



Cromarty and District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on
Monday 28th August 2017, 7.30pm in the Hugh Miller Institute

**Draft
Minutes
25.9.2017**

Present

Community Councillors: Jacquie Ross (JR) Chair, Diane Brawn (DB) Secretary, Estelle Quick (EQ) Treasurer, Rosemarie Hogg (RH), Kenneth MacFarlane (KM), Gabriele Pearson (GP)

Youth Representative: Bryn Leyshon (BL)

Highland Councillors: Cllr Craig Fraser (CF)

Police Scotland: PC Michael Cosh

Member(s) of the public: Mark Whitelocks (Managing Director) & Graeme Leslie (Operations Director), representing Stagecoach North Scotland; Laura Shepherd and Helen Elliot, representing Cromarty Gala committee

Community Council Minute Secretary: Gillian McNaught (GM)

1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome</u> JR welcomed committee and representatives attending.</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Alan McDonald (AM) & Cllr Gordon Adam.</p>	
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interests</u> -</p>	
3	<p><u>Approval of previous Minutes, 26th June 2017</u> Approved by EQ and seconded by KM.</p>	
4	<p><u>Youth issues</u></p> <p>4.1 Congested Roads - Concerns expressed about safety and access with over parking on Bank Street.</p> <p>4.2 Victoria Park Fence - still gaping holes with evidence of temporary repair. A new perimeter fence has been promised for some time and CF will follow up with HC.</p> <p>4.3 Bus timetables - There is no timetable at the Links bus stop. EQ suggests waiting until the new shelter is in place to sort out. The plastic cover on the Park timetable board is damaged. DB will laminate a copy and display.</p> <p>4.4 Security Camera - it was noted a camera has been placed on a property on Bank Street. PC Cosh will look into this in more detail. Many residents use cameras as a preventative measure but an 'active' camera can only cover private property such as a front door or garden, not a public space and should also be sign posted.</p> <p>(cont)</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>DB</p>

<p>(cont)</p> <p>4.5</p> <p>4.6</p>	<p>Fortrose Academy - pupils recently raised significant sums for Moray Firth Cash for Kids and Dementia through a ‘Casual Day’ and Bake Sales.</p> <p>Townlands Gutters - HC now have this on their works programme and will attend to all properties at the same time.</p> <p>BL was thanked for his report.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Stagecoach Bus Service</u></p> <p>BL, Cllr CF and Members gave a brief outline of concerns already brought to the the CC including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • buses late or not turning up at all • buses not stopping as scheduled for waiting passengers • non transfer of return journey tickets between different operating companies • poor Sunday bus provision and no return through Jemimaville • poor service that has affected all areas of the Black Isle • damage to Links shelter by turning buses • high ticket prices - (MW confirmed prices had not risen for 2 years prior to April 2107 and will be reviewed again in 2018). <p>CF had passed these and other problems as they were reported to both Mark Whitelocks (MW) and Graeme Leslie (GL) who had responded efficiently.</p> <p>MW firstly apologised for the poor experiences of travellers. He then gave a brief outline of the HC tendering process and how elements of this had impacted on their service to customers. His team had worked hard on timetable changes in October 2016 and April 2017, but a number of problems remained. These have been revisited and the new timetable due in October 2017 is more robust and services should run more smoothly.</p> <p>The free Stagecoach App gives up to date service information and a solution to the issue of cross ticketing is currently under discussion. Currently, bus drivers are making customers aware tickets are currently not transferrable between the Bus companies on the Black isle routes. However, the aim is for joint ticketing by the end of the year and a smart card in the future. JR will post information on Facebook</p> <p>JR expressed Members’ appreciation for their attendance at the meeting and both left at 7.55pm.</p>	<p>JR</p>

