



## The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

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### Meeting of the Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres held in the Tolbooth, Forres, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Chair: S. Noble**

**Attendees:** J Duncan, J. Guthrie, E. Hayward, J McDowell, G. Murdoch, C. Rodgers, H. Shaw and M. Walker.

**Also Present :** Moray Cllrs G Alexander, L Creswell, A. McLean; Tracey Rae, Community Council Liaison Officer, G. McCartney (Forres Gazette), David Haytack ( Community Warden), Sandra MacLennan (Minute Taker) & 14 Members of the Public (M.O.T.P.)

**The Chair welcomed the exchange students from Mt Dora.**

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence came from Cllr A. Skene, J. Bremner, J. McDowell and C. Kleintges

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Police Update:</b> A full Report is attached. Motoring Offences: 5 incidents- 2 parking on pedestrian crossing; 1 careless driving; 1 drink driving and 1 tachograph and overloading. 6 drug offences and 1 neighbour dispute.	
2.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b> It was agreed to include topics discussed under AOCB. For 7: Against 2. The minutes were proposed by J. Guthrie , seconded by M. Walker and ratified by the Chair S Noble. Tracey Rae advised that the minutes of the previous meeting must be ratified at the beginning of the following meeting.	<b>JB</b>
3.	<b>Matters arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cllr McLean asked that Councillor Reports be placed on the Agenda in the Public Session of the meeting. S Noble agreed for this meeting. Community Councillors will have further discussion to decide about future meetings.</li> <li>b) Carl Kleintges, (Youth Representative) will be brought in at the next meeting. There will be a standing item on the Agenda for him to make a report.</li> <li>c) Decisions about the lease of the Community Centre Coffee Bar will be advised in August.</li> <li>d) Cllr Alexander gave possible dates for a tour of the Flood Alleviation Works for Community Councillors: 22.07; 23.07; 30.07 and 31.07. To be discussed after the meeting.</li> <li>e) The Nimrod Model at War Veterans' Garden has been repaired and replaced. Forres in Bloom will work with volunteers to clear the raised flower bed. It has been suggested that gravel in RAF roundel colours be used instead of plants.</li> <li>f) There has been no response to the request to Audit Scotland about Common Good Land.</li> <li>g) Cycle Path: The petition to retain the previous path has been returned. It was suggested that contact be made with Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland. Tracey Rae took note of the issue.</li> </ul>	<b>JB</b> <b>EH</b> <b>ALL</b> <b>SN</b> <b>TR</b>
4.	<b>Correspondence:</b> A letter from MOTP was read out.	

	<p>a) <b>Bus Times:</b> There is no appropriate bus service for those who travel to work early in the morning or late at night. Other concerns were expressed. It was agreed to ask the manager of Stagecoach to speak at a future meeting.</p> <p>b) <b>Car Parking:</b> There are concerns about High Street parking on double yellow lines causing a hazard for drivers. Police Scotland will act if a motorist parks on the white zig zag markings at traffic lights. The issue will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting and be discussed during the Police Report item.</p> <p>c) Concern was also expressed about <b>pedestrians</b> not using crossing places on <b>High Street</b>. Agenda item for next meeting – as above.</p> <p>d) Appreciation was made of the <b>Cycle Training</b> being implemented in local schools.</p>	<p>EH</p> <p>EH</p> <p>EH</p>
5.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <p>a) The account stands at £1127.91 with £9.85 in Special Projects and £12.50 in cash. Expenditure £7.50 for tartan backing in Town Hall window and £30 to The Tollbooth for use of premises. Expected expenses are £30 per month to Forres Heritage Trust for hire of premises and £200 for annual charge to The Hub for office support.</p> <p>b) Tracey Rae advised that Forres Community Council is not in a position to disburse money to other groups.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Community Feedback:</b></p> <p>a) MOTP advised that there is a proposal to form a Common Good Protection Development Group.</p> <p>b) A question was asked about the sale of land in Thornhill which may be <b>Common Good Land</b>. A request for information from the register of Common Good Land will be sent. It was proposed that a representative from The Moray Council be asked to speak at a future Community Council Meeting.</p> <p>c) MOTP reported that Chris Hall informed her that the Moray Council does not have money to repaint Bus Shelters. She has carried out some improvements and has a key to update changes in bus times.</p>	<p>EH</p> <p>JB / HE</p>
7.	<p><b>Reports:</b></p>	
	<p><b>a) Forres Councillors:</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Mclean:</b>        Asked that the <b>Councillors' Reports</b> be given following the Community Feedback item.        In response to a question about the flags to be flown on Armed Forces Day it was confirmed that the <b>Union Flag</b> will be flown at Auchernack.  <b>Queen's Baton Relay:</b> Cllr McLean advised that there will be adequate supervision of the relay. More marshalls are required and volunteers should apply to Police Scotland or Moray Councillors.</p> <p><b>Cllr Alexander:</b>        A Newsletter about the new <b>Health Centre</b> will be circulated in July. The handover is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> July and the centre to be open from 4<sup>th</sup> August. There may be a delay. It is stated in the original plans that there is to be a roundabout at the entrance.        There have been several responses about the proposal to cut <b>trees on Cluny Hill</b>. The Moray Council will decide and if agreed will go ahead later in the year.  <b>Travellers</b> are parked on the road at The Enterprise Park.        The <b>Elgin Link Road</b> will move directly to a Public Enquiry to speed up the process if The Moray Council accept the report from officers.</p>	<p>JD/ GA</p>

