

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Community Council



Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 12th July 2017. Fortrose Leisure Centre, Fortrose.

Present: Sarah Atkin (SA), Anne Phillips (AP), Archie Macleod (AM), Tom Heath (TH), Douglas Stuart (DS), Lucy Tonkin (LT) Bill Taylor, Associate (BT), PC 468 John Murphy

Apologies: Iain A C Brown (IACB).

Highland Council (HC)

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

2.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed, AP. Seconded, AM.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Tulloch's community contributions. Letter Sent. Awaiting response. SA to chase.

Action: SA

3.2 Bus speeds –D&E informed SA that their busses have trackers but have noted the call.

3.3 Highland Council requests for more street names. A member of the public proposed "Downie". The protocol is that personal names are allocated after a person is deceased. However, CC members had no objection to this name being suggested to HC. **Action SA**

3.4 Overgrown bushes opposite Fortrose & Rosemarkie Caravan Park spilling into the road: on receipt of e-mail from SA asking that the bushes be cut back Scottish Water said they said they owned the pipes underneath, not the land above them. SA responded querying this. No response to that e-mail but the bushes have been cut. Ownership requires clarification. **Action: SA**

3.5 Letter from Edward Mountain MSP: SA responded proposing he meet Black Isle-wide Community Councils. Awaiting response after summer period. C/F Sept.

3.6 Footpath map boards: Phil Waite (HC) agrees with principle of passing board's ownership to communities/other parties to improve. SA awaiting final response from him. Needs chasing. **Action: SA**

3.7 Avoch Primary Parent Council funding request: SA contacted and clarified fund would be used for a team sports strip, and that any donation would be gratefully received. CC members felt a donation would set a precedent for other groups requesting similar. LT to write to Parent Council to give suggestions of other available funding. **Action: LT**

4.0 Correspondence/Points from the public

- 4.1 Rosemarkie Beach: 2 boulders have no fallen onto the beach from the rocks at the end of the promenade. Private land. HC to contact landowner re: safety issues. AP to liaise with HC. **Action: AP**
- 4.2 Request to FRCC for green metal memorial bench to be sited along beach path. Amenities may help install once bench has been made. **Action: AP**
- 4.3 Letter received from Rosemarkie Amenities seeking support re: tennis courts upgrade at Rosemarkie beach. SA to respond. **Action: SA**
Rebuilding of beach promenade to be a major project for Rosemarkie. This has been surveyed, costings due back this month with potential for works to begin Autumn 2017. C/F September 2017

Points from the Public

- 4.4 Crawford Avenue: Weeds, debris from cut grass and fence which requires to be repaired. Contact Highland Council. **Action: TH**
- 4.5 Ness Gap play park (Fortrose): litter, overflowing bins and mess surrounding. SA to contact Tulloch's to clarify who is responsible for maintenance. **Action: SA**
- 4.6 Speeding between Rosemarkie & Fortrose: issue regularly reported to police by FRCC. Action CC can take to improve situation: bin stickers in both villages; to move 'Smiley Face' speedometer to the other side of Fortrose (as you enter from Rosemarkie) and suggestion for "20" flashing signs for schoolchildren in Fortrose and Rosemarkie, as happens in neighbouring villages. SA to email Iain Moncrieff with suggestions and post Facebook speed reminder. **Action: SA**. AP to source stickers for bins. **Action: AP**

