



CROMARTY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 23 March 2015
in the Hugh Miller Institute

MINUTES
APPROVED
27.4.2015

Present

Community Councillors: Jeremy Price (JP) Chair, Gabriele Pearson (GP) Secretary, Diane Brawn (DB), Andrew Hulse (AH), Estelle Quick (EQ)

Youth Representative:

Highland Councillors: Cllr David Alston(DA)

Police Scotland:

Member(s) of the public: Nigel Shapcott, Sarah Jane Wilson, Chairperson CRAC & 1 other.

Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught

1	<u>Chairman's Welcome</u> JP welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.1	<u>Apologies:</u> Cllr Craig Fraser(CF), Niamh McCann (NM), Vivienne Plampton (VP) Treasurer, Calum Reid, Police Scotland.	
2	<u>Approval of previous Minutes 23rd February 2015</u>	
2.1	Approved by DB and seconded by EQ.	
3	<u>Youth Issues</u> No report this month.	
4	<u>Police Report</u> Police Report from Calum Reid. Circulated prior to the meeting via email. Appendix (A).	
4.1	It was noted that it has been 2 years since there has been a Police Scotland representative at a C&DCC meeting. DA & JP raised this issue recently when they met with two Inspectors from Dingwall to discuss other matters. This will be looked into.	
4.2	There has been Police activity in relation to speeding on the Denny. Though no one has been found to be speeding to date, more checks have been promised when possible.	

5	<u>Matters Arising from 23rd February 2015 minutes</u>	
5.1	(3.3 Get quote for replacement hoop). To be confirmed at next meeting. Ongoing.	VP
5.2	(6.1 Follow up on out of date bus timetables and damaged notice board). Not completed to date. Ongoing.	CF
5.3	(6.1 Follow up on repairs to damaged links bus shelter). JP emailed Stagecoach but had no reply and no repairs have taken place. EQ will follow up. Ongoing.	EQ
5.4	(6.2 Monitor the cleanliness of High St bus shelter). To be confirmed at next meeting. Ongoing.	VP
5.5	(6.7 Arrange Nigg Ferry meeting nearer to opening of season). DA had spoken to Tom Henderson who has concerns about the build up of sand around the ferry ramps. DA suggests this issue relating to the harbour infrastructure needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency and he will pick this up. A meeting will be arranged nearer to the start of the season to discuss the other matters brought to C&DCC relating to the ferry. (Minutes 4.8.2014, 5.13)	DA
5.6	(6.10 Look at and report unsafe verges at Farness). To be confirmed at next meeting. Ongoing.	CF
5.7	(6.11 Ask for a meeting with Police ref: Community Speedwatch scheme). Discharged. (see Agenda item 10).	
5.8	(6.12 Update members on response to SCIO posters at the next meeting). JP reported that there have been 3 responses to the posters looking for volunteers. JP will send details to Sarah Jane Wilson who will take information about SCIOs to the Residents' Group (CRAC). Ongoing.	JP
5.9	(6.13 Follow up on postponed meeting with Alistair Kennedy and opportunity to discuss community funding). The momentum for this meeting appears to have waned as it was related to the application to create a separate Port Authority. However, JP will pursue with Global the possibilities of more funding coming to communities around the Firth. Ongoing. DB reported the last meeting of the current Nigg Liason Group will be held in April.	JP
5.10	(6.14 Contact Transition Black Isle to discuss energy saving on street lights). JP sent an email. No response, so will follow up. Ongoing.	JP
5.11	(6.15 Contact school ref: dog mess poster). AH reported that the Primary School does not have the original poster, nor has time to create new ones. The school is concerned with the dog mess both out with and <i>inside</i> the dog free areas.	
5.12	(6.20 Follow up on information about fuel, servicing and oil for town tractor). Done. Discharged.	

