



CROMARTY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES
NOT YET
APPROVED

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 25th March 2013 in the Hugh Miller Institute

Community Councillors Ronald Young, Vivienne Plampton, Anne Short, Gabriele Pearson, Andrew Hulse, Diane Brawn

Highland Councillor: Craig Fraser

Youth Representative: Paige Shepherd

Community Council Minute Secretary: Jeremy Price

| Item | Details | Action |
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| 1 | <u>Chairman's Welcome</u> Ronald welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Vivienne for chairing the last meeting in his absence. Apologies were received from David Alston | |
| 2 | <u>Approval of previous minutes</u> | |
| 2.1 | The minutes were approved subject to two minor changes in 14.9 and 13.1. | |
| 2.2 | Proposed: Anne Short Seconded: Diane Brawn | |
| 3 | <u>Youth issues</u> | |
| 3.1 | Paige reported on the following issues: | |
| 3.2 | <u>Cromarty Youth Café</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A full programme of activities from February to June was presented which included the dancing and chanter classes and a range of other activities.• Youth Café are enjoying working on new projects including Cromarty Homes and Heritage and have just designed a new postcard.• Work begins next week with the Cromarty Youth Opera group with Clare and Edward Caswell. | |

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| <p>3.3</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celtic Mosaic Project is running for 6 weeks and they will be seeking approval and suggestions from the community council as to where they would like the art work hung. The mosaics will be based on the Celtic / Gaelic Tree alphabet with each group creating a design based on one of the tree / letters. The completed mosaics (18 in total) will be sited throughout the Black Isle and will form a mosaic trail. • Young people are working supporting the Townlands Together and a survey on need and Easter Egg Hunt will happen in April • The seniors are looking forward to the exciting Sailing Project with Simon Sims which will run for 6 months with funds secured from The Middleton Trust for which Paige offered thanks. The young people will learn to sail the boat from basics, and also some navigation, basic first aid, and VHF radio operation. <p>Other issues reported on were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This month 18 young people and adults passed their Elementary Food Hygiene course, funds for which were secured via Youth Highland . • Two more adults have completed the child protection Keeping Children Safe course. • After the success of the 2nd ‘Getting to Know Your Techno’ course, Wanda and her team have another 6 week course running. Good numbers of older folks are attending . This Project has been chosen to debut at a ‘Closing The Gap on Inequalities’ in Eden Court on April 30th. • Fusion events are happening once a month in Fortrose at the Leisure Centre • Funding – Wanda has got funding to help with a Greenland trip. Pupils from Fortrose Academy are attending. • The Easter programme begins on Friday . | |
| <p>4</p> | <p><u>Police Report</u></p> | |
| <p>4.1</p> | <p>There was no police representative present and no report had been received.</p> | |

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| 5 | <u>Matters arising from previous minutes</u> | |
| 5.1 | (5.2 – Lights on multi-court) Paige was going to do the canvassing and report back. | PS |
| 5.2 | (5.3 – catch on gates on Links) Ronald had still to complete the work. | RY |
| 5.3 | (5.6 – railings in Bayview) These had been replaced now and Ronald said it was a good job the council had done) | |
| 5.4 | (5.7 – Links management agreement) David was not present so could not report. | |
| 5.5 | (5.8 – spreadsheet on reports to Highland Council) Diane has now taken on this responsibility. | |
| 5.6 | (5.9 – trees in Kirkie Brae) David was not present so could not report. | |
| 5.7 | (5.10 – white lining at Learnie Rock) part of this has been done now but it is not known when it will be finished. | |
| 5.8 | (5.11 – childcare centre) There had been a meeting between three mothers and Isaac Williamson and Sam Brogan on 7 th March where a number of issues had been discussed. A poster would be put up about child minding for comments to be fed back to Isaac and a survey was also being undertaken with parents. CALA will be hosting a meeting to discuss issues with more parents and it is possible a trial will take place for a part-time care facility on a temporary basis. More may be known for the next meeting. | |
| 5.9 | (5.12 – Facebook page for CCC) Jeremy said he had looked at the facility but not taken it any further at this stage. It would require someone to service the page on a regular basis. Vivienne reported that the Homes and Heritage page had received a good deal of exposure. | |
| 5.10 | (5.13 – do bin for Burnside) Alan Shaw has been asked to install it but the weather has not been conducive to setting concrete. | |
| 5.11 | (9.3 – Seaplane Plinth Fund) Vivienne has written to John Nightingale but as yet received no reply. | |
| 5.12 | (9.4 – Cromarty Trust funding options) Vivienne has written to John Nightingale but as yet received no reply. | |
| 5.13 | (10.1 – meeting with dog warden) Craig said he was still awaiting a meeting date. | CF |
| 5.14 | (10.4 – offlets on Shore Road) Craig said this was ongoing and he was trying to clear one himself to give a concrete example to Highland Council about what needed doing. | CF |
| 5.15 | (10.8 – yacht restoration) Vivienne said that the yacht proposed to be restored was actually fibreglass and not suitable for such a project so the funding was being used for other related projects. | |
| 5.16 | (14.3 – Treatment area near Little Vennel) Vivienne has written to Scottish Water but not had a reply as yet. | |

