



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 16th October 2014

Chair: S. Noble

Attendees: S. Ferris, E. Hayward, J McDowell, G. Murdoch, C. Rodger, and M. Walker.

Also Present : Moray Cllrs G Alexander, L Creswell, T. McLaren (Forres Gazette), PC Dormand (Police Scotland), S. Maclennan (Minute Taker) & 2 Members of the Public (M.O.T.P.)

Apologies: Apologies for absence came from J.Duncan, J. Guthrie, H. Shaw, Cllr A. Mclean, Cllr Anne Skene, D Haytack (Community Warden) and Police Scotland Not Present: C. Kleintges

(FCC – Forres Community Council : TMC - The Moray Council)

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	Ratification of Minutes of 18th September 2014 a) The Minutes were proposed by S. Ferris, seconded by E.Hayward and ratified by the Chair, S. Noble.	
2.	Matters Arising: a) Cycle Path on A96: No further information. Item for next Agenda. b) E.Hayward has all past minutes . c) Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council: S. Noble will attend the October meeting. d) Parking: Kevin Price has responded to the letter sent about parking concerns. He asked for minutes of previous meetings and those of August and September were sent. He offered to meet representatives on site to clarify issues. The Town Centre Working Group is to carry out a survey of High Street businesses and parking issues will be a part of this. It was decided to seek views and discuss at the October meeting. E.Hayward will thank Mr Price for his prompt reply and that FCC looks forward to working together in future. e) Training for Community Councillors: The date has not been announced. f) Trees on Cluny Hill: Ken Kennedy has responded to the letter of support from FCC. He is happy to meet to discuss costings. g) River Findhorn Shingle: Cllr Alexander is urging TMC to have plans in place for maintenance after the contractor's responsibility comes to an end in two years time. He will keep FCC informed.	EH / SN SN TCWG/ ALL EH Cllr GA
3.	Police Scotland Update: a) In the absence of Police Scotland representative, the report was read by S. Ferris. Motoring: two motorists dealt with for defective trailers: one motorist exceeding speed limit on Forres By pass travelling at 60mph in 40mph limit; Two for driving without insurance and one without MOT; one spoken to about parking on zig zag lines at pedestrian crossing on High Street; one for providing a positive breath test following report from MOTP. Drug Offences: Male 36 and female	

	<p>27 in possession of heroin; Male 21 in possession of cannabis and heroin; male 42 Class C Benzodiazepine. Assault: Male in 40's arrested for assault following an argument with another motorist. Male 20's assault on staff in licensed premises. Disturbance on High Street; male 40's arrested for causing disturbance and assault on attending officers. Cyclists are reminded of the need to lock and secure cycles when left unattended.</p>	
4.	<p>Public Session:</p> <p>a) MOTP asked about the new road to Waterford recycling centre and if there is to be a path. Cllr Alexander confirmed that the path will be set back off the road. Concerns were also expressed about Grantown Road. Cllr Alexander responded that the recommended route is to follow the right side of the road up to the last roundabout and then cross. Concerns were also raised about safety at the St Catherine's Road / Orchard Road junction. It was agreed to send a letter to TMC. Proposed by S.Ferris and Seconded by C.Rodger. MOTP suggested that yellow lines be provided on St Catherine's Road from the Victoria Roundabout to the Orchard road junction to prevent parking on both sides which makes driving hazardous.</p>	EH
5.	<p>Moray Councillors' Reports:</p> <p>Councillor Alexander:</p> <p>Leisure Review: Underwater cameras with motion sensors have been installed in TMC pools, the first Council to do so, at a cost of £45 000 which will make a saving of £23 000 per annum by reducing the number of poolside staff on duty. Parenting Awareness Training: Councillors attended a training day in preparation for the forthcoming provision of a named person for every pupil. Cluny Woods: Cllr Alexander has made two visits to the woods with forestry experts. There are many dead trees and broken branches. He is still progressing this concern. Procurement: Councillors attended training on procurement. Although some are critical of the process over £1 million has been saved. Referendum Vote Counting: Legal and Democratic Services Staff had been the target of abuse during the process. Staff are above reproach and need every support. Forres Community Activities Association: Scottish Week will run from Sat 13th June to Sat 21st June 2015 and will be on a smaller scale because Piping Hot Forres will be setting up during the following week.</p> <p>Councillor Creswell:</p> <p>Spirit of Community: The event was well supported and enthusiastic participation. Comments will be collated by the end of October and then shared with the community. Council Papers: the volume of papers for meetings is challenging and takes time to read and prepare, for example, the 31 page Autism Action Plan. Community Centre Coffee Bar: Five expressions of interest have been received. Ian Gordon of TMC will set the closing date</p>	
6.	<p>Chair's Report:</p> <p>a) Community Warden Report: Local Interest: One neighbourhood dispute with regards to parking; One noisy dog issue on Forbeshill Estate; Litter initiative main focus cigarette butts; over 30 establishments spoken to and fifty warnings issued; Five FPNs issued in Moray, none in Forres; youth annoyance at Pilmuir Primary and noisy music calls on Califer. Dog Fouling: Numerous complaints in</p>	