	<p><b>Cllr Creswell:</b>  <b>The Health and Social Care Plan</b> is moving forward and should be ready next April.  The <b>Auchernack Trust</b> has made its first allocations. The next application date is November.  The <b>Dementia Adventure</b> is to help those who do not get out and about. Some towns are aiming to become Dementia Friendly locations.  GA and AM left at 8.55pm</p>	
	<p><b>b) Community Council Sub Groups:</b>  <b>Mount Dora:</b> The planned reunion is now in doubt. A presentation will be made in Forres Academy on 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.  <b>Forres in Bloom:</b> The Chair asked that FIB be commended in the minutes for the efforts made by many volunteers and sponsors to retain floral displays this year.  <b>Berryburn Windfarm:</b> An open day and BBQ will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> August at the Viaduct at Edinkillie. Invitations to apply for funding will be issued shortly.</p>	<b>Min</b>
	<p><b>c) Other Reports: Community Warden.</b> David Haytack. Full Report attached.  <b>Dog fouling:</b> 2 new incidents reported. Fly Tipping – 1 incident. Items removed. Leaflet Drop – Queen’s Own Place. Posters – Ryvoan Place. Hot Spots: Continue to patrol. Surgeries: 20 residents attended and 6 new Green Dog Walkers signed up.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Planning Issues:</b> No Report	
<b>9.</b>	<b>The Joint Community Council of Moray:</b> No Report	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>AOCB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Standing Orders</b> : Tracey Rae advised that a new Council must review procedures and agree its own procedures. Guidance is available in the Community Councillors’ Handbook.</li> <li>b) Eleanor Hayward agreed to act as <b>Secretary</b>. Proposed HS :Seconded by MW.</li> <li>c) Any <b>correspondence</b> received by any Community Councillor must be brought to the table.</li> <li>d) The <b>Draft Minutes</b> will be displayed on the Moray Council Community Council website. These should not be signed. Tracey Rae will overwrite with ratified minutes.</li> <li>e) <b>Community Engagement Event:</b> A Planning Group will be set up with 2 representatives from Forres Community Council; Kinloss and Findhorn Community Council; Forres Area Forum and Forres Area Community Trust. G. M. and C.R. agreed to attend. The proposed date is 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.</li> <li>f) A meeting to discuss <b>Standing Orders</b> and the <b>FCC Group Development Plan</b> will take place in The Tolbooth on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm. Proposed M.W. Seconded GM.</li> </ul>	<p><b>EH</b>  <b>ALL</b>  <b>TR</b>  <b>CM/</b> <b>CR</b>  <b>ALL</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting: Thursday July 17th at 7.30pm in The Tolbooth</b>	