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| 5.17 | (14.7 – Bobby’s tractor) Ronald said there were attachments for the front of the tractor but was not confident that Highland Council could agree a minimum number of hours for Bobby to use it. There may be help available under the Highland Council’s Communities Scheme but it might be more cost-effective to trade the tractor in for a better vehicle. Ronald to speak with David Nichol about options and Craig will speak with David Alston about the communities scheme. | RY/CF |
| 5.18 | (14.10 – Stagecoach buses) Andrew has emailed Steve Walker and there has been an exchange of letters including an apology from Stagecoach and a recognition that some buses have not been up to standard. | |
| 6 | <u>Gaelic Chapel</u> | |
| 6.1 | Craig said there was nothing concrete to report. He was awaiting a response from his letter to John Nightingale and a transcript from BBC Alba. | |
| 7 | <u>Review and update on Councillors’ portfolios</u> | |
| 7.1 | Anne said she had emailed Ian Hay about the potholes, especially those at the east end of the town. | |
| 7.2 | Gabriele reported on the Black Isle forum of community councils which had discussed planning issues and provision of services from TEC Services at HC. | |
| 7.3 | The next ward forum should have been on the subject of fire and emergency services but it has been postponed and will now be held in the autumn. The next ward forum will be on planning and there will be a slightly different format with community councils driving the agenda. Gabriele also asked members if there was anything they felt should be brought up and if so, to contact her. | |
| 8 | <u>Victoria Hall report</u> | |
| 8.1 | Vivienne went through the report (attached at appendix A). | |
| 9 | <u>Treasurer’s report</u> | |
| 9.1 | Vivienne went through the report (attached at appendix B). Ronald thanked her for the comprehensive report. | |
| 10 | <u>Highland Councillors’ reports</u> | |
| 10.1 | Craig referred to a previous list of actions and reported on each one, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Park fence – still not repaired • Ladies’ Walk steps at the top of the Paye; HC prepared to supply the grating if local volunteers can be found to install it. • Gullies in Big and Little Vennels: not yet fixed • Community litter pick – a date was needed to undertake this • Fairy Glen road – he was still awaiting an update | |
| 11 | <u>Correspondence</u> | |
| 11.1 | No correspondence had been received. | |

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| 12 | <u>Community Councils evaluation document</u> | |
| 12.1 | This had to be completed and submitted by 12 th April. A discussion took place about some aspects of the document, including a council removing the services of a councillor and the nature of the councils themselves in terms of numbers of elected councillors. | |
| 12.2 | This last point was very relevant in terms of the dissolution of a council because of low numbers of elected representatives. It would have repercussions with the Middleton Trust ex-officio member and also the running of the Victoria Hall. Anne said it would be nice for councils to decide on the appropriate numbers themselves. | |
| 12.3 | Some members expressed dissatisfaction about a four year term of office which was a long time to be committed to the council. | |
| 12.4 | Various questions were raised during the discussion and Gabriele volunteered to phone Di Agnew to clarify these areas. <i>[Sec's note: Vivienne has now filled in the questionnaire on the community council's behalf.]</i> | |
| 13 | <u>Any other business</u> | |
| 13.1 | Jeremy reported on an email from the Bonfire Committee asking for members' views on the catering and refreshments at the Fireworks Night. To date, generally one group has been given the opportunity to raise funds but a question has arisen over whether it should not be allocated to one group but given a 'free market' approach. | |
| 13.2 | A discussion ensued and members' views aired. The consensus was that most felt an 'open house' approach was favoured and everyone should have the opportunity to be involved but it should be adjudicated by the Bonfire Committee to make sure it was balanced and fair. | |
| 13.3 | Gabriele asked how the Nigg Enterprise Park public consultation had gone. Several present had attended and make comments. Generally it was agreed that there had been a good turn-out of local people and many were supportive of the proposals from Global Energy. | |
| 13.4 | Concerns of locals seemed to revolve around the potential noise from sheet piling during the next two winters to construct the new facility and also complaints about the noise of the tannoy system and light pollution. | |
| 13.5 | No planning application has yet been made by Global Energy. | |
| 14 | <u>Date of next meeting</u> | |
| 14.1 | The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 29 th April 2013 at 7.30pm. | |
| 15 | <u>Planning</u> | |
| | <i>Please note: the Highland Councillor did not participate in any planning related discussions and left the meeting for this agenda item. Jeremy expressed an interest in one of the applications.</i> | |
| 15.1 | Gabriele had circulated a list of local applications to members which were: | |