	<p>North Road area, leaflet drop and two residents given advice. Litter / Fly Tipping: One report on the High Street still being investigated; One ongoing as fixed penalty notice of £ 200 has not been paid – now passed to Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p>b) Communication: E. Hayward and S. Noble have access to online G Mail. All emails of general interest will be passed on. Some of specific interest will go to individuals according to area of responsibility. The next stage will be to go public on Facebook. Concerns were raised about the volume of contact which this may encourage and the time needed to address it. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>c) Review of JCC: G. Murdoch and S. Noble will complete the response.</p> <p>d) Helga's Hole: The Rotary Club of Forres has prepared a four year programme to regenerate this attraction.</p> <p>e) Community Empowerment Scotland: S. Noble will write up for all to comment.</p> <p>f) JCC Moray Community Champions Awards: The FCC cheque has been forwarded. E.Hayward will collate any nominations and forward these to Gordon Methven.</p> <p>g) Co options: Gillian McRobie presented a personal profile and explained her reasons for wishing to become a Community Councillor. Proposed by G. Murdoch and Seconded by J.McDowell. Vote: 5 for. S. Noble Chair welcomed Gillian as a co opted member of FCC.</p>	<p>SN /EH</p> <p>SN/ GM</p> <p>SN</p> <p>EH /ALL</p>
7.	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>a) Correspondence with Ken Kennedy and Kevin Price is reported earlier in the minute.</p> <p>b) The finance pro forma from the Treasurer has been sent to TMC.</p> <p>c) Minutes: The procedure for circulation of minutes is to be as follows: Draft copy sent to all on circulation list. Any amendments to be sent to Minute Secretary within one week. The Draft Minute does not need to signed before going on display.</p>	
8.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>b) There is no change from last month's figures. The account stands at £397.30 and there is £5 cash in hand. Corporate Membership of (£25.00) Friends of Falconer Museum is now due. Film Forres has received funds in the past. If this is to be repeated the money would have to come from the recent legacy. It was reported that the group is not applying for funds this year.</p>	
9.	<p>Group and Representative Reports</p> <p>a) Planning: No report</p> <p>b) Age Scotland: J McDowell reported that 3 meetings had been arranged by Lorna Bernard but all had been cancelled.</p> <p>c) Business: G. Murdoch reported that the Town Centre Planning Group will need to make time to discuss Parking. Pearl Hamilton of Moray Small Businesses Federation to be asked if she can find out if funds may be accessed from Forres Business Association which is in abeyance at present.</p> <p>d) Sports: M. Walker will contact Craig Barron at the Forres Sports Hub.</p> <p>e) Findhorn Bay Arts Festival: C. Rodgers will write to the organisers to acknowledge and thank for a successful event. It is intended that the event will be held every two years.</p> <p>f) Forres in Bloom: Autumn Clearing: Volunteers are sought to help remove the summer bedding. Sat 25th and 1st November; Sun 26th and</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>CR</p>

	2 nd Nov between 10am and 4pm. AGM : Wed 19 th November. Coffee Morning : Sat 15 th November.	
10 .	AOCB: a) Remembrance Sunday: The FCC wreath will be laid by John Guthrie. (Reserve - S. Ferris) b) Auchernack Trust: S. Noble has written to Paul Nevin to provide details of the change of FCC representative, now S. Noble. He will also serve on The Osprey Bus Trust and Forres Angling Association. c) Town Hall Markets: C. Rodger informed FCC that he is working with REAP to organise three food and craft markets in Forres Town Hall, possibly on Thursday. He asked that FCC endorse the venture. There was uncertainty about responsibility, insurance etc. It was suggested that Tracy Rae be contacted for advice. C Rodger will report to next meeting.	JG SN CR
11	Date of next Meeting: Thursday 19th November in The Tolbooth at 7.00pm. Please note earlier Start Time.	