



The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

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Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres held in the Tolbooth, Forres, on Thursday 18th July 2013.

Present :

Community Cllrs J S Bremner, R Duncan, Mrs E Hayward, R J Hellyer, C Lipscomb.

Also Present :-

Moray Cllrs A McLean, L Creswell, Sergeant McPherson (Police Scotland), David Haytack (Community Warden) & 3 M o P.

1. Apologies:-

Apologies for absence came from Moray Cllrs G Alexander, A Skene, Comm Cllrs S Ferris, J McDowell, D Maclean, J F Mackenzie, Mrs C Pitstra.

2. Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 20th June 2013

The minutes of the above meeting were proposed, seconded & ratified.

3. Public Session:

- The Chair welcomed Sergeant Kevin McPherson to the meeting and invited him to brief us on Police actions in the last month. Sgt McPherson said that six motorists had been dealt with for speeding offences, two were driving with defective tyres, three were reported for driving without insurances, one of which the vehicle was seized and two males were reported, one for drink driving and one for driving carelessly. One motorist was reported for parking his vehicle on a pedestrian crossing zig zag lines and another charged for attempting to steal a car and a motorcycle.

A female was reported for having her dog out of control where it bit another person. Two males were arrested for possession of heroin in the street and four anti social behaviour fixed penalties issued, two for threatening or abusive behaviour, one for urinating in circumstances likely to cause annoyance and the last for failing to leave licensed premises when required. In two separate incidents males were charged in relation to indecent assault and a female charged with assault. A male was arrested for verbally abusing Police and assaulting an officer, and a male was reported for causing damage to property to the Royal Hotel.

Cllr Hellyer said that he had been approached by a member of the public re parking of private cars in the disabled parking bays in the Leys Road car park and asked the Sgt if he could discourage this for the benefit of the Towerview Daycare Centre. Sgt McPherson said he would look into it. The Chair thanked him for his attendance and report.

- The Community Warden, David Haytack, said that he had dealt with two cases of reported antisocial behaviour and two cases of litter in the Pilmuir had been dropped but apart from that the period had been relatively quiet due to school holidays and the lack of daily lunch trips to the town from the schools
- A MoP, Mr Brian Macdonald told the meeting that FACT would be arranging a meeting of the Business Traders in the near future, as part of their rejuvenation plans.

4. Secretary's Report:-

- The Secretary said that he had received mail from Police Scotland advising of two reviews, one on TrafficWarden provision throughout Scotland and the other on opening hours of the public counters at Police Stations.
- A letter, from Richard Lochhead MSP advised us that as part of the Community Empowerment & Renewal Bill an officer of the Scottish Government would be consulting us on the implications to Common Good Funds.

5. Chair's Report:-

- The Chair reported that he had received correspondence from Scottish & Southern on "A Plain Guide to your Future Energy Network, detailing their report to Ofgen for their Business Plan to 2023.

6. External Groups Report:- .

- Cllr Duncan said that 2 students from Mount Dora Twinning had returned home..
- Cllr Hayward said there were no planning concerns
- Moray Cllr McLean drew our attention to the Five Day Open, starting on Monday, and the Orienteering Week based at Brodie Castle.
- Moray Cllr Creswell said that the transfer of the Auchernak Trust Fund had been cleared by the Charity Regulator and the next move was to find what the elderly people of the town would want it to be used for. She also drew attention to the need to recruit Leaders for the Boys Brigade to ensure its continuance.

7. Treasurer's Report:-

- The Secretary confirmed that the account remained at £1309.37. This was broken down into CC Operating Account £421.92 and Special Projects £887.45.

8. A.O.C.B:-

- Nil raised

9. Date of Next Meeting:-

- Thursday 15th August 2013 at 7 30 pm

Colin T Lipscomb
Secretary.

Ratified by
Comm. Council 15/8/13

John S Bremner
Chair.