5.13	(6.21 Contact John Nightingale about posting information about links closure to vehicles on CL website). Information posted. Discharged.	
5.14	(6.23 Follow up complaints to about Post office service interruption). EQ wrote and was advised to take up with BT. This has been done and awaits reply. Ongoing.	EQ
5.15	(6.26 Update at next meeting on volunteers for prescription run). Volunteers have been found. Discharged.	
5.16	(8 David to pass on Boat Club contact to Jeremy regarding material at the slipway). This is not a matter for the Boat Club but DA will mention to Tom Henderson.	DA
5.17	(9.1 Compile list of organisations who use the hall and a list of jobs to run the hall smoothly). List of organisations has been circulated (Appendix D) and list of jobs is in hand. Ongoing.	VP
5.18	(10.1 Contact Di Agnew about recouping the cost of the biodegradable spray). Done. Discharged.	
5.19	(10.1 Follow up on sourcing funding for the Christmas Tree). In AH's portfolio. Discharged.	
5.20	(11.1 Contact RSPB about removal of dead trees at the Fairy Glen banking). To be confirmed at next meeting. Ongoing.	CF
5.21	(13.1 Contact John Wood and direct him to HC (Di Agnew) for funding for upkeep of flower beds). Done. Discharged.	
5.22	(14.2 Diane contact Gabriele to post planning lists on CL website). The planning lists are posted on the CL website each month but does not give the public sufficient time to comment. GP will do a news item for CL website indicating that lists will continue to be posted monthly but that current planning applications can be accessed via the advertised HC website link.	GP
6	<u>Gaelic Chapel</u>	
6.1	DA reported that an officer has now been identified to take this forward and will meet with DA and CF in due course. Ongoing.	DA & CF

<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p>	<p><u>Community Councillors' Portfolios-review/update</u></p> <p><u>Estelle Quick</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQ had talked to VP about the Victoria Hall & C&DCC Treasurer roles. EQ has offered to take on the financial responsibility for both, but not the management side of the Hall. • Sarah Jane Wilson will inform CRAC about the changes in November to the Hall management (Minutes 23.2 2015, item 9.1) and need for support. <p><u>Diane Brawn</u></p> <p>DB has attended two meetings recently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement meeting in Dingwall with Fire Brigade and Police Scotland regarding planning and policies. • Ward Forum meeting where the HC gave a presentation on their review of planning policy on Wind Farms and how national policy will be implemented. 	
<p>8</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p>	<p><u>Victoria Hall and Youth Cafe Reports</u></p> <p>Victoria Hall report circulated prior to meeting. Report attached (Appendix B).</p> <p><u>Youth Cafe Report</u></p> <p>No Report this month.</p>	
<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p>	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>VP circulated prior to the meeting. (Appendix C).</p>	
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p>	<p><u>Community Speed Watch Scheme</u></p> <p>JP outlined the background to Community Speed Watch (Minutes 23.2.2105, 6.11) and the idea that Cromarty could host a similar scheme. The result of recent discussions is that Police equipment will be on the Denny for 12 weeks from this week to measure the number of vehicles and how many are travelling above the tolerable limit (limit +10% + 2 mph). This data will inform HC if there is a case for traffic calming measures, which to date they have been reluctant to introduce and give Police an indication if more speed checks are required. JP has updated the two residents who had been corresponding with him on this matter.</p> <p>In order to move forward, it was suggested that the C&DCC wait for the data gathered over the 12 week period and then a public meeting be called after that. It was noted that speeding is an issue for other areas in the town such as Shore Street, Shore Road, Bayview Crescent and Bank Street.</p>	<p>CF</p>

<p>11</p> <p>11.1</p>	<p><u>Highland Councillors' Reports</u></p> <p><u>David Alston</u></p> <p>DA reported the imminent closure of Marine House Nursing Home in Rosemarkie which he described as a 'great blow' to the Black Isle and a real problem for both staff and the residents. There had been a huge amount of work put in to try and find a solution, including an NHS take over, but major fundamental problems relating to the building meant this was not a viable solution.</p> <p>A group called Black Isle Carers are looking to set up a Community Care Home that would include daycare, but this may be more likely to be in a purpose built facility.</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>12.1</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>GP received the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highland Licensing Board Consultation • Community Cohesion & Inclusion meeting in London • Warm Green Halls meeting on 23rd March • Public consultation on Onshore Wind energy • The result of the Black Isle Windfarm was noted and comment made on the good voting turnout. • The Inverness Courier contacted GP for comment about the BT cabinets. No comment issued. • DB received the same letter received from an individual in Yorkshire. The contents were noted. 	
<p>13</p> <p>13.1</p>	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>Nigel Shapcott asked for an update on the Black Isle Swimming Pool project, indicating that through conversations with people, he was aware there was a fund of £67,000 already raised and a piece of land allocated beside the Black Isle Leisure Centre.</p> <p>DA replied that the fundamental problem in the project progressing has been the high running costs of a pool, and pointed out that Highlife Highland already struggles to keep all their pools open. The land has been zoned through planning and so safeguarded for the project if it becomes an option in the future.</p> <p>It was agreed that it may become a viable project if there was a way to cover running costs (estimated at £100,000 a year). DA will forward the Black Isle Swimming Pool Foundation contact to Nigel.</p>	<p>DA</p>