5.0 Treasurer's Report

As at 6 July 2017

Income and Expenditure to 6 July 2017

	Current	Community Projects	Charity Book	Totals
[1] <u>Opening Balance</u> , 1 April 2017	£ 1,302.92	£ 1,717.36	nil	£ 3,020.28
[2] <u>Expenditure</u>				
Christmas Tree, Eilean Dubh	£ 70.00			
Christmas lights, electrician & high loader	£ 75.00			
Gordon Memorial Hall, for meetings	£ 71.75			
Website, Plexus Ltd	£ 29.95			
Gordon Memorial Hall, for meetings	£ 12.25			
High Life Highland, for hustings	£ 86.00			
Four hanging baskets	£ 88.00			
Islay Mackay, secretarial	£ 50.00			
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Total	£ 532.955			£ 532.95
[3] <u>Income</u>				
Donations received for Charity book			£ 475.00	
Hustings, Avoch & Killen CC	£ 15.00			
Hustings, Cromarty & District CC	£ 15.00			
Hustings, Kilearan CC	£ 15.00			
Hustings, Knockbain CC	£ 15.00			
				£ 535.000
[4] Totals				£ 3,022.33
[5] <u>Less Creditors</u>				
Due to Charity				- £ 475.00
				£ 2,547.33
Balance				£ 2,547.33
[4] <u>Expenditure considerations</u>				
Replacement/Additional Christmas lights	£ ???	cost of approx..	£170 each	

5.1 St. Boniface Fair Report - Thursday 10th August 2017, 1pm - 4pm

As at 5th July 2017

Cheques received for 15 stalls and 12 tables at £25.00 and £10.00 each respectively. Anticipate a further 4 stalls and 5 tables.

Other aspects and arrangements for the 2017 Fair

Booked Piper
Mr Bubbles
Young Highland Dancers, in Cathedral grounds if weather favourable otherwise Seaforth Lodge

Arranged so far

Stalls being collected from shed I King George V park at 7.00 am
Helpers booked to help erect and dismount at 7.00 am and 4.00 pm.

More volunteers needed.

- Games in Cathedral ground include ping-pong ball in bottle and more.
- Teas by St Andrews Church in Seaforth Lodge
- Town Hall booked in case of inclement weather

6.0 Police Report

The following are the crimes, offences and antisocial behaviour and other incidents of note dealt with between 06/06/2017 and 10/07/2017:

- 1 x Missing person (Fortrose)
- 4 x Misuse 999 system. (Fortrose)
- 2 x Disturbance. (Rosemarkie)
- 2 x Road Traffic Collision. (Rosemarkie)
- 2 x Licensing issues. (Chanonry Point)
- 2 x Vandalism (Rosemarkie)
- 1 x Careless driving. (Fortrose)
- 1 x Theft. (Rosemarkie)

Speed checks will continue in the area when duties allow including the 40 zone between Fortrose/Rosemarkie.

Foot patrols have been carried out in Rosemarkie and Fortrose.

During the past month Dingwall Police have received 776 calls with 64 being in this area.

- 6.1 Discussion with PC Murphy on how to make the police report more engaging for the community. Ideas proposed to include: issues to be labelled as “outstanding” or “resolved”. Information to be added where possible so CC could appeal on Facebook during cases where witnesses/help could be sought or brought to public attention. Acceptance that any expansion on individual detail re: ‘mental health’ as a category cannot be divulged. Also, suspects cannot be named or addresses/detail of locations specified.

7.0 Chanonry Point

SA updated meeting on the continued disruption and inconvenience to residents at Chanonry Point due to the presence of hot food vendors. SA update from Ward Manager: there is no written permission to trade from this car park and the vendors are fully aware of this. The issue is now being dealt with by Community Services to enforce the traffic order. SA is now unsure whether the free Shuttle Bus will continue for the remainder of the summer in the circumstances.

BT opened discussion on the longer term options for Chanonry Point. In his view the only way forward is for the asset to be transferred from HC to the community, either via a community company or similar not-for-profit model. Income generated from modest car parking charges could pay for full-time staff down there over the summer period to help manage the traffic. Additional money from income generated could be used to benefit the community. Further discussion followed. For future debate.

8.0 Common Good Fund

8.1 Corner on High Street: Ownership of a corner on High Street, Fortrose was mentioned. The matter is currently in the hands of Highland Council. **No action.**

8.2 Academy Street picnic area: SA awaiting quotes for fence repair. **Action: SA**

8.3 Town Hall: FRCC to progress idea of this asset being run by a community group. Public meeting to be planned. To include involvement of Ross-shire Voluntary Action and Ian Goode from High Life Highland. Ahead of this, DS/SA to meet with operators of other Black Isle halls and prepare a pros and cons presentation. (N.B. Objective of exercise: to engage interest in the community so that a group come forward wanting to take this forward. If there is no interest it won't happen.) **Action: SA/DS**

8.4 Coastal Protection status: BT still waiting notice of meeting with Iain Moncrieff (HC) about the Wallace Stone report. SA noted that the HC contribution (for their part) is agreed. SA to chase Iain Moncrieff and Ward Manager for an update. **Action: SA**
SA noted that issues at Chanonry Point are consuming a disproportionate amount of the Ward Manager and Iain Moncrieff's time. This may explain the delay in progress on this issue.