<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p>	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>Prepared by PC Calum Reid and circulated prior to the meeting. (Appendix A).</p> <p>The C&DCC wished to record their thanks to PC Calum Reid and wish him well in his new post.</p> <p>PC Michael Cosh introduced himself as the new C&DCC liaison and looks forward to working with the CC.</p> <p>PC Cosh was thanked for attending and left the meeting at 8pm.</p>	
<p>(6a)</p> <p>(6a 1)</p> <p>(6a 2)</p> <p>(6a 3)</p>	<p><u>Cromarty Gala</u></p> <p>Laura Shepherd (LS) and Helen Elliot (HE) brought the Gala Committee’s agreement to spend a portion of their funds on Christmas lights for the Town to Members. The size and location of the Community Christmas Tree was also discussed. LS will make contact with specialist companies to get quotes for lights and JR will ask HC about connections etc. Storage is a potential issue as the ‘community store’ is full.</p> <p>EQ confirmed the Gala fund is ‘ring fenced’ within the C&DCC Accounts.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to the Gala Committee for their organising and fund raising efforts and for their support of this year’s Fireworks event with the purchase of the necessary Entertainment Licence.</p> <p>LS & HE were thanked and left the meeting at 8.20pm.</p>	<p>JR</p>
<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p> <p>7.6 (cont)</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>(4.1 Bryn to collate list of complaints about Stagecoach service and send to Craig). Done. Discharged.</p> <p>(4.3 Contact Wanda with view to making a sign for public not to feeds seagulls at the Park). BL to design 5 x A4 notices for park and for CC noticeboard. DB will laminate. Ongoing.</p> <p>(4.5 Follow up with HC about overgrown gutters on Townlands homes). Done, see item 4.6). Discharged.</p> <p>(4.6 Post link to pothole reporting form on Facebook). Done. Discharged.</p> <p>(6.2 Contact Neil Cameron at Resolis CC about a Housing needs survey). Discharged.</p> <p>(6.3 Chase HC action on broken gate & fence). <i>See Appendix E.</i> Ongoing.</p>	<p>BL & DB</p>

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7.7	(6.4 Follow up Traffic Management plan with Iain Moncrieff). No response to date. Ongoing.	JR & CF
7.8	(6.5 Send letter from C&DCC to Steve Barron regarding HC's lack of response to requests for meetings/information). Done. No response to date. Ongoing.	JR
7.9	(6.8 Update Members on Business Development Team). No recent activity to report. Ongoing.	EQ
7.10	(6.13 Follow up on funding and work required on both Slipways). Confirmation letter for £5000 grant from the HC Ward Discretionary Budget towards repairs. KM report back on start date for work. Ongoing.	KM
7.11	(6.13 Make contact with Eric Softon regarding Community Xmas tree). Ongoing.	AM
7.12	(6.16 Ref: Links bus shelter, Craig to order a Black replacement one from HC and RH to advertise existing as minuted). One notification of interest received with a costing to remove the existing shelter but this sum is not available in the CC budget. RH to extend the deadline for responses, send poster to JR for Facebook and CF to ask if HC would dismantle and remove the old shelter.	RH, JR & CF
7.13	(6.18 Estelle send documents to Craig and explore further the Chapel coming under CCDT umbrella). EQ has done. Ongoing.	CF
7.14	(6.21 Write to farmer with an update). DB has done and copied in John Nightingale. In the meantime, notification of two more dead sheep. No response from Farmer to date. Ongoing.	DB
7.15	(6.22 Contact David Alston about NHS long term plans for Cromarty Surgery). David Alston replied that details cannot be made public at the moment due to confidentiality but some progress has been made to find a permanent solution. Ongoing.	DB
7.16	(6.23 Research the process for requesting memorial benches in Cromarty and report back). DB has emailed HC. Ongoing.	DB
7.17	(6.24 & 6.25 Follow up directional signs from Links to Public Toilets and grounds maintenance issues). <i>See Appendix E.</i> Ongoing.	CF
7.18	(8.1 Circulate to members finalised application for Carbon Footprint Reduction grant). Draft Application submitted. JR will circulate and gather feedback on final application. Ongoing.	JR
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7.19	(8.2 Update Members on potential larger ferry bid). No further information to date. JR suggested a meeting with interested parties to update and progress. Ongoing.	KM & AM
7.20	(8.3 Update Members on the status of slipway repairs). <i>Duplicate to item 7.10.</i> Discharged.	
7.21	(8.5 Organise Public Meeting at end of September to discuss the CCDT). <i>See item 8.3.</i> Discharged.	RH
7.22	(10.1 Follow up on annual service for Tractor). RH has sent two emails but no response to date from Sam Lowe at HC. Ongoing.	
7.23	(10.1 Compile list of issues raised by C&DCC and not followed up by HC and send to Steve Barron). <i>Duplicate item. 7.8.</i> Discharged.	DB & GM
7.24	(10.4 Check BICC and take over Community Noticeboard in Portfolio). Other BI CCs still keen to meet. DB arrange the next meeting. Ongoing.	
7.25	(11.2 Follow up on all current issues on list). <i>Appendix E.</i> Discharged.	
7.26	(12.1 Contact CFPA and enquire if looking for any particular skills in a stakeholder nomination). High level sea skills desired, so to date no nomination has been put forward. DB to pass this on at the next CFPA meeting. Discharged.	DB
7.27	(12.2 Progress offer of free First Aid course to Groups). Done. Discharged.	
7.28	(13.1 Estelle to submit application to Ward Budget for Lunch Club via Craig and look into other funding sources). Application done. No other funding sources to date. Ongoing.	EQ
7.29	(13.2 Follow up with owners of boat and vehicles parked on Shore Street verge). Done. The Boat has been moved, but space is now occupied by a secured bench. Discharged.	
8	<u>Treasurer's Report</u>	
8.1	EQ circulated her report prior to the meeting. (Appendix B).	
8.2	HC Annual Grant - EQ will submit a follow up request for this. EQ was thanked for her report.	EQ

