the Grantown Road and concern about the level of morning traffic.</p>	

	AT brought up the traffic and the issue of the dualling of the A96, most expected it to be the south route, the north route was chosen. SS said all reports submitted by the end of March, following by planning application in 3 months' time,	
4.	<b>Ratification of Minutes:</b> Proposed: Graham Murdoch Seconded: Lesley Edwards	
5.	<b>Police &amp; Warden Report:</b> No Report for this month, JM gave the reasons for it not been produced and there will be a larger report for February.	
6.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Clash Gour – GM mentioned about the memorandum on the behalf of FCC.</li> <li>b. Leancoil Hospital – GM out of 4 companies, stated that 2 companies had expressed interest in doing the feasibility study. Had a meeting with TSI-Moray, Moray Wellbeing Hub, many people &amp; groups interested in the future use of Leancoil Hospital, GM (FG) offered to promote the use in FG, GM said this was for the future.</li> <li>c. Varis Court FCC visit – LE to arrange the visit, those interested AT, DP, KS &amp; LE to attend.</li> </ol>	LE
7.	<b>Public Session:</b> Sandra Maclellan (Forres Area Forum Char) asked about “declaration of interest”. She was informed that if an item was discussed at a meeting, members should disclose an interested and withdraw from the voting process if a vote has to be taken.	
8.	<b>Moray Councillors’ Reports:</b> MC GA said business as usual, more Budget planning meeting, with main meeting on the 23rd January may set the year’s budget with information given out to the public.	
9.	<b>Chair’s Report:</b> He brought up about Dog mess around Forres, KS brought-out about reporting dog mess on the Moray Council website <a href="https://online.moray.gov.uk/form/auto/asb_ext">https://online.moray.gov.uk/form/auto/asb_ext</a> as mentioned by JC, AK said about getting sign’s putting up in problem areas around Forres	
10.	<b>Secretary’s Report :</b> Nil	
11.	<b>Treasurer’s Report:</b> Still waiting for a response from Craig Wilson (Listed Buildings Rep) Moray Council, balance £1,887.63p, cheque for GH to cover the Armistice wreath.	
12.	<b>Forthcoming Events: -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FACT Coffee Morning on Saturday 19th January at Forres Town between 10.00 am – 12.00pm.</li> <li>• FACT Burns Tea Dance on Thursday 24th January at Forres Town between 2.00 pm – 4.00pm</li> <li>• FHT Winter Talk about Bran Seer on Tuesday 30th January at the</li> </ul>	

	Tolbooth at 7.00 pm, you can get tickets from Forres Credit Union during open times.	
13.	<p><b>Group &amp; Representatives Reports:</b> This went around the Table</p> <p>KS informed members that he had been in contact with Grampian Fire and Safety; he was informed that if an emergency occurred there was no registered of disabled residents such as wheelchair users. KS suggested that FCC could assist with the compiling of such a register for Forres and Moray with the assistance of the JCC.</p> <p>During this discussion Eleanor Hayward entered the meeting and intimated that she resigned as Secretary and not as a member. Thereafter members of the public concluded that the meeting was at an end and left, Community Council members that had witnessed Eleanor Haywards resignation were of the opinion the resignation was in fact as a member of the Community Council and concluded that her resignation stood.</p> <p>DP - went to meeting in Elgin College arranged by BBC, with EH for changes to the Over free 75 TV Licence, the website if you want have your say is <a href="https://www.bbc.com/yoursay">https://www.bbc.com/yoursay</a>.</p> <p>LE - mentioned another Forresian being sent to Dufftown Hospital, when the daughter objected because of the distance, a care package was put in place. Daughter thought Residential 24 hour care more appropriate for advanced dementia.</p> <p>AT – mentioned Anti-Social Behaviour Meeting on the 25th January at 2.00 pm in Forres Town Hall, LE will put up extra posters around Forres.</p> <p>GM – In regard to the Mosset Burn Survey, there is a problem with vegetation blockage near Findhorn bay, enquire with JM about Moray Council Insurance policy for FCC, also mentioned about associate member who may be voted on to FCC to give information on Leancoil Hospital.</p> <p>.</p>	
	<p><b>AOCB:</b> A96 – Objections to chosen route can now be submitted.</p> <p>Secretary – GM proposed Shaun Moat as Secretary, Seconded: LE</p>	
14.	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> 21st February 2019	