13.2	Sarah Jane Wilson had been in contact with John Woods (CAGS) about Scotland in Bloom, which through her own experience in West Kilbride can transform communities. This could involve all groups in Cromarty. It was suggested Sarah Jane contact Carolyn Wilson who was involved from the beginning in the Alness project and members were reminded there are Cromarty Horticultural competition cups which can be revived.	
13.3	Sarah Jane Wilson said a pre-consultation meeting had been held regarding possible uses for land beside the Industrial Estate. Ideas suggested had included a memorial garden, skate park, football ground or 'Mens' shed'. JP asked SJW to keep the C&DCC informed and was thanked for her input.	
13.4	Allan Square. JP has been liaising with John Nightingale regarding complaints about the mess on the grass area. This is ongoing.	
13.5	Update on Links. JP has posted on wild camping websites and motor home sites that mention Cromarty that the links will be closed to Camper vans and vehicles.	
14	<u>Planning</u> The planning report was circulated prior to the meeting. (Appendix E).	
15	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> Monday 27th April 2015 @ 7.30pm Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty	
	JP thanked everyone for attending and for their input.	

Summary of Action Points from meeting

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
5.1	Vivienne	Confirm quote for replacement hoop
5.2	Craig	Follow up with David Summers out of date bus timetables and damaged notice board
5.3	Estelle	Follow up on repairs to damaged links bus shelter
5.4	Vivienne	Report on the monitoring of cleanliness of High St bus shelter
5.5	David	Follow up on concerns about build up of sand on ramps
5.6	Craig	Look at and report unsafe verges at Farness
5.8	Jeremy	Send details of SCIOs to Sarah Jane Wilson
5.9	Jeremy	Follow up community funding from Global

5.10	Jeremy	Follow up with Transition Black Isle to discuss energy saving on street lights
5.14	Estelle	Report on complaint to BT about PO service interruption
5.16	Davd	David to mention to Tom Henderson about material at the slipway.
5.17	Vivienne	compile list of list of jobs to run the hall smoothly
5.20	Craig	Contact RSPB about removal of dead trees at the Fairy Glen banking
5.22	Gabriele	Compile news item and include link to HC planning for CL website as discussed

Appendix A
Agenda item no 4
Police Report
March 2015

1 person cautioned and charged with minor road traffic offence near Cromarty

1 person cautioned and charged with speeding A832 Cromarty (Denny Road)

1 person cautioned and charged with drink driving A832 Cromarty

1 person found in possession of a personal amount of Cannabis A832 Cromarty

Further speed checks have been carried out on the A832 at Cromarty with no persons being found to be exceeding the speed limit.

In terms of current initiatives Police Scotland will be commencing OPERATION MORNARDA during the remainder of March. This relates to tackling door step crime (bogus workmen / salesmen / charities etch) in the local area by taking a multi agency approach to the issue in an effort to protect vulnerable persons in our community

Again if you are able inform me of any raised during the meeting I will endeavour to provide suitable advice / action. If I am unable to make then next meeting then I will be in contact to arrange a visit so that I can introduce myself and we can have a chat in person.