<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p>	<p><u>Cromarty Community Development Trust (CCDT)</u></p> <p>CCDT Bank Account - this has now been opened.</p> <p>A meeting was held on 18th September with Townlands Barn stakeholder groups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to discuss the securing of purchase and transfer of funds. EQ to source a solicitor to oversee this process 2. the future of the Albyn field 3. how best to consult and engage the community on future development plans 4. to look at other communities who have taken similar steps to ensure future sustainability <p>There will be a Public Meeting in the The Victoria Hall on <u>Wednesday 25th October, 7pm</u> to discuss the CCDT and will include presentations by local groups with updates on their own development plans. It is proposed the Hall will be open to the Public the following Saturday for further information sharing. EQ will produce a poster for display and CL website and JR will post information on Facebook.</p>	<p>EQ</p> <p>EQ & JR</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p>	<p><u>Victoria Hall Report</u></p> <p>Alan Plampton circulated the Victoria Hall Report (Appendix C) and Fraser Thomson, Youth Worker’s report (Appendix D), prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Members expressed their appreciation for Fraser’s dedication and enthusiasm to the Assistant Youth Worker post and wish him well in his new job. DB will send a letter of thanks.</p>	<p>DB</p>

<p>11</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p> <p>11.3</p>	<p><u>Community Councillors' Portfolios & Portfolio Review</u></p> <p><u>Rosemarie Hogg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A directional sign to the Ferry is needed at the Harbour • Sutor viewpoint is over grown. CF has done some cutting back to make the path to the information panel accessible. <p><u>Gabriele Pearson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new planning applications • An application for a shellfish farm requested that C&DCC make a note of support. Members instead suggest that evidence of community consultation by the applicant would be more appropriate. • Cromarty Care Project (CCP) AGM - GP attended. It has been a successful year and the Resilience Project is now complete. CCP reiterated their willingness to work with the GP Practise once a permanent solution is in place. <p><u>Diane Brawn</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Cromarty Firth Port Authority meeting will be held next month and DB will attend. 	<p>DB</p>
<p>12</p> <p>12.1</p>	<p><u>Highland Councillors' (HC) Reports</u></p> <p><u>Cllr Craig Fraser</u></p> <p>CF presented his report (Appendix E).</p>	<p>CF</p>
<p>13</p> <p>13.1</p> <p>13.2</p> <p>13.3</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Inverness Community Partnership highlighting the potential for a one-off fuel discount for SSE customers who are in receipt of benefit.</p> <p>Letter from local resident suggesting the need for an official camping site in Town.</p> <p>Email from Trevor Fraser at HC Community Services requesting suggestions for three sections of road for their rolling roads maintenance programme. After discussion, C&DCC will put forward the turning head at Townlands, Bank Street and Cromarty to Resolis Hall.</p>	

14	<u>AOB</u>	
14.1	Hanging Baskets - a phone call had been received with a complaint about having to move onto the road to avoid low hanging baskets on Church Street.	
14.2	Business Signage - JR suggested an alternative to Advertising A Boards on pavements etc could be signage on the beach railings, as displayed in Ullapool.	
14.3	Community Fridge - This has been successfully introduced in other communities where unused fresh foods can be donated, stored and distributed to those in need.	
14.4	C&DCC Generic email - Following a request from Di Agnew, HC Ward Manager, it was agreed EQ would set this up. EQ to send information to DB, who will manage this email account and inform Di.	EQ & DB
15	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 30th October 2017 @ 7.30pm, Hugh Miller Institute, Church Street, Cromarty.	
	JR thanked everyone for attending and for their input. The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.	

