

## The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2019 AT THE TOLBOOTH, HIGH STREET, FORRES

**Secretary:** Community Councillor Shaun Moat | **Contact:** 07954150311 | **Email:** info@forrescc.co.uk

Attendees		Apologies	
CC Graham Hilditch	Chair	CC Shaun Moat	Secretary
CC Michael Walker	Vice- Chair	Councillor Claire Feaver	Moray Council
CC Graham Murdoch	Treasurer	Councillor Aaron Maclean	Moray Council
CC Lesley Edwards			
CC David Parker			
CC Kenny Shand			
CC Alan Tissiman			
Councillor Lorna Creswell	Moray Council		
Councillor George Alexander	Moray Council		
Garry McCartney	Forres Gazette		
Inspector Keli McPhail	Police Scotland		
Sgt Allan Ross	Police Scotland		
<b>Members of Public</b>	7		

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies:</b> The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised everyone present of the apologies. He advised all present that the minutes are recorded electronically and written and invited anyone with any concerns to address the chair. No one raised any concerns and the meeting continued	
2.	<b>Police Scotland – Forres Station:</b> The Chair introduced Inspector Keli McPhail and Sgt Allan Ross. The Inspector introduced herself and is pleased to be back in Forres. She welcomed any comments or concerns to be addressed to herself or her Sgt's. She explained February is usually a quiet period for crime but there have been a few issues which she read out, these can be found on the Community Safety Report on Forres Community Council Website ( <a href="http://www.forrescc.co.uk">www.forrescc.co.uk</a> ). The Chair asked a question regarding Leancoil Security and asked about plans for mailshots, local groups. She welcomed the idea but explained that crimes usually happen in the early hours of the morning. The Chair explained that possibly CCTV could be transferred from an ex Hospital in Aberdeen . The Inspector has explained it is being patrolled regularly and they have a code to access the building if required. Garry from the Forres Gazette asked about anti-social behaviour and she explained they have anti-social behaviour patrols on at the weekend. She has explained that anti-social behaviour isn't linked to one group. She urged for people to report anti-social problems straight away so they can catch people doing it at the time. Councillor George Alexander said there are 3-4 people that have been causing problem at public events in the town and was wondering if she was aware. If the police are made aware at the time they will visit. Trustee of FACT Mrs MacLennan said that they have informed their teams to call the police if there's any anti-social behaviour. The Inspector explained that some of the CCTV is operating in the town but it doesn't have 360 degree views so can't see the whole town at the same time. The Chair thanked the Inspector	

	<p>and Sgt for attending. Before leaving the inspector wanted to explain that cold calling is rife at the moment, pretending to be from BT, Microsoft and HMRC and this is resulting in Identify Theft or getting payment from people, especially vulnerable individuals. Please be aware of these calls, if you don't know the person hang up. Its not just happening in only the big towns but all over Moray.</p>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Ratification of Minutes held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019</b>  Sandra MacLennan MOP said that she didn't say what was recorded in the minutes and previously she had been sent a copy of the draft minutes. The Chair explained that draft minutes are only emailed to community councillors and elected Moray Councillors prior to ratification. CC Graham Murdoch stated that he remembers Mrs MacLennan saying what was recorded in the minutes and was backed by other CC's. Alan Tissiman stated that he could see the process for a member of public receiving draft minutes if they had spoken in the meeting. The chair said he would review the minutes and alter if required. Draft minutes could be made available to mop's attending if requested.</p> <p><b>Proposed: Michael Walker                      Second: David Parker</b></p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Co-options and Appointment of Associate members</b></p> <p>The chair said that Fiona Graham would like to join the Community Council. The Community Councils were emailed on 8<sup>th</sup> March to state that Fiona wished to join the Community Council as per the regulations. Proposed by CC Lesley Edwards, Seconded by CC Graham Murdoch. The Chair welcomed Fiona as our newly co-opted Community Councillor. Fiona gave a brief overview of her background and career. She suggested that as Forres Academy have a pupil council, a couple of member of CC could attend and possibly create a Junior Community Council.</p> <p>The Secretary had emailed all Community Councillors regarding the appointment of 2 Associate members Mr Tom Duff (retired architect) and Mr Andrew Anderson ( ex HIE Head of Partnerships, TSI Moray and Moray Economic Partnership.) The Chair asked for a Proposer &amp; Seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Tom Duff   Proposed: CC Graham Murdoch Seconded: CC Michael Walker</li> <li>• Mr Andrew Anderson   Proposed: CC Lesley Edwards Seconded: CC Michael Walker</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Community Councillors Report</b>  The Chair asked Community Councillors for their reports</p> <p><b>CC Alan Tissiman</b> – Visited Cluny Hill Centre and invited Forres community council to Visit. Findhorn Bay meeting has been delayed and will be in April.</p> <p><b>CC Michael Walker</b> – Castle Hill Church, asked Councillor George Alexander for an update. The</p>	

