



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 18th December 2014

Chair: S. Noble

1. Attendees: S. Ferris, E. Hayward, G. Murdoch, C. Rodger, J. Guthrie, G. Hilditch, H. Shaw, G. McRobbie, M. Walker

Also Present : Moray Cllrs L Creswell, A. Mclean, A. Skene; G. McCartney (Forres Gazette), J. Guy (Police Scotland), S. Maclennan (Minute Taker) & 4 Members of the Public (M.O.T.P.)

Apologies: Apologies for absence came from J.Duncan, J. McDowell, Cllr G Alexander, D Haytack (Community Warden).

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

Topic	Discussion	Action
2.	<p>Police Scotland Update:</p> <p>a) Thefts: three members of the same family were reported for shoplifting from a local store and a female, 33, charged with theft of DVDs. Traffic: Male, 48, driving a goods vehicle with a dangerous load. Anti Social behaviour: Male, 24, issued £40 fixed penalty following unruly behaviour in a local pub. Male arrested and remanded in custody for antisocial use of off-road vehicle within residential areas. Male, 48, charged with assault for headbutting another male after a disagreement. Four adult males reported for firing air gun from a window whilst under the influence of alcohol. Drugs: Four males detained and one charged in connection with drugs offences – further enquiries are ongoing.</p>	
3.	<p>Public Session:</p> <p>a) No matters raised.</p>	
4.	<p>Mount Dora Presentation: The new Chair of The Mount Dora Twinning Association addressed the meeting. The two American students had enjoyed a very busy visit. The main focus of the group will be to support exchange visits. The group is keen to build relations in the community and to use FCC as a point of focus. The group celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year. He presented a commemorative book to J. Guthrie the FCC representative on the group.</p>	
5.	<p>Presentation by Sylvia Jamieson, Community Liaison Officer for Forres, Heldon and Laich: Sylvia is recently appointed to the Community Support Team. She has 20 years experience in Youth and Community work. She intends to open an office in Forres and the location will be decided soon. Her role is to support Community Groups; new groups and assist with governance. She hopes to work with FACT and encourage more partnership working. S. Noble asked Sylvia for help to encourage two young people to become Youth Representatives on FCC.</p>	

6.	<p>Ratification of Minutes of 20th November 2014</p> <p>a) Amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of meeting 20th November • 5/2g Flood Alleviation should read - 150 000 tonnes and 8 000 tonnes • 11e Forest Lights should read – The cost was estimated to be £250 000 and 46 000 visitors attended over a three week period. <p>The Minutes were proposed by E.Hayward, seconded by J. Guthrie and ratified by the Chair, S. Noble.</p>																					
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8.	<p>Moray Councillors' Reports:</p> <p>Cllr Creswell: The Community Centre Cafe is due to open in March after refurbishment and will be run as a training kitchen. Physical and Sensory Disabilities: There will be a meeting in Forres Town Hall on 16th January. Spirit of Community: The report has been circulated and is available on the FACT website. S. Noble asked FCC Cllrs to read and comment at the January meeting. Buses to Health Centre: Funding has been made available to provide an hourly bus service. Merger of Health and Social Care: The plan has to ready for 1st April and the complex work continues including legal issues. Tour of Health Centre: S. Noble will contact Theresa Byrne to arrange a visit for those FCC Cllrs who wish to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Skene: Dyke and Landward Community Council is now formed and will decide their meeting date. Auchernack Trust: Funds have been distributed and around £800 remains from this allocation. The next date for applications is the end of April and funds will be disbursed in May. S. Noble suggested that FCC may wish to apply for a project. Item for January Agenda. E. Hayward asked about Handy Persons in Elgin and Cllr Creswell replied that the group will come to Forres. School Visits: Cllr Skene has been visiting Additional Support Needs Bases in Elgin. Provision will be enhanced across Moray next year. Education Review: The review continues to address escalating problems with roll increases and difficulties in finding supply staff. St Peter's, Buckie, had to be closed when a virus caused staff absence which could not be met. E. Hayward asked about provision in the light of building at Lochyhill, for example. Western Link Road, Elgin: The full TMC has brought this back to the agenda. A new planning application is to be submitted and Cllr Skene is in support of the decision. E. Hayward asked why TMC is considering such a huge amount of money given that there are plans to dual the A96. Cllr Skene replied that the proposed Link road is not a by-pass but is being planned to alleviate traffic issues within Elgin.</p> <p>Cllr McLEAN: Lochyills: The planning application has been approved and the Developer Contribution has been agreed and will include improved traffic management; a cycle path to Grant Park and 3G sports provision. Leisure Review: The new membership provision starts in January and will cost £27 per month for family and £19 for individual membership which gives access to any Moray leisure facility. Final decisions about charges will be part of the Budget Review. It does not include entry to Moray Leisure Centre at present because there is no Service Level Agreement to support this. The Moray Council: Kirstie Reid, SNP, has been elected to The Moray Council. There is no overall majority for any group and the Council will have to work together to ensure the best for Moray.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>SN/ ALL</p> <p>SN/ EH</p>
9.	<p>Chair's Report:</p> <p>a) Auchernack Trust Fund: S. Noble represents FCC on this group and he urged FCC Cllrs to help reach out to the community to encourage groups to apply for funding for older people's projects.</p> <p>b) Roles and Responsibilities: All aspects of the plan are complete. The next steps are to update the data base of groups and for Cllrs to contact groups. In January contact cards for all groups will be distributed and Cllrs will be asked to make contact and update information. The Chair proposed that Cllrs think about where they want the FCC to be in one year's time and beyond. In January FCC will plan the format of meetings and a list of guest speakers. Tracey Rae will be organising a training day for Community Councillors in the new year and it is hoped that all FCC Cllrs will be able to attend.</p>	

	<p>c) Thanks to the Forres Gazette: The Chair expressed thanks to Tanya and to Garry for the comprehensive coverage given by The Forres Gazette which helps to keep the community informed.</p>	
10	<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>a) Hanover Housing: The new start date is February 2015.</p> <p>b) Common Good Fund: To be on Agenda for January.</p> <p>c) East Lodge: Mr Nevin of TMC is investigating the boundaries of the property because concerns have been expressed about parking and damage to grass areas within Grant Park. Ken Kennedy's department is monitoring the grass areas. G. Murdoch will speak to the owner in the meantime.</p> <p>d) Funding for Community Councils and Area Forums: TMC is reviewing funding arrangements. S. Noble has circulated the draft plan and asked FCC Cllrs to study and bring comments to January Meeting.</p>	<p>SN/EH</p> <p>GM</p> <p>ALL</p>
11	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>a) The account stands at £752.40. Expenditure from last month: Friends of Falconer Museum Corporate Membership - £25.00; Chair's expenses – £20.36.</p>	
12	<p>Group and Representatives' Reports:</p> <p>a) Royal British Legion AGM: An encouraging meeting was held. There are 300 members and 100 who attend regularly. More support would be appreciated.</p> <p>b) Community Markets: c. Rodger reported that this week's event was quieter but there has been positive feedback. He will present a report at the January meeting.</p> <p>c) Berry Burn Trust; £ 168 000 has been disbursed to local groups. The next allocation will commence in mid January.</p> <p>d) Forres Heritage Trust: H Shaw explained that it has been found to be impossible to install a lift in The Tolbooth. E. Hayward suggested that the lift in Brodie Castle be looked at.</p>	<p>CR</p>
13	<p>Any other Competent Business: None</p>	
15	<p>Date of next Meeting: Thursday 15th January in The Tolbooth (Ground Floor Meeting Room) at 7.15pm. Please note change of Start Time.</p>	