Summary of Matters Arising & Action Points

Reference	To whom allocated	Notes
4.2	Craig	Follow up repair/replacement of Victoria park perimeter fence with HC
4.3	Diane	Laminate a copy of the bus timetable for Park bus noticeboard
5	Jacque	Post on Facebook Stagecoach information
(6a 1)	Jacque	Contact HC about connecting Christmas Lights
7.2	Bryn & Diane	Make signs as minuted ref seagulls, DB to laminate
7.6	Craig	Chase HC action on broken gate & fence
7.7	Jacque & Craig	Follow up Traffic Management plan with Iain Moncrieff
7.8	Jacque	Follow up with Steve Barron regarding HCs lack of response to requests for meetings/information
7.9	Estelle	Update Members on Business Development Team with any new information
7.10	Kenneth	Follow up on start date for work required on both Slipways
7.11	Alan	Make contact with Eric Softon regarding Community Xmas tree in consultation with Gala Committee and C&DCC . <i>See 6a 1</i>
7.12	Rosemarie, Jacque and Craig	Links bus shelter, Rosemarie to send updated poster to Jacque to post on Facebook. Craig ask HC about dismantling existing shelter.
7.13	Craig	Look at documents Estelle sent regarding the Gaelic Chapel coming under CCDT umbrella
7.14	Diane	Report back on any update from Farmer
7.15	Diane	Report back on any further information about plans for Cromarty Surgery
7.16	Diane	Follow up and report back on the process for requesting memorial benches in Cromarty
7.18	Jacque	Circulate to members finalised application for Carbon Footprint Reduction grant when available
7.19	Kenny & Alan	organise a follow up meeting about proposed larger ferry bid
8.5	Jacque & All	Organise Public Meeting at end of September to discuss the CCDT
7.22	Rosemarie	Seek a response from HC regarding on annual Tractor service
10.1	Jacque	Compile list of issues raised by C&DCC and not followed up by HC and send to Steve Barron
7.24	Diane & Gillian	Organise next BICC meeting. Gillian to update and circulate Portfolio list.

7.26	Diane	Pass on that no nomination will be submitted at next CFPA meeting
7.28	Estelle	Report back on application to Ward Budget for Lunch Club
8.2	Estelle	Follow up on HC Annual Grant
9.2	Estelle	Source Solicitor to oversee CCDT work as minuted
9.3	Estelle & Jacquie	Estelle produce poster to advertise Public meeting and send to Jacquie for Facebook
10.2	Diane	Write letter of thanks on behalf of C&DCC to Fraser
11.13	Diane	Attend next CFPA meeting
12.1	Craig	Follow up on issues highlighted in his report
14.4	Estelle & Diane	Estelle create generic email address for C&DCC. Diane to manage it and pass information to Di Agnew.

Agenda item 6

Appendix A

POLICE REPORT 28/08/17 TO 22/09/17

Between 28/08/17 and 22/09/17 police dealt with 13 incidents in the Cromarty area. These incidents included assistance/advice being given to members of the public by officers, vulnerable persons receiving help from partner agencies, neighbour disputes being addressed, road traffic matters being dealt with in a proactive manner and one child protection enquiry being instigated. The number of incidents being dealt with in the Cromarty area over the course of the month remains far below other area's across the Dingwall, Black Isle and Wester Ross beat area. This is something which I would encourage the Community Council members and also the residents of Cromarty to see as being a positive thing as it evidences that on the whole the Cromarty area is a safe place to live with low levels of crime.

I am transferring to Alness as of 25/09/17 and Sergeant N0207 Cosh is taking over the role as team 2 Sergeant. Sergeant Cosh will also take over the role of Cromarty Community Council Liaison Officer.

I have enjoyed my time as Community Council Liaison Officer for Cromarty and wish you all the best in the future.

