

Forres Community Council

Thursday 20th January 2022 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams and Zoom

Secretary: Community Councillor Jo Lenihan | **Email:** info@forrescc.co.uk

Attendees - FCC		Attendees - Other
CC Kathleen Robertson	Chair	MC Cllr George Alexander
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	MC Cllr Lorna Creswell
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		MC Cllr Aaron Maclean
CC Fiona Graham (FG)	Vice Chair	Insp Tony McCullie (TM) Police Scotland
CC Bob Hellyer (BH)		
CC John Innes (JI)		
CC David Parker (DP)		
Kev Skivington	Co-opted Member	
Apologies		Members of the Public (MOP) in attendance
CC Kenny Shand (KS)		Ben Stewart
CC Colin Lipscomb (CL)		
CC Jo Lenihan (JH)	Secretary	
MC Cllr Claire Feaver		

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies: Chair welcomed everyone. Apologies were recorded as above. There were no members of the public present, but Ben Stewart was welcomed. Ben is interested in joining the community council.</p>	
2.	<p>Community Safety Report: Insp McCullie summarised the Community Safety Report for January 2022.</p> <p>Road policing officers continue to monitor hotspots such as Grantown Road.</p> <p>8 Road traffic collisions recorded but fortunately no serious injuries. Community engagement continues. There had been an issue with youths congregating round a litter bin outside Forres Academy causing disturbance to neighbours. Police worked with MC and litter bin was moved which has solved the problem.</p> <p>Ahead of February's report Insp McCullie reported an increase in ASB and vandalism. 8 crimes of vandalism. Perpetrators are known to police, and they are working to charge those involved. Deploying extra officers to try and engage with youths and prevent issues. It's annoying to Police and locals. A meeting with partners in the Locality Team is scheduled for 22 February to put something in place to try and prevent issues before they happen.</p> <p>Insp McCullie will be retiring from police on 31 March and wanted to record his appreciation of help and scrutiny whilst in post. This will be his last meeting and will advise who will be replacing him in due course.</p>	

	<p>The Chair on behalf of the CC thanked Tony for being a regular attendee and keeping FCC informed of what is going on.</p> <p><u>Questions</u></p> <p>GA – asked if vandalism was coming from a small group. <i>Insp McCullie confirmed this, and they generally know who is involved. There is now a dedicated officer looking into vandalisms.</i></p> <p>SF – 6 aggressive and 9 domestic crimes seems a lot for this time of year. <i>Insp McCullie doesn't see these as excessive and need to be taken in context of contact. It was not possible to say whether domestics related to result of covid restrictions.</i></p> <p>All wished Tony a happy retirement.</p>	
3.	<p>Public Session None</p>	
4.	<p>Ratification of Minutes 20th January 2022 Item 6. Should read 'developer fund for Forres Community Sports Hub and Forres Community Council'.</p> <p>Proposed: Steve Ferris Seconded: Bob Hellyer</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising Leaflets for elections. DP raised this at JCC but still outstanding. We haven't had a reasonable answer on this yet so needs to be pursued.</p>	
6.	<p>Chair's Report The Chair provided an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the outdoor gym. Meeting with MC and should hear if successful with Berry Burn application soon. • meeting with Elaine Perry regarding St Leonard's Road traffic issue. • Trees arrive next month. • FACT/Rotary meeting – Saturday 2nd April – volunteer showcase event in Town Hall for voluntary organisations. Spirit of Community Event – Wednesday 27th April 4pm-9.30pm <p>JCC meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dial M bus service is being increased including weekends. Using a new app which is being trialled in Speyside and if successful will roll out across Moray. Discussion took place on this. Dial M is an excellent service as it will drop people at their door. Contact Moray Council to find out more information. Details of contact passed to BH. • Update on Queen's Jubilee. • Update on resilience plans. • Update on smoke detectors and support available. 	
7.	<p>Planning Licences JL and SF responsible for checking weekly lists and propose FCC review once a month to ensure nothing is missed. There were no applications of note since the last meeting. Discussion took place on planning and the short timescale to submit comment within 7 days. If scrutinizing properly a relationship between MC planning department and FCC needs to be established so we can pre-empt issues and ask for more time for complicated plans such as the recent changes to new developments.</p>	

