The Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council  
Minutes of meeting 16th November 2017 at Forfar Community Campus.

Public: Mr G. Clark and Mrs L. Clark.


Minutes of previous meeting  
Change wording about trading standards to reflect statement from Cllr. L. Devine.

Chairs report  
Christmas Tree and lights funding project by Forfar Action Network has raised around £11,000.00 including a recent contribution from the Rainbow Brownies. Thanks to all individuals, businesses, local youth and community groups including Forfar Rotary and Angus Council contribution from the Common Good Fund. Ness Electrical is the contractor to erect the lights around Forfar centre.

Various member comments: This year’s Christmas project will be delivered but it will be an opportunity for future years to deliver a wider variety of entertainment, market stall spaces, business late opening and possibly expand the lights around a wider area. The Buttermarket public convenience will open until 7.00 p.m., some shops will remain open and a community refreshment stall will be available run by Montrose Road Centre (MRC).

Secretary report  
Any correspondence distributed by e-mail prior to meeting, nothing to report.

Treasurer report  
The bank account stands at £6572.79 including grant and interest. 
(IW) Proposed a future member’s debate to prioritise projects for future spend.

Police Report  
Report due out next week. Scams, fraud and financial harm especially in the run up to the festive season are prevalent and especially buying goods online. Information available on the Angus Council and Police Scotland webpages. New community sergeant appointed, Vicky Crighton and Inspector Steve Smith moved to temporary position. Break ins reported at Turfbeg. Public should ensure doors secure, security lights working and any outdoor buildings secure around their home. Timer lights inside rooms should be set at different times as this does deter would be burglars. Rural Watch aiming at crime prevention especially fuel theft of oil from large household tanks.

Various members’ comments: Conveyed the lack of lights on cyclists bikes especially concerned for the ‘early morning paper delivery rounds’ by young people seen without lights. Parents should check with their children. Pitstop would be an organisation to contact with concerns. Various organisations could assistance with funding but the ultimate responsibility is the user of the cycle.

Fire report  
(TOB) Overview of Quarterly report by (Tob)Quarterly report to be sent out to all members. Message from the fire service this festive season, SAFE DRIVE, SAFE ALIVE.

Councillor updates  
Cllr.C.B. – Recycling will continue as agreed. No alternative site has yet been identified for Forfar/Kirriemuir. Remembrance Day at The Cross was a success although felt the Brownies and Beavers should have been at the front of those attending. British Legion organise attendance groups.
Balmashanner War Memorial given a boost with the lighting and 5 trees maybe removed directly in front.

**Cllr. L. Devine** - Forfar Academy official opening scheduled for 8th December 2017.

Strathmore Gardens broken into 6 times that is very disturbing.

Universal Credit rolled out – Concern for rent payment and arrears. Assistance available from libraries and MRC.

Brechin Participatory Budgeting (PB) event. 21 projects bid for share. 3 votes per project. The final outcome 7 projects shared the funds.

School estate consultation scheduled for 29/11/17 at Forfar Community Campus. 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Cllr. Derek Wann appointed to N.H.S. Board.

Litter – ‘Adopt a Street’ litter picks ongoing with S.Ball Angus Council. A litter prevention plan could be implemented in every town or area similar to Easthaven.

Attended conference about urban regeneration at Whitfield hub.

**AOB**

Signage group - old signs down at redundant Leisure Centre. Cutterscove on hold.

(IW) - Compostable w.c.’s Forfar Loch = Water report pending.

L.D. - Castlehill – 2 trees down and the rest trimmed. Spring bulbs to be planted in grass in the spring time. Information board and seat to be provided.

Forfar Action Network (FAN) meeting scheduled for 20/11/17 at MRC.

C.B. - Flowerbeds up the sides of Boyle Park to be maintained.

All Members: Mrs Linda Clark co-opted to board. Proposer Ian Whyte and Charlotte Douglas Seconder.

Consultations: Licensing closing date 13/12/17 and Taylor Street ends 19/11/17.

Forfar and Kirriemuir Locality Plan (EF) comments not taken on board by Angus Council, infect rural population had been deleted amounting to some 25,000. First meeting of the partnership to be held 27/11/17 with 4 meetings to be held annually.

**Planning**

Any submitted from previous meeting distributed by e-mail.

81 South Street e-mailed today prior to meeting. St Margaret’s Church appeal not submitted to date.

**Date and time of next meeting:** 7.00 p.m. Thursday 18th January 2018 Venue Forfar Community Campus.