PC Calum Reid

Appendix B

Agenda item

<u>Finance Report – Cromarty & District Community Council</u>			
<u>Agenda Item No 7 - Treasurer's Report</u>			
<u>Period: 28/08/17-24/09/17</u>			
<u>General Income</u>			
Publications sales	£	11.67	Website
Less:			
<u>General Expenditure</u>			
Secretarial Services - August	£	50.00	
Website book sales postage	£	2.14	
Increase/Decrease in Accumulated Fund			
	-£	40.47	
<u>Fund Income</u>			
Cromarty Rising Fund - donations	£	250.00	
Community Development Fund - donations	£	24.26	
Bonfire Night Fund - quiz	£	372.00	
	£	646.26	
Less:			
<u>Fund Expenditure</u>			
Gala Fund - costs	£	292.80	
Bonfire Night Fund - public entertainment licence	£	432.00	
	£	724.80	
Increase/Decrease in Other Funds			
	-£	78.54	
<u>Net Assets</u>			
Bank & Cash in hand balances as at 24/09/17	£	23,440.32	
Paypal - website sales	£	17.50	
Total Net Assets at 24/09/17			
	£	23,457.82	
<i>Comprising:</i>			
Community Council Accumulated Fund	£	1,693.70	
Provision for Guide Book reprinting	£	604.30	
Seaplane Plinth Fund	£	48.93	
Bonfire Night Fund	£	1,867.25	
Splash & Dash Fund	£	637.82	
Monday Club Fund	£	845.00	
Community DevelopmentFund	£	243.68	
Gala Fund	£	7,744.41	
Emergency Resilience Fund	£	242.72	
Open Gardens Fund	£	6.86	
Gluren bij de Buren Fund	£	202.06	
Tractor Operations Fund	£	400.00	
Cromarty Rising Fund	£	8,921.09	
	£	23,457.82	
Estelle Quick 24/09/17			

Appendix C
Agenda item 10

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Agenda Item 10 - Victoria Hall Report

- 1. Finances and Bookings** Finances continue to be strong and we already have bookings in December 2018.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

- 2. Repairs and Maintenance** No movement on any of the outstanding Highland Council maintenance issues but the clock has returned from its 'holiday' in Edinburgh. The work completed now means that the clock will not start going backwards every time there is a power cut!

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

- 3. Highland Council/Highlife Highland** Negotiations over the new Licence to Occupy are still underway and it is hoped that the renewal will be complete soon. A new draft will be available soon for consideration and action. However all outstanding repairs, currently with the Highland Council, remain outstanding.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

- 4. Youth Café Report** attached. This will be the last report from Fraser as he moves on to pastures new. His contribution to the Youth Cafe has been immense and we wish him well in his future career. Recruitment for his replacement is well underway and we hope to have Fraser's replacement in post by the start of November. Highlife Highland are kindly assisting with the recruitment process.

ACTION - Information only, no action required.

Alan Plampton

Appendix D
Agenda item 10

Cromarty Youth Café Report for Cromarty Community Council

September 2017

Junior Youth Café

At the Jnr Youth Café that runs on a Monday night. Young people have the opportunity to take part in various different activities such as, Football , Dodgeball, Badminton, Rounders, Arts and Crafts, making father's day cards, Mug Decorating, Candle Making, Plant Pot Decorating, Multi Sports, Cooking, Baking, Nerf Wars and Bubble Ball Football, tennis.

At all of the sessions young leaders/ Saltire volunteers plan and deliver the activities with the young people taking part in the decision making, it is after all their club.

For 6 weeks we had a Scottish Football Associations Football Coach who led football, Skills, Drills, Penalty Shootout and mini league games.

Self - Defence

Shaun Bell-Higgs from SOS School of Self Defence comes and provides Self Defence session for young people. At these sessions young people are learning about.

Self Defence

Self-Protection

Self Confidence

Respect

Discipline

Health

Most of all have FUN

All of the young people are really enjoying taking part in these sessions.

Quote - from a young person that they have learnt while taking part in the class "NO! I don't want any trouble"

While taking part in the class the young people are learning about their own strengths, how to protect themselves in difficult situations and how to escape by causing minimal harm to the other person. Most weeks young people talk about situations that have maybe happened in the community or school and how they have dealt or not dealt with them advice and support is given.