	<p>SF to make contact with planners in MC.</p> <p>Discussion took place on a historic planning application around Caroline Street to illustrate the importance of this.</p> <p>Discussion took place on parking for Forres Mechanics and whether it is common good land.</p>	SF
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>GM – Debra Duke emailed to see if FCC had received the admin grant which we hadn't, but it has since come through saying paid on 11 November 2021. There appears to be some issue with payments not coming through but not sure if this is MC or the bank.</p> <p>Balance is £1568.25 which includes £300 SSEN money which hasn't been distributed.</p> <p>Discussion took place on what to use money for as there are still people who are in need. Several suggestions were discussed.</p> <p>Jl proposed a motion that the SSEN money should be passed to Credit Union for dispersal. Proposed: John Innes Seconded: Bob Hellyer All in agreement – motion carried.</p>	
9.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Notification of Town Centre and Moray Learning Estate consultations.</p>	
10.	<p>Community Councillor Group and Representatives Reports</p> <p>FG – a national treatment centre has planning permission to be built in Aberdeen which will cover a range of services. The eye scanner at Doctor Grays will not be affected.</p> <p>DP – mentioned reports about no staff being on duty in the Health Centre to receive people. Men's Shed is going well. At the recent FAF meeting mention was made that FAF organised hustings for the election and asked if FCC would do it this time. KR confirmed FAF will do this due to potential conflict of interest.</p> <p>BH – asked if there was a response to the request for Common Good accounts. KR confirmed no response has been received yet.</p> <p>SF – Jl/SF had met with person regarding resilience planning. There is lots of documentation and templates to be completed before going to public. Funding is available in the short term but reluctant to apply without knowing more about what is needed. Some support for the process is available a pilot is looking for CCs being involved so might put FCC forward for this. KR commented that it is good that FCC are taking the lead on this and that FAF and FACT expressed interest in supporting this piece of work.</p> <p>KS – updated on the skate park initiative.</p> <p>Jl – working on resilience planning with Steve. Meeting next Thursday with Scottish Water re flooding. Confirmed that first part of the meeting is for invitees only then it will be opened to the public</p> <p>GM – Scottish Water – local householders not being informed about extension works so asked for this be raised at the meeting next week. Sewage pipe leading to works at Walkies has never been upgraded – needs addressing.</p> <p>Green spaces. Mountain bikers - felling of trees won't happen until autumn because of restrictions around nesting birds.</p> <p>TTF CAT – it was decided Green Spaces is not best forum for this to be discussed. GM has asked Martin Robertson whether the cost involved in MC's time for the additional consultation for TTF will be set against Forres CG Fund.</p> <p>Tree planting – will have to wait until autumn. Saplings could be put in a nursery until autumn. Forres Features looking after trees until planted. Suggested different groups need to meet to discuss this.</p>	

10.	<p>Moray Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr Creswell – Meeting at school to discuss ASB/youth annoyance and Scottish Water meeting re flooding.</p> <p>Cllr Alexander – Califer Hill viewpoint. People keep planting trees which will obscure the view. Notice to be put up to prevent further planting of trees which will be removed if ignored. Extra trees impact on grass mowing as well.</p> <p>ELC deficit up to £2.2 million. So many took up the offer in Moray that it's cost far more than expected. SG are supposed to cover these costs but still haven't received funds. Free lunch roll out to P6/P7 has been frozen by SG until further notice.</p> <p>Best Value Report – Moray is always criticised for councillors not working together. Councillors are there to represent Moray people and use the money provided in best way possible.</p> <p>DP asked if transport Scotland's speed restriction for Alves is for the school?</p> <p>Cllr McLean – upcoming Audit report will throw light on issues highlighted in Best Value Report. Regarding ASB – there are plenty of things being planned of young people and plenty to do but perhaps need to be more visible.</p> <p>School estate review – Forres next on list with Buckie.</p>	
11.	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>DP – Film Club 25th for children and 26th for adults.</p> <p>Elgin Town Hall – Exhibition on Culbin and series of events running to 6th March.</p>	
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>SF asked about the rocket test bed moving to Kinloss and whether there's a noise plan for this.</p> <p>KR outlined the co-option process to Ben Stewart and hoped he would come to the next meeting.</p>	
13.	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 17th March 2022 7.00pm Venue: Tolbooth</p>	