	<p>roof has been removed and doors are unlocked. The property is for sale.</p> <p><b>CC Lesley Edward</b> – She attended community care marketplace and attended Falconer Museum committee meeting.</p> <p><b>CC David Parker</b> – Went to Scottish Action Meeting</p> <p><b>CC Kenny Shand</b> – Bus Stop questions to Richard Lockhead regarding disability access on buses. He was still waiting on answer from Moray Council. He was also waiting to hear back from Fire and Rescue at Aberdeen to see if there is a response re home visits.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Moray Councillors’ Reports</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Lorna Creswell</b> – She attended Join the Dots at TSI Moray. Great event. Criminal Justice a new plan released, Film Forres taking up some time, new officer bearers. Looking at a themed night at Film Forres</p> <p><b>Councillor George Alexander</b> - Usual round of meetings, Planning application for Cathy is coming up next week so going to committee. Its being recommended for approval. Bombarded on both sides on windfarm applications. He said that financial benefits to the community could not be taken into consideration when considering a planning application for windfarms. Group Meetings for Education and Scottish Government have asked for an improvement plan and if it doesn’t happen it could result in a full-scale investigation. Account Commission Report has just come out, and he recommended members of public read.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mosset Burn Survey</b> We have received a report on the format for the Mosset burn survey and making progress.</li> <li>• <b>Rebranding of FCC Update</b> CC Shaun Moat has done an amazing job on the website and social media. There are a few councillors still to set up emails. Lesley, Alan, Michael and Gordon still to set up their emails and Shaun will also hold an IT meeting for all. Venue needs to have WiFi. Press Photo booked for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Tolbooth</li> <li>• <b>Leancoil Hospital</b> CC Graham Murdoch stated Berryburn has given us £20,000 and Scottish Architectural Heritage Fund about£5,200 we are short £7,500 for feasibility study. The Berryburn condition of funding is that a member of Berryburn should be on the steering committee.</li> <li>• <b>CC Meeting   14<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b> – Short meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March. JCC meeting from Fiona Gunn on Moray Growth Deal. Laurie Piper from Moray Speyside Tourism gave a proposal on a way to keep toilets open. A strong feeling that Moray Council is taking the Community Council for granted and the budget funding has been cut for a year. One proposal was not to meet in the Tolbooth as Community Council are entitled to free building use in a MC building</li> <li>• <b>Osprey Bus</b> – The Chair looking to CC being involved in the Osprey new committee</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School Crossing Funding</b> – Facebook Survey on £5-10 charge for Lollipop person. Forres survey had an overwhelming support for the charge</li> <li>• <b>Planning – 19/00281/PROLIC SPEYSIDE WHISKY AUCTIONS PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE – No Comments</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Moray Council Planning Application Consultation for 18/01142/APP – No Comments</b></p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Public Session</b></p> <p><b>A96 Duelling</b> Mr Alan James, MOP, stated that for his business he is happy that the duelling is coming. As a resident he not happy that the north route has been decided. There are several environmental impacts on the north route compared to the south route. Forres will have further transport issues with the north route and it won't help Forres. The north route is also more expensive than the south. The Terms of Reference for the duelling state it should be the shortest and cheapest route. The principal problem is the North route has railway crossings and a road crossing, so you need additional height to cross these. The north route at some points will be 10m above ground level and huge amounts of infill will be required for the north route. The south route is going through some trees where ground isn't good for anything else and the ground cut out will be able to be used further down the route. The north route is also going through good soft farming land. There also going to be a lot of disruption to the community. The government report also said not to pass over the flood plains, as per the north route. The Chair asked if there was an appetite to progress this further with a separate working group/meeting. CC David Parker said at the A96 meeting group said there had been objections raised. Councillor George Alexander said Moray Council have no input into the route of the duelling. He is shocked that the north route has been picked as the preferred route. He said if you stand at the top of the new bridge over the railway, that will give you an understanding of the height of the north route.</p>	<p>Chair to add A96 to next month agenda</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Chairs Report:</b> Clash Gour planning meeting was on Tuesday 10 MOU'S were signed by community groups supporting interest in community investment. The Chair met with Berryburn on the extension of 10 turbines and this would bring an additional £175k community fund, which could be available when construction starts not finished.</p> <p>It was agreed that due to the MC budget cut, we should not continue making presentations to ex community councillors members who leave, but to send a letter of thanks.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b></p> <p>Opening Balance is £1887.63  Remembrance Wreath £29  Current Balance £1858.63</p> <p><b>2019 Expenses</b></p> <p><b>Mosset Burn Survey (Ring Fenced)   £1000</b>  <b>Zoho Website Hosting   £109.27</b>  <b>Tollbooth Charges   12 months x £30 month   £360</b></p>	

	<p><b>Honorarium</b>   12 months £50 month   £600</p> <p><b>Business card printing</b>   Awaiting Costings from Sec</p> <p><b>Expenses</b>   None have been claimed</p> <p><b>Estimated total</b>   £2050.</p> <p>Budget may need to be reviewed given recent funding cuts.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Secretary Report</b> – No Report	
	<p><b>Forthcoming Events</b></p> <p><b>JCC Meeting</b>   25<sup>th</sup> March – Elgin High School</p>	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Forres Features</b>   Paths in Cluny Hill, looking for clarity regarding if planning permission required for repairs to paths but still waiting reply from Moray Council. There is funding of £30k and a further £17.5k made by Forres Features If there is no reply soon this may not go ahead and the funding will be lost.</p> <p><b>Cycle Path Sueno’s Stone</b>   There is very poor visibility for cyclist coming of the bridge over the A96. Moray Council state that there has been no accidents so not a problem.</p> <p><b>Councillor Lorna Creswell</b> She suggested that when dealing with issues let Moray Councillors aware of any problems.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	