9.0 Planning/Licensing

9.1 Greenside Farm 15/03033: SA, DS & TH attended meeting on 20th June 2017 with Stuart Black (Head of Infrastructure) and Malcolm Macleod (Head of Planning and Environment) and Daffyd Jones (Area Planning Manager.) TH to circulate report.

Action: TH

Positives from meeting inc. the suggestion for a Greenside liaison group and the offer of a planning workshop for CC members (see below.) However, after discussion with Courthill Road residents TH proposed that FRCC ask for the complaint to remain open until a formal, written resolution to this Stage 2 is achieved. All agreed. TH to prepare letter to Stuart Black/HC for this response. **Action: TH**

9.2 Cllr Maxine Smith (head of North Area Planning Committee) has offered to meet with FRCC. Suggestion that a separate meeting be held later this year. TH to prepare agenda for discussion. **Action: TH**

9.3 Malcolm Macleod (Head of Planning) has offered to undertake a planning matters workshop with CC members. TH to enquire about dates to arrange this. **Action: TH**

- 9.4 Tulloch/Ness Gap: consultation response from development planning officer appears to misunderstand the application. TH to clarify with Tim Stott (HC). **Action: TH**
- 9.5 A planning application has been submitted to remove signage and ATM from the Bank of Scotland (Fortrose.) TH to draft an objection (see Community Issues.)
Action: TH

10.0 Communication/Operational Issues/Membership

- 10.1 Co-Opted Member: CC members agreed to co-opt Russell Mackenzie.
- 10.2 Website: SA and LT taking this forward. C/F **Action: SA/LT**
- 10.3 Next newsletter to be based on Chair's Annual Report. All agreed. C/F deadline September 2017. **Action: SA**
- 10.4 Suggestion for FRCC to have a pop up banner which could be situated in the library and used for BIG (Black Isle Gathering.) SA to enquire on cost. **Action: SA**

11.0 Community Issues

- 11.1 St Boniface Fair: Volunteers needed to set up and dismantle stalls. DS mentioned a public suggestion for FRCC to hold ceilidh afterwards in the future. C/F March 2018.
- 11.2 Bank closure: SA to contact Ian Blackford MP regarding the future of the service and ATM. C/F **Action: SA** See point 9.5 for more.
- 11.3 SA was contacted by John Reddigan from Strathblair (who grew up in Rosemarkie.) His father was a member of the Newfoundlanders Overseas Forestry Unit who came to Britain during World War 2. SA to put his story in next Chatterbox issue. **Action: SA**
- 11.4 Library are pinning up CC minutes on their noticeboard again.
- 11.5 Rubbish bins: Another bin can be placed along Marine Terrace if we purchase it. Notification of the bin request has been submitted to Di Agnew. Will need chasing.
Action: SA
- 11.6 Brown bin: SA contacted HC who informed that a member of the public would have to keep the bin in their property and put out on collection days to prevent fly tipping. SA to order brown bin. **Action: SA**
- 11.7 Christmas lights: AM to make contact with Sandy Holm about the double socket needed for the Rosemarkie tree. C/F **Action: AM**
- 11.8 Thanks to Rosemarkie Volunteers for organising the clearing the top of Manse Brae in Rosemarkie and to SSE staff for their time. Highland Council Officers were also a great help and support throughout the process.
- 11.9 Emergency Dog bags: LT to replenish local outlets. **Action: LT**

12.0 AOB

None.

13.0 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13th September 2017, 7pm, Gordon Memorial Hall, Rosemarkie.

Monthly Surgery: 6pm – 6.45pm.