Snr Youth Café

At the Snr Youth café that runs on a Monday night, the activities that are provided are tailored to what they young people want do. Activities that have been provided over the past few months, Cookwell, Bakewell, Pizza Popcorn & Movie Nights, PS4 nights and Football.

Rowing

At the end of April Cromarty saw the launch of our new Community Skiff, Wanda and I have been active in the setting up of the group. Wanda has spent a great deal of time setting up all sorts of policies so that we could get young people out on the water.

After 2 months and everything in place young people have started taking part in rowing over the last 2 months every week sessions have been set up for all young people to attend every session has at least 50 young people enjoying rowing , they have learned

the technique and are now at the stage of race training. The rowing is free to all young people under the age of 16. Since then the young people love taking part in the rowing, and the rowing is great for their health and well being.

We had our first regatta on the 22nd July; unfortunately young people had only just started to row so they were not able to enter in.

Rowing ran every Tuesday night during the holidays.

Piping and Chanter

All of the pipers are coming on really well. Father Mel is really impressed with the group and how well they are all coming on. Cody, Finlay and Tomos piped with Father Mel at the Pipes of Peace at Hugh Millers during the Gala Week.

Badminton

On a Wednesday night Badminton Sessions are provided for young people, Led by Cody Benjamin and Jamie Kelly who are taking part in The Highlife Highland Leadership Award Programme.

There can be up to 10 young people turning up each week. The leaders teach Skills, Drills & games with the young people. Each week the group's skills have been improving.

Royal Visit

On June 26th Prince Edward visited Cromarty and visited various different locations, 10 young people who volunteer at the Youth Café were introduced to HRH and the young people spoke to him about the youth café and the activities that happen there. Although HRH doesn't pose for photo he did for the young people. And they were all delighted with this.

Work in Cromarty Primary

I have been working with the P7s in supporting them into the transition into the Academy; I was involved with them at the transitional disco, where all P7 and S1 were able to get together.

I took the P7s to a visit in Fortrose Academy

I work with 3 Young Leaders every Friday afternoon to deliver a range of different activities for young people in the primary School, for the pupils golden time. The activities that are provided: Loom Bands, Dodgeball, Football, Badminton and Lego.

I have also been involved with the pupil from across the school to support the school in becoming a Rights Respecting School.

Mountain Biking

10 young people from Cromarty are attending Mountain Biking on a Tuesday night at Learnie. Some of the group have been entered into different competitions across Highland and Scotland. Each week the young people are improving more and more, but most of all they are enjoying it and having fun.

Employability

Over the past few months I have supported a couple of young people with employability work, including helping them to create CV's and apply for jobs. This was done on a 1-1 basis

DeCaff

In June Fortrose Academy was presented with a Dementia Friendly Community Award.

Over the past 2 year a range of pupils including some from Cromarty have worked on the project to help older people with dementia feel less isolated, 2 of the older people who

attended the sessions are from Cromarty. The group attended sessions at the Highland Print Studio, learning how to take photos, and the different types of photos you get from different camera. 10 people in Cromarty have been trained up as dementia friends.

Summer Programme

During the month of July various different activities were provided for young people
Camping residential - 3 day camping residential with young people from Cromarty and Invergordon, this was a fantastic camp, young people got the chance to take part in rowing, Mountain Biking, Bike maintenance, Fishing, swimming, Roasting Marshmallows, Rounder's and Team building games. No matter what the weather did the young people still got up and took part in the activities and they all loved it.

Fusion - at this event young people had the chance to take part in Football, Tennis, Dodgeball, Badminton, Pizza, Popcorn and Movie.

One particular day of this week the young people took part in 12 hours of activities and not once did they complain, they loved everything about the camping trip and the Fusion event.

Visit to Cromarty Library - Young people attended a session at Cromarty library for Fishy & fabulous fun before making their own beautiful rainbow fish and listening to various different stories.

2 Fusion events - at this fusion event young people took part in various different activities such as, Football, Dodgeball, Arts and Crafts, Tennis, Pizza, Popcorn and Movie,

3 Football sessions - Skills Drills and Games led by Jerome

Canoeing - Canoeing led by In Your Element, all of the young people that attended this session really enjoyed taking part in it and learned lots of new skills

Multi Sports - Multi Sports was led by Highlife Highland Youth Volunteers who are taking part in their Highlife Highland Leadership Award & Saltire Award.