Calum Reid

Appendix B
Agenda Item 8.1

Cromarty & District Community Council

Committee Meeting 23rd March 2015

Agenda Item 8 - Victoria Hall Report

1. Finances and bookings continue strong. As we are so close to our financial year end, the next financial report to Members will be the draft final accounts in April. At that meeting the VHMC also hope to provide a more detailed report regarding the C&DCC's obligations to staff under the new legislation being implemented for the provision of an occupational pension to ALL staff. As required by 31st March 2015, we have already submitted nominated contacts and we have been given a Staging Date of 1st July 2016.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

2. In accordance with the decision taken at the last Community Council meeting, the VHMC has given the Highland Council the appropriate notice of the C&DCC intention to negotiate a new Licence to Occupy with the Highland Council. These negotiations have, as requested, commenced with Di Agnew before they return to the Highland Council Property Section and then the Legal Department. The existing Licence expires on 31st March 2016.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

3. The next phase of refurbishment went ahead on 24th February when Parasol Blinds refurbished the window blinds in the main Hall (including the high clock window). This work cost £468 as per their quote. Parasol Blinds are the original fitters of the existing blinds. Unfortunately within 10 days this work was damaged by one of the users. The circumstances are unclear but the VHMC have been approaching the possible users involved and will report back further at the next meeting.

The next phase of refurbishment will involve the electrics, including the stage lighting and we have met with Limelight who will shortly be providing a quote.

The Hall has recently been PAT (portable appliance testing) tested on all its 50 electrical appliances and had the main clock serviced, by the respective nominated Highland Council contractors.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

4. Youth Café Report - No update since the full report supplied last month.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

Vivienne Plampton

Appendix C
Agenda Item 9.1

<u>Finance Report – Cromarty & District Community Council</u>			
<u>Agenda Item No 9 - Treasurer's Report</u>			
<u>Period: 23rd February to 22nd March 2015</u>			
<u>General Income</u>			
Less:			
<u>General Expenditure</u>			
Secretarial Services - February meeting	£	50.00	
Internet Costs - Annual Website Subscription	£	24.95	
Increase/(Decrease) in Accumulated Fund		£(74.95)	
<u>Fund Income</u>			
Less:			
<u>Fund Expenditure</u>			
Monday Lunch Club - Cromarty Arms February	£	245.00	
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Funds		£(245.00)	
<u>Net Assets</u>			
Accounts Receivable @ 22.03.15			
Accounts Payable @ 22.03.15			
Bank & Cash in hand balances as @ 22.03.15	£	10,591.72	
Total Net Assets at 22nd March 2015		£10,591.72	
<i>Comprising:</i>			
Community Council Accumulated Fund	£	1,558.19	
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£	717.50	287 sold at £2.50 cost = £ 717.50
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£	820.13	
Bonfire Night Fund	£	1,685.52	
Splash & Dash Fund	£	739.72	
Monday Club Fund	£	661.80	
Community Christmas Fund	£	9.53	
Gala Day Fund	£	4,399.33	
		£10,591.72	
Vivienne Plampton 22.03.15			

Appendix D
Agenda Item 5.17

8:18 AM
23/03/15

Victoria Hall
Customer Contact List
23 March 2015

Customer

Badminton Club
C&DCC
Claire Fraser 1
Community Residents Ass'n of Cromarty
Constituency Office
Cromarty & Resolis Film Society
Cromarty & Resolis Lifeboat Branch
Cromarty Arts Trust
Cromarty Bowling Club
Cromarty Camera Club
Cromarty Courthouse
Cromarty Tennis & Sports Club
Dingwall & Black Isle SNP
Fourways Club
General Public
High Life Highland
Highland Council
Johanne McBean
Laura Shepherd 1
Moray Firth Cycling Club
Mr L Smith
Phoebe Fox
Sutor Creek Cafe
The Touring Network (H & I)
Transition Black Isle
Youth Cafe

Appendix E
Agenda Item 14

New Planning Applications

15/00775/FUL | Erection of replacement outbuilding | Struy House 16 Church Street
Cromarty IV11 8XA- Pending Consideration

Up date on Planning Applications

14/04192/FUL | Erection of conservatory extension to house | 61 Townlands Park Cromarty
IV11 8YY- Permission granted

14/04035/FUL | Change of use from house (Class 9) to shop (Class 1) | 48 Shore Street
Cromarty IV11 8XL- Application Withdrawn

14/04036/LBC | Conversion of house to shop (Listed Building Consent) | 48 Shore Street
Cromarty IV11 8XL- Application Withdrawn