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| <p>16.3</p> | <p>13/00924/FUL Installation of replacement timber windows and doors (Listed Building Consent) 2 & 4 Allan Square Cromarty IV11 8YF</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/00925/LBC Received: Thu 07 Mar 2013 Validated: Tue 19 Mar 2013 Status: Pending Consideration</p> <p>13/00924/FUL Installation of replacement timber windows and doors (Planning Permission) 2 & 4 Allan Square Cromarty IV</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/00924/FUL Received: Thu 07 Mar 2013 Validated: Tue 19 Mar 2013 Status: Pending Consideration</p> <p>13/00792/LBC Installation of gate (Listed Building Consent) Clunes Cottage Miller Road Cromarty IV11 8XH</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/00792/LBC Received: Thu 28 Feb 2013 Validated: Thu 28 Feb 2013 Status: Pending Consideration</p> <p>13/00768/FUL Installation of gate (Planning Permission) Clunes Cottage Miller Road Cromarty IV11 8XH</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/00768/FUL Received: Wed 27 Feb 2013 Validated: Wed 27 Feb 2013 Status: Pending Consideration</p> <p>13/00454/LBC Installation of rooflight, installation of flue and erection of two greenhouses (Listed Building Consent) The Old Bank House Bank Street Cromarty IV11 8YE</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/00454/LBC Received: Wed 06 Feb 2013 Validated: Fri 01 Mar 2013 Status: Pending Consideration</p> <p>13/00453/FUL Installation of rooflight, installation of flue and erection of two greenhouses (Planning Permission) The Old Bank House Bank Street Cromarty IV11 8YE</p> <p>Ref. No: 13/00453/FUL Received: Tue 05 Feb 2013 Validated: Fri 01 Mar 2013 Status: Pending Consideration</p> <p>No comments were made about any of the applications.</p> | |
| | <p>The meeting concluded at 20.41 hrs. Ronald thanked everyone for their attendance.</p> | |

**Cromarty & District Community Council
Committee Meeting 25th March 2013
Agenda Item – Victoria Hall Report**

1. Victoria Hall finances remain stable. Annual accounts will be prepared for audit after 31st March and it is expected that a full financial statement will be presented at the April meeting.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

2. The Youth Cafe continues to thrive with continuous activities on three week days. A new sailing project is to commence shortly.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

3. Repairs to the Meeting Room skylight have been completed. Outstanding repairs to the exterior artwork panels and the vandalised notice board will be completed on Tuesday 2nd April. The kitchen is gradually being reorganised and due to the generosity of the Fourways Club, the Hall now has sufficient crockery and cutlery which can be used by any hirer. Regular users' possessions have been identified and properly labelled. Hopefully all users will appreciate this move towards a true Community kitchen and also respect the personal effects of their fellow users thereby removing the need for secured cupboards in the future. A proposal to install effective but aesthetic acoustic improvements is being planned and as a result a funding application is being made through the Cromarty & Resolis Film Society. If successful the Hall's acoustics could be improved enormously and thereby attract more bookings to hold musical, theatrical and film related events.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

4. A complete review of the Hall's insurance responsibilities has been completed during March in time for the renewal on 1st April 2013. During the review Colin Mackenzie at the Highland Council has confirmed that, on the basis that all the Play Equipment is owned by the Highland Council, all insurance liabilities are covered by the Highland Council's insurance policies.

ACTION – Information only, no action required.

Vivienne Plampton

Finance Report – Cromarty & District Community Council

Agenda Item No 9 - Treasurer’s Report

Period: 19th February to 22nd March 2013

General Income

Guide Book Sales - Emporium £ 35.00

Less:

General Expenditure

Secretarial Services - February & March meetings £ 100.00

Emporium - 2012/13 Garage Rental for year £ 130.00

JP Leaving Present + card £ 16.49

Increase/(Decrease) in Accumulated Fund £(211.49)

Fund Income

Gala Day Fund - 2012 Income re bins £ 50.00

Less:

Fund Expenditure

Splash & Dash - Plexus Website Gold Fee £ 24.95

Cromarty Arms Inn - February Lunches £ 120.25

Increase/(Decrease) in Other Funds £(95.20)

Net Assets

Accounts Receivable @22.03.2013 £ -

Accounts Payable @ 22.03.2013 £ -

Bank & Cash in hand balances as @ 22.03.2013 £ 9,977.91

Total Net Assets at 22nd March 2013 £ 9,977.91

Comprising:

Community Council Accumulated Fund £ 1,638.33

Provision for Guide Book reprinting £ 450.00

Seaplane Plinth Fund £ 820.13

Bonfire Night Fund £ 468.84

Splash & Dash (formerly Cromarty 2007) Fund £ 717.47

Monday Club Fund £ 629.55

Lonna's Lights Fund £ 3.19

Gala Day Fund £ 350.40

Homes & Heritage Project Fund £ 4,900.00

£ 9,977.91

Vivienne Plampton 22.03.2013