Tennis coaching - led by a coach from the Inverness Tennis Academy all of the young people got the chance to learn new skills, drill and techniques Each day lunch was provide to all of the young people, these lunches were prepared and cooked by Saltire Volunteers. The funding was received from MFR cash for kids.

Paintball - young people attended a paintball session at Wildwoods in Munloch; they learned about team building and how to play the games, another day of torrential rain but great to see good team spirits and competing, using new guns that fire quicker was a great bonus

Cookwell & Bakewell - during each activity there was Cookwell and Bakewell sessions held for the young people, to enable them to have something to eat to alleviate holiday hunger each day they would choose their own menu and they decided on what lunch was going to be for their peers taking part in activities

Tennis Tournament - there was a Tennis tournament that was fantastic with various different trophies and medals given out.

Over all the whole summer was a huge success and all of the young people loved taking part. The skills that's some of the young people learned were lifelong skills that will be able to use when going out into the big world. The skills that were learnt, Cooking, how to use different cooking equipment, team work and team building

Volunteer & Training

At the Youth café each week there can be up to 10 young volunteers, who support the younger people and pass on their skills through various different activities.

At all of the activities that are delivered in cromarty they are supported by young volunteers and Young Leaders

Adam Cowan who volunteers at Cromarty Youth Café won the Volunteer of the Year from Highlife Highland, Adam has over 1000 hours of volunteering on his Saltire Award.

I have attended various different training days over the past few months:

- Evolve Training - Risk Management
- Child Protection Recognise and Response

Participation Forums

In Cromarty we have young people on various different forums and Committees:
Ross & Cromarty Youth Forum - Tomos Dargie, Grace Wilson, Annemarie Gull - working as part of the peer mental health project and are very active members, these young people are going to be rolling out this training in the area very soon.

Cromarty Community Rowing Club - Aidan McCann, Coll Fullerton - support with planning and attend meetings

Cromarty Community Council - Bryn Leyshon - he attends monthly meeting reporting any issues and good new items at monthly meeting

Highland Youth Parliament -Tomos Dargie and Andrew Orr - they attend a conference once a year

Payback project

In January 2 people moved into the community and they had payback hour to do, they got in touch with Wanda and after a few week these guys were taking part in revamping Cromarty, taking part in various different jobs including, cleaning and painting the shelter shed, painting the hall doors, cutting back the bushes at marine terrace. The work that was done was brilliant and we can't thank them enough for this.

Some of the issue that we face in this job:

Some families who are on universal credit are struggling with being able to claim the money and also they hassle of getting the money.

Over the past 5 years I have seen an increase in young people with ASN needs and as a result a lot of the young people require 1-1 support with some of the activities that are delivered. If it wasn't for the volunteers then it would be a real struggle being able to do this job.

Fraser Thomson
Assistant Youth Worker

Appendix E
Agenda Item 12

Meeting 21st September 2017

Location - Cromarty

Topic - Identify areas of importance to progress

In attendance - Ricky McNab Highland Council (HC), Ingrid Jamieson (HC), Kelly Hall (HC) Councillor Craig Fraser Black Isle ward 9, Rosemarie Hogg (Local resident and member of Cromarty and District community council)

Apologies - none

This meeting was arranged to discuss a plan of action of issues outlined in previous reports - Agreed 4 issues as follows:-

1. Links carpark area - Standalone shrubbery and area to left of the ice-house
2. Links - grass cutting regime
3. Allen Square loos
4. Townlands Park - grassed and play areas

Suggested way forward

1. Links carpark - tidy up of shrubbery. Area to left of the ice-house; improvement plan to be discussed - to include retention of specialist shrubs and trees due to amenity value, consider reinstating path to side of the ice-house
2. Links - grass cutting regime - on the whole not too bad for this stage of the season, shore side cutting broadly in-line with map as previously supplied. Tidy up of the bank along Braehead, also twice-yearly trimming of the 'banks' at the Links.
3. Allen Square loos - Leave open 24/7, signage at Links steps leading to Braehead in bank Street and repeater sign in Bank Street, replace sign in Allen Square - repair faults and tidy,
4. Townlands Park - rectify outstanding issues of boundary fence and gate