

The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

18 APRIL 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 Lesley Edwards	
CC Michael Walker	Vice- Chair	CC Kenny Shand	
CC Graham Murdoch	Treasurer	CC Alan Tissiman	
CC Shaun Moat	Secretary	Councillor Claire Feaver	Moray Council
CC Fiona Graham		Councillor Aaron Maclean	Moray Council
CC David Parker		Councillor George Alexander	Moray Council
Councillor Lorna Creswell	Moray Council		
Garry McCartney	Forres Gazette		
Sgt Chris Harris	Police Scotland		
Members of Public	2		

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome & Apologies: 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. The Secretary also informed that minutes and agenda were attempted to be sent to MOP but her emails rejected these which were attempted to be sent on two different occasions. The Chair had already printed of additional agendas and previous minutes which were offered to members of the public.	
2.	Police Scotland – Forres Station: Sgt Chris Harris gave an over view of the incidents from the Community Safety Report. Sgt Harris advised of ongoing anti-social patrols and took questions from various community councillors regarding Policing Levels in Forres, Leancoil Hospital, Forres Town Hall and future use of Stuarts Cycles.	
3.	Bob Laughton - Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie Fisheries Trust Bob provided and presentation on the current Hogweed condition along the River Findhorn and also about Mosset Burn condition and the survey to be carried out.	
4..	Ratification of Minutes The Chair went though the previous meeting minutes and confirmed the minutes were a true record of the meeting. Proposed: CC Shaun Moat Second: CC Michael Walker	

<p>5.</p>	<p>Co-options and Appointment of Associate members</p> <p>The Secretary had emailed all Community Councillors regarding the appointment of 2 Associate members Mr Alan James and Mr Mike Miller. The Chair asked for a Proposer & Seconder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Alan James Proposed: CC Shaun Moat Second: CC Michael Walker • Mr Mike Miller Proposed: CC Shaun Moat Second: CC Michael Walker 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Community Councillors Report</p> <p>The Chair asked Community Councillors for their reports</p> <p>CC Michael Walker – Michael raised the building next to Cameron Court. lights are on every night. MC Lorna Creswell will investigate.</p> <p>CC Fiona Graham – Meeting arranged with Jan Sinclair of Forres Academy to get a Community Councillors representation on School Council.</p> <p>CC Kenny Shand via CC Shaun Moat – Bus Stop questions to Richard Lockhead regarding disability access on buses and Richard has raised it with MC. He was also looking into the new under 65 personal care grants.</p> <p>CC Graham Hilditch – Read email From Alan James on the increased noise options of the north verse the south routes, and also Alan and Mike attended a meeting with the A96 contractors ref the height, noise and farmland North vs South</p> <p>CC Shaun Moat – Official letter from MC to inform us of grant cut for 2019. Social Media is growing with over 1000 followers and website has several visitors. Garry from Forres Gazette was asked why members of the public couldn't comment on social media. Shaun explain that there were two members of the public who have been banned but all other members of the public have the ability to leave comments and send Community Council Messages.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Moray Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Councillor Lorna Creswell – Lorna provided an update of MC work but been on holiday this month so catching up on emails. Film Forres was an excellent success with over 75 in attendance. Meet with Carnegie Trust. Speaking to employees in payroll deductions and Osprey trust, trying to look at how to resolve the issue. Funding for Town Centres are for populations over 1000 Forres, Kinloss and Elgin have been mentioned but not Findhorn. Applegrove Head Teacher retired after long term sick so recruitment will be carried out soon.</p> <p>Questions from a number of Community Councillors on Mental Health Services in Forres were put to MC Lorna Creswell.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebranding of FCC Update - All completed Matter Closed Thanks given to Forres Gazette for article. • Leancoil Hospital - Option Appraisal GH to share project plan with all FCC's. Hopefully looking to organise a public engagement session within the hospital. Engage with previous staff, Meetings with various political parties but FCC clear on its independent stance and not aligned with any political party. Ongoing • School Crossing – A survey on our Facebook page and overall most would be interested in funding for school crossings. These surveys were across a number of other Community Councils social media. Matter closed 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocation of Community Council Meeting – A poll was placed on our social media following budget cuts overall result 30% to stay, 70% to move. An offer from a member of public has been given to pay the rent for the remaining year. It was agreed by all to reject this offer. There is a chance the Mosset burn survey may come under budget to release funds. 	
8.	<p>Public Session</p> <p>Sandra offered an invitation from Forres in Bloom for FCC to visit and be shown the work of Forres in Bloom. Sandra agreed to give the FCC a couple of dates for the visit. Secretary will circulate. Sandra asked what the Community Council views were on the grass cutting and FCC agreed that Forres in Bloom do an amazing job and the lack of grass cutting will have an detrimental effect on the overall look of the town. She was also attending the Moray Town Partnership Meeting on the funding for town centre.</p>	
9.	<p>Chairs Report: There an energising community conference meeting on 5th May at Elgin Town Hall. Shaun, Graham and David are attending. Berryburn windfarm extension meeting and will update everyone. Two complaints received about cockerel in Manachie Gardens. Classed and a public disturbance and can be reported.</p>	
10.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Cheque paid for Email Hosting and Cheque received from Common Good Fund. It was agreed that Shaun receive Honorarium from January as he was minute secretary before formally being co-opted on as Secretary</p>	
11.	<p>Secretary Report – Donna Maclean attending next month on community emergency planning, Findhorn Bay Art in Sept</p>	
12.	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>3rd – 5th May Photo Exhibition - Tollbooth 1st May -6th May - Spirit of Speyside Festival 23rd April - Training Event for CC on Planning – Elgin High School 23rd April - Planning Meeting for Big Lunch 5th May – Theme Day</p>	
13.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Communications with 2 MOPs</p> <p>The Chair read out some notes regarding 2 MOPs. It was proposed to stop all further communications with these 2 MOPs, and Forres Community Council. This was put to the vote and it was agreed by all present to stop all communications.</p> <p>Formal Complaint</p> <p>Shaun informed the FCC that two complaints had been received from a MOP These had been investigated by a panel from FCC, and it was felt there was nothing to answer. The MOP has taken it to Level 2 which is being dealt with by the JCC.</p>	
13.	<p>Date of next meeting: 16th May 2019</p>	